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Top 20 Law Schools - Ranked by Overall Scores

2007*	
1	Yale
2	Stanford
3	Harvard
4 (tie)	Columbia N.Y.U.
6	Chicago
7	Univ. of Pennsylvania
8 (tie)	Berkeley Michigan Virginia
11	Duke
12	Northwestern
13	Cornell
14	Georgetown
15	U.C.L.A.
16	Texas
17 (tie)	U.S.C. Vanderbilt
19 (tie)	George Washington Minnesota Washington Univ. St. Louis

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10	Northwestern
11 (tie)	Cornell Duke Berkeley
14	Georgetown
15 (tie)	U.C.L.A. Texas
17	Vanderbilt
18	U.S.C.
19	Minnesota
20 (tie)	Boston Univ. George Washington

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2005*	
1	Yale
2	Harvard
3	Stanford
4	Columbia
5	N.Y.U.
6	Chicago
7	Michigan
(tie)	Univ. of Pennsylvania
9	Virginia
10	Duke
(tie)	Northwestern
12	Cornell
13	Berkeley
14	Georgetown
15	Texas
16	U.C.L.A.
17	Vanderbilt
18	U.S.C.
19	Minnesota
20	George Washington
(tie)	Notre Dame Washington U.

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2004	
1	Yale
2	Stanford
3	Harvard
4	Columbia
5	N.Y.U.
6	Chicago
7	Michigan
(tie)	Univ. of Pennsylvania
9	Virginia
10	Cornell
(tie)	Berkeley
12	Duke
(tie)	Northwestern
14	Georgetown
15	Texas
16	U.C.L.A.
17	Vanderbilt
18	U.S.C.
19	Minnesota
(tie)	Washington & Lee
21	Iowa

2003	
1	Yale
2	Stanford
3	Harvard
4	Columbia
5	N.Y.U.
6	Chicago
7	Berkeley
(tie)	Michigan
	Univ. of Pennsylvania
	Virginia
11	Northwestern
12	Duke
13	Cornell
14	Georgetown
15	Texas
16	U.C.L.A.
17	Vanderbilt
18	Iowa
(tie)	Minnesota
	U.S.C.
	Washington & Lee

2002	
1	Yale
2	Stanford
3	Harvard
4	Columbia
5	N.Y.U.
6	Chicago
7	Michigan
(tie)	Virginia
9	Berkeley
10	Duke
(tie)	Univ. of Pennsylvania
12	Cornell
13	Northwestern
14	Georgetown
15	Texas
16	U.C.L.A.
17	Vanderbilt
18	U.S.C.
19	Minnesota
20	Iowa
(tie)	Washington & Lee

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2001	
1	Yale
2	Stanford
3	Harvard
4	N.Y.U.
5	Columbia
6	Chicago
7	Michigan
8	Berkeley
(tie)	Virginia
10	Cornell
(tie)	Duke
12	Northwestern
13	Univ. of Pennsylvania
14	Georgetown
15	Texas
16	U.C.L.A.
17	U.S.C.
18	Vanderbilt
19	Minnesota
20	Washington & Lee

1999/2000	
1	Yale
2	Harvard
(tie)	Stanford
4	N.Y.U.
5	Columbia
6	Chicago
7	Virginia
8	Duke
(tie)	Michigan
10	Cornell
(tie)	Berkeley
12	Northwestern
(tie)	Univ. of Pennsylvania
14	Georgetown
15	Texas
16	U.C.L.A.
(tie)	Vanderbilt
18	Minnesota
(tie)	U.S.C.
20	Washington & Lee

1998	
1	Yale
2	Harvard
(tie)	Stanford
4	Columbia
(tie)	Univ. of Chicago
6	N.Y.U.
7	Berkeley
8	Duke
(tie)	Michigan
	Univ. of Pennsylvania
	Virginia
12	Cornell
(tie)	Georgetown
	Northwestern
15	U.S.C.
16	Vanderbilt
17	U.C.L.A.
18	Minnesota
19	Washington & Lee
20	George Washington
(tie)	Illinois

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1997	
1	Yale
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7	Michigan
8	Virginia
9	Berkeley
10	Duke
11	Univ. of Pennsylvania
12	Cornell
13	Georgetown
14	Northwestern
15	U.S.C.
16	Vanderbilt
17	U.C.L.A.
18	Texas
19	Illinois
20	Minnesota

1996	
1	Yale
2	Harvard
3	Stanford
4	Chicago
5	Columbia
6	N.Y.U.
7	Michigan
8	Univ. of Pennsylvania
9	Virginia
10	Duke
11	Cornell
12	Georgetown
(tie)	Berkeley
14	Northwestern
15	U.S.C.
16	Vanderbilt
17	U.C.L.A.
18	Texas
19	Illinois
20	Washington & Lee

1995	
1	Yale
2	Harvard
(tie)	Stanford
4	Chicago
5	Columbia
6	N.Y.U.
7	Virginia
8	Duke
(tie)	Berkeley Michigan
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(tie)	Univ. of Pennsylvania
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1994	
1	Yale
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3	Stanford
4	Chicago
5	Columbia
6	N.Y.U.
7	Duke
8	Michigan
9	Univ. of Pennsylvania
10	Berkeley
11	Cornell
12	Northwestern
13	Georgetown
14	Virginia
15	Vanderbilt
16	U.C.L.A.
17	Minnesota
18	U.S.C.
19	Iowa
20	U.C. Hastings

1993	
1	Yale
2	Harvard
3	Stanford
4	Chicago
5	Columbia
6	N.Y.U.
7	Michigan
8	Virginia
9	Duke
10	Georgetown
11	Univ. of Pennsylvania
12	Berkeley
13	Northwestern
14	Cornell
15	Univ. of Texas
16	Vanderbilt
17	U.C.L.A.
18	U.S.C.
19	Boston College
20	Notre Dame

1992	
1	Yale
2	Harvard
3	Stanford
4	Chicago
5	Columbia
6	Michigan
7	N.Y.U.
8	Virginia
9	Duke
10	Univ. of Pennsylvania
11	Georgetown
12	Berkeley
13	Northwestern
14	Cornell
15	Univ. of Texas
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17	U.C.L.A.
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3	Univ. of Chicago
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7	N.Y.U.
8	Virginia
9	Duke
10	Univ. of Pennsylvania
11	Georgetown
12	Berkeley
13	Cornell
14	Northwestern
15	Texas
16	U.S.C.
17	Vanderbilt
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19	Iowa
20	U.C. Hastings

1990	
1	Yale
2	Chicago
3	Stanford
4	Columbia
5	Harvard
6	N.Y.U.
7	Michigan
8	Duke
9	Univ. of Pennsylvania
10	Virginia
11	Northwestern
12	Georgetown
13	Berkeley
14	Cornell
15	Vanderbilt
16	Texas
17	U.S.C.
18	U.C.L.A.
19	Notre Dame
20	Boston College

1987 (This poll was not taken in 1988-1989)	
1	Harvard
(tie)	Yale
3	Michigan
4	Columbia
(tie)	Stanford
6	Chicago
7	Berkeley
8	Virginia
9	N.Y.U.
10	Univ. of Pennsylvania
11	Texas
12	Duke
13	Georgetown
14	U.C.L.A.
15	Cornell
16	Northwestern
17	Illinois
(tie)	U.S.C.
19	Minnesota
20	Wisconsin

Diversity Index 2007

School	Diversity index (1.0 highest)	Largest minority and its %
Texas Southern Univ.	.66	African-American 50%
Florida A&M Univ.	.65	African-American 41%
Univ. of D.C.	.63	African-American 33%
Florida Int'l Univ.	.61	Hispanic 41%
Rutgers – Newark	.59	African-American 14%
Santa Clara Univ.	.58	Asian-American 27%
New Mexico	.58	Hispanic 24%
North Carolina Central Univ.	.57	African-American 46%
Loyola	.56	Asian-American 25%
St. Thomas	.56	Hispanic 28%
U.S.C.	.56	Asian-American 20%
Whittier	.54	Asian-American 19%
CUNY – Queens	.53	Asian-American 15%
Southwestern	.53	Asian-American 20%
U.C. Davis	.53	Asian-American 24%
Hawaii	.53	Asian-American 57%
Stanford	.52	Hispanic 13%
Berkeley	.52	Asian-American 19%
Illinois	.52	Asian-American 18%
American	.51	Asian-American 12%

Diversity Index 2006

School	Diversity index (1.0 highest)	Largest minority and its %
Texas Southern Univ.	.66	African-American 49%
Florida Int'l Univ.	.62	Hispanic 42%
Univ. of D.C.	.62	African-American 34%
U.S.C.	.59	Asian-American 21%
Santa Clara Univ.	.58	Asian-American 27%
Rutgers – Newark	.57	African-American 14%
St. Thomas	.57	Hispanic 30%
Loyola	.56	Asian-American 23%
Whittier	.56	Asian-American 19%
CUNY-Queens	.55	Asian-American 12%
Southwestern	.55	Asian-American 21%
Berkeley	.55	Asian-American 19%
U.C. Davis	.55	Asian-American 23%
New Mexico	.55	Hispanic 23%
Hawaii	.54	Asian-American 56%
Stanford	.53	Hispanic 13%
Columbia	.51	Asian-American 14%
Cornell	.51	Asian-American 20%
Illinois	.51	Asian-American 17%
U.C. Hastings	.50	Asian-American 25%

Diversity Index 2005

School	Diversity index (1.0 highest)	Largest minority and its %
CUNY- Queens College	0.60	African-American, 15%
Western State University	0.60	Asian-American, 21%
Whittier Law School	0.60	Asian-American, 20%
Santa Clara University	0.57	Asian-American, 28%
St. Thomas University	0.57	Hispanic, 35%
University of Southern California	0.57	Asian-American, 19%
Loyola Law School)	0.55	African-American, 23%
Rutgers State University - Newark)	0.54	African-American, 13%
Southwestern University School of Law	0.54	Asian-American, 20%
Stanford University	0.54	Hispanic, 14%
Columbia University	0.53	Asian-American, 15%
University of California–Berkeley	0.53	Asian-American, 18%
University of California--Davis	0.53	Asian-American, 21%
University of Hawaii	0.53	Asian-American, 61%
University of New Mexico	0.52	Hispanic, 22%
Nova Southeastern University	0.51	Hispanic, 22%
Thomas M. Cooley Law School	0.49	African-American, 18%
University of California (Hastings)	0.49	Asian-American, 23%
American University	0.48	Asian-American, 15%
George Washington University	0.48	Asian-American, 11%

Diversity Index 2004

School	Diversity index (1.0 highest)	Largest minority and its %
Western State University (CA)	0.61	Asian-American, 19%
University of Southern California	0.60	Asian-American, 20%
Whittier Law School (CA)	0.60	Asian-American, 21%
St. Thomas University (FL)	0.59	Hispanic, 35%
CUNY–Queens College	0.58	African-American, 15%
Loyola Law School (CA)	0.56	Asian-American, 22%
Rutgers State University–Newark (NJ)	0.55	African-American, 15%
Santa Clara University (CA)	0.55	Asian-American, 26%
Southwestern University School of Law (CA)	0.55	Asian-American, 19%
Thomas M. Cooley Law School (MI)	0.53	African-American, 23%
Columbia University (NY)	0.52	Asian-American, 14%
University of California–Berkeley	0.52	Asian-American, 22%
University of Hawaii	0.52	Asian-American, 62%
University of New Mexico	0.52	Hispanic, 23%
University of California–Davis	0.51	Asian-American, 21%
Stanford University (CA)	0.50	Hispanic, 14%
St. Mary's University (TX)	0.50	Hispanic, 31%
George Washington University (DC)	0.49	African-American, 12%
University of California (Hastings)	0.49	Asian-American, 22%
Arizona State University	0.48	Hispanic, 14%

Specialty Programs

2007

Dispute Resolution

1. Pepperdine
 2. Missouri
 3. Ohio State
 4. Harvard
 5. Hamline
 6. Yeshiva
 7. Georgetown
 8. Willamette
 9. Penn State
- Stanford**

Clinical Training

1. Georgetown
 2. American
 3. N.Y.U.
 4. Washington U. St. Louis
 5. CUNY – Queens
Maryland
 7. New Mexico
 8. Yale
 9. Northwestern
 10. Michigan
 24. Northeastern
- Stanford**
William Mitchell

Environmental Law

1. Lewis and Clark
2. Vermont
3. Pace
4. Maryland
5. Georgetown
6. Oregon
7. Tulane
8. Duke
9. Colorado
10. **Stanford**

Intellectual Property

1. Berkeley
2. **Stanford**
3. George Washington
4. Santa Clara
5. Houston
6. Yeshiva
7. Duke
Franklin Pierce
9. Illinois Inst. of Technology
10. Columbia

International Law

1. N.Y.U.
2. Columbia
3. Harvard
4. Georgetown
5. Yale
6. George Washington
7. American
8. Michigan
9. Berkeley
Virginia
11. Texas
12. Iowa
13. Cornell
Duke
Stanford
UCLA
Vanderbilt

Tax Law

1. N.Y.U.
2. Florida
3. Georgetown
4. Northwestern
5. Harvard
U. Miami
7. Boston Univ.
UCLA
9. **Stanford**
U. of San Diego

Specialty Programs

2006

Dispute Resolution

1. Pepperdine
2. Missouri
3. Harvard
4. Ohio State
5. Hamline
6. Yeshiva
7. Penn State
Willamette
9. Georgetown
Northwestern
11. Marquette
Stanford

Environmental Law

1. Lewis and Clark
2. Vermont
3. Pace
4. Colorado
5. Tulane
6. Maryland
7. **Stanford**
Oregon
9. Georgetown
10. Duke
George Washington

Intellectual Property

1. Berkeley
2. **Stanford**
3. George Washington
4. Houston
5. Yeshiva
6. Franklin Pierce
7. Columbia
8. Duke
N.Y.U.
10. Boston Univ.

International Law

1. N.Y.U.
2. Columbia
3. Georgetown
Harvard
5. American
Yale
7. Michigan
8. Virginia
9. George Washington
10. Berkeley
11. Cornell
12. **Stanford**

Tax Law

1. N.Y.U.
2. Florida
3. Georgetown
4. Northwestern
5. Harvard
U. Miami
7. Boston Univ.
UCLA
9. Texas
Yale
11. **Stanford**

Dispute Resolution

1. Missouri
2. Pepperdine
3. Harvard
4. Hamline
Ohio State
6. Yeshiva
Willamette
8. Penn State
9. Georgetown
- 10. Stanford**

Environmental Law

1. Vermont
2. Lewis and Clark
3. Pace
4. Tulane
Maryland
6. Georgetown
7. George Washington
Colorado
9. N.Y.U.
Stanford

Intellectual Property Law

1. Berkeley
2. George Washington
- 3. Stanford**
4. Duke
5. N.Y.U.
6. Yeshiva
7. Franklin Pierce
8. Columbia
9. DePaul
Houston

International Law

1. N.Y.U.
2. Columbia
3. Georgetown
4. Harvard
Yale
6. American
7. Virginia
8. George Washington
9. Michigan
10. Berkeley
11. Cornell
Duke
- 13. Stanford**
Texas

Tax Law

1. N.Y.U.
2. Florida
3. Georgetown
4. Harvard
5. Texas

6. Northwestern
- 7. Stanford**
8. U. Miami
9. U.C.L.A.
- 10. Yale**

Dispute Resolution

1. Pepperdine
Missouri
3. Harvard
4. Ohio State
5. Hamline
6. Yeshiva
Georgetown
8. Northwestern
Stanford
10. Willamette

Environmental Law

1. Vermont
2. Lewis and Clark
3. Pace
4. Maryland
5. Tulane
6. George Washington
Colorado
8. Georgetown
9. N.Y.U.
Berkeley
11. **Stanford**
12. Oregon

Dispute Resolution

1. Harvard
2. Pepperdine
3. Ohio State
4. Missouri-Columbia
5. Hamline
6. Willamette
7. Cardozo
8. Georgetown (tie)
8. Northwestern (tie)
8. Texas (tie)
11. **Stanford**
12. Hofstra
13. Duke (tie)
13. George Washington (tie)
13. Quinnipiac (tie)

Environmental Law

1. Lewis and Clark
2. Vermont
3. Pace
4. **Stanford** (tie)
4. Maryland (tie)
6. Berkeley
7. Georgetown (tie)
7. Tulane (tie)
9. George Washington (tie)
9. Colorado - Boulder (tie)

Intellectual Property

1. Berkeley
2. George Washington
3. Franklin Pierce
4. N.Y.U.
5. Cardozo (tie)
5. Houston (tie)
7. Columbia
8. **Stanford**
9. Santa Clara
10. Boston Univ.

International Law

1. N.Y.U.
2. Columbia
3. Harvard
4. Georgetown
5. Yale
6. George Washington
7. American Univ.
8. Michigan
9. Virginia
10. Berkeley
11. **Stanford**
12. Texas

Tax

1. N.Y.U.
2. Florida
3. Georgetown
4. Harvard
5. Yale
6. Texas
7. Univ. Miami
8. Virginia
9. **Stanford**
10. Chicago

Dispute Resolution

1. Missouri-Columbia
2. Pepperdine
3. Harvard
4. Ohio State
5. Hamline (tie)
5. Willamette (tie)
7. Cardozo
8. Georgetown (tie)
8. Texas (tie)
10. **Stanford**

Environmental Law

1. Vermont
2. Lewis and Clark
3. Pace
4. Colorado - Boulder
5. Maryland
6. Tulane (tie)
6. Berkeley (tie)
8. Georgetown
9. George Washington
10. **Stanford**

Intellectual Property

1. Berkeley
2. George Washington
3. Franklin Pierce
4. Univ. of Houston
5. Cardozo (tie)
5. N.Y.U. (tie)
7. **Stanford**
8. Santa Clara
9. Boston Univ. (tie)
9. DePaul (tie)

Tax

1. N.Y.U.
2. Univ. of Florida
3. Georgetown
4. Harvard
5. Texas
6. **Stanford** (tie)
6. Univ. of Miami (tie)
8. Yale
9. Boston Univ. (tie)
9. Chicago (tie)
9. Virginia (tie)

Dispute Resolution

1. Missouri – Columbia
2. Ohio State
3. Pepperdine
4. Harvard
5. Willamette
6. Hamline
7. Georgetown
8. Cardozo
9. Northwestern
10. **Stanford**

Environmental Law

1. Vermont
2. Lewis and Clark
3. Pace
4. Maryland
5. Tulane (tie)
5. Colorado – Boulder (tie)
7. Berkeley
8. Georgetown
9. George Washington
10. **Stanford**

Tax Law

1. N.Y.U.
2. Florida
3. Georgetown
4. Harvard
5. Texas
6. Univ. of Miami
7. Yale
8. Virginia
9. Boston Univ.
10. Michigan (tie)
10. **Stanford** (tie)

Intellectual Property

1. Franklin Pierce (tie)
1. Berkeley (tie)
3. Columbia (tie)
3. George Washington (tie)
5. N.Y.U. (tie)
5. Texas (tie)
7. Univ. of Houston
8. **Stanford**
9. Cardozo
10. Santa Clara

Tax Law

1. N.Y.U.
2. Georgetown (tie)
2. Florida (tie)
4. Harvard
5. Univ. of Miami
6. Texas
7. Virginia
8. Yale
9. Boston Univ.
10. **Stanford** (tie)
10. Chicago (tie)

Intellectual Property

1. Franklin Pierce
2. Columbia
3. George Washington
4. N.Y.U. (tie)
4. Berkeley (tie)
6. **Stanford** (tie)
6. Univ. Houston (tie)
8. John Marshall (tie)
8. Texas (tie)
10. Santa Clara (tie)
10. U.C.L.A. (tie)

Tax Law

1. N.Y.U.
2. Georgetown
3. Harvard (tie)
3. Florida (tie)
5. **Stanford**
6. Yale
7. Virginia
8. Univ. Miami
9. Texas
10. Boston Univ.

Intellectual Property

1. Franklin Pierce
2. George Washington
3. Univ. of Houston
4. Columbia (tie)
4. John Marshall (tie)
4. Berkeley (tie)
7. N.Y.U. (tie)
7. **Stanford** (tie)
9. Texas
10. Cardozo

Tax

1. N.Y.U.
2. Florida
3. Georgetown
4. Harvard
5. Virginia
6. Texas
7. Yale
8. Univ. of Miami
9. **Stanford**
10. U.C.L.A. (tie)
10. U.S.C. (tie)

Intellectual Property

-
1. George Washington
 2. Columbia
 3. **Stanford**
 4. Univ. of Houston
 5. Franklin Pierce
 6. Berkeley
 7. N.Y.U.
 8. Boston Univ. (tie)
 8. U.C.L.A. (tie)
 10. John Marshall

Tax

-
1. N.Y.U.
 2. Florida
 3. Georgetown
 4. Harvard
 5. Univ. of Miami
 6. Yale
 7. Virginia
 8. **Stanford**
 9. Texas
 10. Boston Univ.

Intellectual Property

1. George Washington
 2. Franklin Pierce (tie)
 2. Columbia (tie)
 4. **Stanford**
 5. N.Y.U. (tie)
 5. Univ. Houston (tie)
 7. John Marshall
 8. Boston Univ.
 9. Chicago-Kent
 10. George Mason
-

Tax Law

1. N.Y.U.
2. Georgetown
3. Harvard
4. Florida
5. Virginia
6. Yale
7. Texas
8. **Stanford**
8. Univ. Miami
10. Chicago

1994

Intellectual Property

1. Columbia
2. George Washington
3. N.Y.U. (tie)
3. Franklin Pierce (tie)
3. **Stanford** (tie)

1993

Intellectual Property

1. George Washington
2. Columbia
3. NYU
4. Franklin Pierce
5. **Stanford**