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CONCORD LAW SCHOOL

LAW DEGREES:
• Juris Doctor
• Executive Juris Doctor
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Thank you for your interest in learning more about Concord Law School at Purdue University Global. As you consider Concord, let me take a moment to share my own considerations in coming here.

After a dozen years at an American Bar Association (ABA)-accredited law school, I was in line to become their next dean. Instead, I chose to become the dean of Concord Law School. My reasons were simple. The future of legal education is online. And the future of online legal education is at Concord Law School.

Traditional law schools have been criticized for focusing more on theoretical scholarship than practical skills. At the same time, the cost of law school has skyrocketed, with many graduates shouldering six-figure debt—a particularly heavy burden in today's challenging economic climate, and one that impacts both the graduates themselves and the public at large. The high cost of legal education translates to legal services that can be prohibitively expensive for all but large corporations and wealthier individuals.

Enter Concord Law School, with its mission of making high-quality legal education affordable and accessible. By leveraging technology, Concord Law School offers tuition that is a fraction of the cost of many traditional private law schools, without compromising on educational rigor. Lower debt means more options at graduation. And due to the flexible online format, students do not need to quit their jobs or move near a brick-and-mortar campus, meaning fewer opportunity costs as well.

As online legal education becomes more familiar to the public, I believe all but the most elite traditional law schools will have a harder time demonstrating their value proposition and justifying the tuition they charge. I expect some will fade away altogether. I also believe that Concord Law School is in the best position to take their place.

Concord Law School was the first online law school in the nation, and continues to be an innovator, offering not only its Juris Doctor (JD) degree but also the Executive Juris Doctor (EJD) degree with a variety of specialty tracks. Concord has the benefit of being part of Purdue Global, a regionally accredited institution, with teams of specialists who can help us integrate cutting-edge distance and adult learning research into our comprehensive curriculum. Our faculty are top-notch and dedicated to student success. And our students enjoy a vibrant community. They come from diverse backgrounds and a range of professions and industries. Some choose to earn a law degree to enhance their current work, while others seek to embark on new careers or change career fields. Many report that their experience at Concord was far more engaging than they thought possible.

Concord is now accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California, making it one of the first fully online law schools to achieve this accreditation. And since location is not a barrier for us, many Concord graduates use their degree and their California bar license to leverage opportunities out of state. Concord has alumni in all 50 states, as well as a number of foreign countries.

We welcome your interest and look forward to learning more about your individual ambitions. I am very pleased that I chose Concord Law School. I hope you’ll find Concord is the right fit for you, too.

Martin Pritikin  
Dean of Concord Law School at Purdue University Global
MISSION STATEMENT

Concord Law School at Purdue Global delivers an unrivaled legal education. Our intellectually rigorous programs prepare students to effectively advocate, making a positive impact.

Our online curriculum allows students the opportunity to attend law school while staying in their communities and balancing work and family schedules.
WHY CHOOSE CONCORD LAW SCHOOL?

As an accredited online law school, Concord delivers the same rigorous, high-quality legal education other respected law schools provide, plus additional advantages many traditional schools can’t match. If you live far from a brick-and-mortar campus, must balance full-time work and family responsibilities, or think law school tuition is beyond your financial reach, Concord Law School at Purdue Global can further your career goals while fitting within your budget and lifestyle.¹

Accredited

Concord Law School is part of Purdue University Global, which is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission. This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. For more information, please visit the HLC website at HLCommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

The law school is accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California. Due to its accreditation by the Committee of Bar Examiners, Concord has the authority to offer a Juris Doctor degree that qualifies recipients to take the California Bar Examination and obtain admission to the practice of law in California.

Affordable

At Concord Law School, we are committed to providing you with a results-driven online legal education at a fraction of the cost of traditional law schools. Our Juris Doctor (JD) degree program offers a path to California bar licensure, and costs far less than the average cost of earning a JD degree at a private U.S. law school and less than the median cost for residents at public, tax-supported law schools.²

Our Executive Juris Doctor (EJD) program provides advanced legal knowledge for those who do not intend to practice law, and can be completed in just 3 years of part-time study—that’s 25% less time and tuition spent, compared to our 4-year law degree. Both programs offer scholarship opportunities for qualified applicants. Your Concord Admissions Advisor will be glad to share all the details with you when you call.

The graph below compares the costs of a legal education at ABA-accredited schools to the costs of earning a law degree at Concord Law School.

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² Based on 2020-2021 tuition costs. Costs and programs subject to change. Please visit ConcordLawSchool.edu for more information.
Student Experience

We strive to deliver a positive educational experience for our students. We measure the success of our efforts through feedback provided by students and alumni.

Recently, we participated in the national Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE) and a university alumni survey. We found that our students are satisfied with Concord and rate their experiences with Concord higher than the average of students at traditional law schools.

SATISFACTION
Concord students rated their satisfaction with their educational experience as good (3.44, on a 4-point scale). When compared to responses from students at other law schools, Concord’s ratings were higher than average for overall satisfaction with academic advising and planning (3.09 vs. 2.90, on a 4-point scale).

FACULTY CONNECTION
Concord students rated their experience more favorably:
- In receiving prompt feedback from faculty on their academic performance (3.23 vs. 2.80, on a 4-point scale)
- The quality of relationships with faculty members (5.71 vs. 5.55, on a 7-point scale)

LEGAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT
Concord students rated key components of legal skills development more favorably than the average of students from other law schools:
- Contributed to developing legal research skills (3.56 vs. 3.28, on a 4-point scale)
- Contributed to writing clearly and effectively (3.54 vs. 3.31, on a 4-point scale)
- Contributed to thinking critically and analytically (3.63 vs. 3.47, on a 4-point scale)
- Contributed to speaking clearly and effectively (3.20 vs. 3.06, on a 4-point scale)
- Contributed to solving complex, real-world problems (3.09 vs. 2.87, on a 4-point scale)
Personalized Support

We offer personalized, one-on-one student support if you have any questions or need help. We also offer support services to help students pass the bar and reach their career goals, including a capstone course in the final year of the JD program designed to reinforce the knowledge and skills you will need to pass the California Bar Exam.

Valuable Work Experience

Through our Legal Education Experience Program (LEEP), you can earn course credit for externship programs by working in the profession, providing invaluable real-world experience. You can also participate in a legal incubator program to help you launch your own practice after graduation.

Rewarding Relationships

Although our "campus" is online, our students are active and engaged both in and out of the classroom. There are many opportunities to connect with and get support from other students, including the Student Bar Association, our chapters of the American Constitution Society and the Federalist Society, and participating in moot court competitions.

Many lifelong friendships are created at Concord Law School. Some students even form professional partnerships after graduation.

Stay Local

Concord offers you greater accessibility and flexibility with the freedom to study anytime, anywhere—all you need is an internet connection. As the first online law school, Concord utilizes a highly interactive learning management system (LMS) that delivers a superior legal education online. Using the LMS, you’ll attend live seminars, interact with professors and fellow students, access our extensive law library, watch video lectures, practice with online learning activities, and take exams.

Strive to Excel

Students who achieve high grade point averages (GPAs) are honored as distinguished scholars or named to the Dean's List. Our top students in written and oral advocacy will be able to pursue a place on our moot court team, which competes in regional and national moot court tournaments.

New Career Paths

Among our alumni are successful professionals hailing from all 50 states and working across many industries. Alumni are prepared to leverage their legal expertise to make a bigger impact as executives or advocates within medicine and health care, insurance, cybersecurity, education, finance, and many other professions.

Supportive Professors

Study with law professors who are professionals in their specialties, with outstanding educational credentials and years of experience. Quite a few are published authors and many maintain active roles in successful outside practices, business firms, and public service endeavors, sharing that invaluable real-world perspective with students. Most importantly, they are focused on your success, actively supporting you at every step.

Choose the school that pioneered the delivery of online legal education

Concord was the first law school in the United States to make it possible for busy working professionals to earn a traditional legal education online. Since 1998, we’ve educated thousands of practicing attorneys and career professionals with effective, engaging, and innovative learning.
WHICH PROGRAM IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Students are often surprised to discover how many new career avenues they can pursue with advanced legal education. Most know the traditional path: earning a JD degree, passing the bar, and becoming a licensed attorney. But that’s hardly the only choice.

As our world grows more complex, legal expertise paves the way for executives and professionals across medicine, technology, business, criminal justice, and other professions to make a much bigger impact. The following pages introduce both degree programs, along with inspiring examples of how alumni are leveraging their Concord Law School legal education to shape exciting new career paths.

As you evaluate your options, please consider reaching out to our supportive Admissions Advisors for help. They have in-depth knowledge on both programs and can guide you on which may be the best fit, as well as answer all your questions.
Juris Doctor (JD) Degree

Your goal is to become a licensed attorney. You want to represent clients in court, provide legal counsel, prepare and deliver impactful trial statements, lead depositions, negotiate settlements, and perform other attorney functions.

A JD DEGREE AND THE PRACTICE OF LAW COULD BE YOUR PERFECT CAREER FIT

Concord Law School’s JD degree program focuses on the knowledge and skills necessary to be an effective member of the legal profession.¹ As a graduate, you will have met the legal education requirement of the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California. After meeting regulatory requirements, you may apply for admission to the State Bar of California.

- 4-year program (92 credit hours) part time
- You’ll be required to take continuing legal education to maintain your license to practice
- Annual Tuition: $13,500 (Years 1 and 2), $11,880 (Year 3), and $10,800 (Year 4); Total Tuition: $49,680

Note: Study at, or graduation from, this law school may not qualify a student to take the bar examination or be admitted to practice law in jurisdictions other than California. A student who intends to seek admission to practice law outside of California should contact the admitting authority in that jurisdiction for information regarding its education and admission requirements.

Refer to Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu for additional information on licensure and state authorizations.

“\nI compared the coursework of the brick and mortars (to Concord) and all of the basic coursework was the same. Then I looked at the faculty and compared that. I kept coming back to Concord. From the online presence to the people I spoke with to the curriculum offered to the faculty, it was kind of a no brainer for me."

MICHELLE BECKER, JD
Special Education Attorney⁴
Executive Juris Doctor (EJD) Degree

Your goal is adding legal expertise to further your career opportunities in your present job or in a new field, but you have no intention of practicing law. You want the knowledge and skills of a lawyer, but your interests are focused on areas outside traditional law practice. Perhaps you envision yourself helping people resolve disputes, becoming an advocate for patients or families who need help, or reviewing contracts or shaping policy in the corporate world. Perhaps you hope to build your knowledge so you can communicate more effectively with attorneys.

AN EJD DEGREE MAY BE YOUR BEST CHOICE

This unique non-bar-track program provides in-depth legal expertise to further your career goals and achieve bigger impact, without the hurdles necessary to become a licensed attorney. You won’t need to take the Bar Exam or complete continuing legal education credits. You’ll have much more flexibility to structure your legal education to your specific career needs. (JD students typically must focus heavily on bar exam subject matter.)

- 3-year program (72 credit hours) part time
- First year: you’ll take foundational courses that are also included in the JD program
- Second and third years: you’ll structure your program to fit your individual career objectives
- No regulatory exams or continuing education required
- Annual Tuition: $12,360; Total Tuition: $37,080

Except as provided in rule 4.30 of the Admissions Rules (legal education in a foreign state or country), completion of a professional law degree program at this law school other than for the Juris Doctor degree does not qualify a student to take the California Bar Examination or satisfy the requirements for admission to practice law in California. It may not qualify a student to take the bar examination or to satisfy requirements for admission to the practice of law in any other jurisdiction. A student intending to seek admission to practice law should contact the admitting authority in the jurisdictions where the student intends to qualify to sit for the bar examination or to be admitted to practice for information regarding their legal education requirements.

“I chose Concord for a couple of reasons...they had an Executive Juris Doctor program...it was like that program was designed for me. I didn’t want to become a lawyer. I wanted to learn the law.”

ALTHEA HALCHUCK, EJD
Medical Mediator
DISCOVER ALL THE POSSIBILITIES

Concord graduates are leveraging their degrees in both traditional practice and in nontraditional, high-growth fields like medicine, law, technology, and much more. We have thousands of graduates, over 500 of whom are licensed attorneys (most in California but some in other states, too). What follows is just a sampling of professional paths law school graduates may follow.¹ Note: not all careers listed require a JD or EJD.

Administrative Litigation, Family Law, and Education

• Operating in private practice as well as heading lead counsel positions
• Representing state and local agencies as their counsel
• Acting as court-appointed special advocates
• Serving as the dean of higher education institutions

Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation

• Starting companies that focus on divorce mediation
• Founding new firms providing a wide range of mediation and training services, as well as serving on industry boards
• Specializing in medical dispute resolution involving hospice, medical malpractice, clinical bioethics, and elder care

Business

• Specializing in international business law and global trade compliance management for multinational firms
• Practicing in franchisor/franchisee law, business law, and estate planning
• Working in corporate procurement as contract negotiators
• Managing contracts in the oil and gas industry

Criminal Justice

• Working as a city police department sergeant, leading Traffic Enforcement and Major Accident Investigation Teams

Cybersecurity

• Helping health care organizations optimize investments in information technology
• Operating a private practice that specializes in cybersecurity and data protection

Education

• Shaping higher education policy as college trustee board members
• Helping special-needs children, their families, and local communities through nonprofit launches

Financial Services

• Specializing in insurance law and authoring books now used as continuing education credit for the industry
• Supporting large banking, mortgage lending, and mortgage compliance institutions as senior counsel
• Serving as business consultant, CPA, litigation support, and tax services
• Launching firms that specialize in trust and estate administration, forensic accounting, and tax planning/preparation
• Founding businesses that provide consulting for broker-dealers and investment advisers in regulatory matters involving FINRA, the SEC, and state regulatory authorities
• Serving as leaders in large financial institutions specializing in retirement services

Government: Federal, State, Local

• Serving as a liaison between government agencies
• Coordinating drug court efforts for a state or county agency

Not all professions mentioned above are possible with an EJD degree. “Private practice” implies a law practice. This requires earning a JD degree, passing the California state bar, and complying with all other testing, continuing education, and other licensing requirements as set by the specific state where an individual wishes to practice law.
Health

- Working in product liability
- Founding medical device companies
- Leading statewide health exchange companies
- Serving on the board of pharmaceutical companies
- Serving as expert witnesses in medical malpractice cases and consulting on health care agency contracts
- Leading risk, corporate responsibility, and HIPAA policy/execution at hospitals/medical facilities
- Verifying and resolving medical liens and providing future medical allocation services at health care compliance firms
- Directing compliance for clinical lab and research divisions

Insurance and Risk Management

- Directing flood insurance operations for a national insurance firm

Intellectual Property/Patents/Technology Commercialization

- Practicing as a registered patent attorney in private practice
- Serving as intellectual property counsel for medical device firms
- Operating as IP attorney and technology consultant to multiple firms

I.T. and Communications

- Working with tech startups as consultant on contracts, service terms, and other legal issues
PROFESSIONAL FACULTY: SUPERIOR SUPPORT

Concord’s professors are experienced online instructors—legal subject-matter experts with real-world knowledge. Many have taught at other law schools and draw upon their experiences from the courtroom, corporate world, and public sector. Our distinguished lecturers provide substantive, prerecorded law lectures. The faculty also includes Law Advisors, themselves attorneys, who provide academic support while guiding students through the demands of law school.

Featured Professors

KELLEY MAUERMAN, PROFESSOR OF LAW

BA, Northwestern University

JD cum laude, University of San Diego School of Law

Professor Mauerman has expertise in curriculum and course development and created Concord’s Professional Responsibility and Cross Professional Ethics courses. She also serves as the director of the externship program and as a competition coach for Concord’s moot court team. She was previously a full-time professor of lawyering skills at Whittier Law School, where she developed and taught courses in lawyering skills, professional responsibility, electronic discovery, and pretrial litigation. After graduation from law school, Professor Mauerman clerked for Magistrate Judge Cynthia G. Aaron in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. She has practiced law in the area of wills, trusts, and estate planning and has presented at numerous regional and national conferences.

SCOTT JOHNSON, PROFESSOR OF LAW

BA, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

JD, Franklin Pierce Law Center

Professor Johnson is a Hearings Officer with the New Hampshire Department of Education. He was previously in private practice with a focus in administrative law, constitutional law, education law, and health law. He was involved in a number of precedent setting cases including Claremont v. Governor, the case establishing that all New Hampshire students have a constitutional right to an adequate education. He is a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar. Professor Johnson is the author of a number of articles and books in various areas of law, including two casebooks in the education law area.

STEVE BRACCI, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW

BA, University of California at Los Angeles

JD, Whittier College of Law

Dean Bracci is a well-known lecturer and has been teaching law since 1979. A graduate of Whittier College of Law, he has served as the academic director for law school divisions of a number of legal publishers. Dean Bracci has extensive expertise in examination techniques and has conducted writing and test-taking seminars nationwide.

Dean Bracci teaches first-year subjects, including torts, criminal law, contracts, and legal writing at Concord, as well as remedies.

He has been preparing Concord Law School students for their First-Year Law Students’ Exam since the school’s inception. He also teaches the FYLSE prep course (First-Year Intensive), which includes our review weekend and instructs in Capstone, the review course for the Senior Bar Exam.

JAMES DODGE, PROFESSOR OF LAW

BS, University of Illinois

JD, Southern Illinois University School of Law

Professor Dodge began teaching at Concord in 2000. He currently serves as Executive Director of the Illinois Legislative Reference Bureau, and is a Commissioner of the Uniform Laws Commission. A former prosecutor and a former assistant attorney general (Illinois), Professor Dodge previously served in the Illinois Senate President’s Office as Parliamentarian and Deputy Chief Counsel to the Senate President, where he helped write the rules for the impeachment trial of former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich and was part of a multiyear project to rewrite and modernize the Illinois Criminal Code and Code of Corrections.
Steve Bracci, Professor of Law
June Monroe grew up in Downey, California. She worked her way through college, graduating from Cal State Fullerton. June soon took a job in 1997 as a receptionist at a small law firm. She married and had two children.

It was a nice start to her career. The law firm trained her as a legal secretary and then as a paralegal. “I was doing the work of an attorney—legal research and drafting pleadings. The only thing I couldn’t do was represent the clients and argue on their behalf,” says June.

After nine years of administrative legal support, June decided that she wanted more for herself and, importantly, her young children. “I am a mom who drives a minivan and my goal was to provide a better life for my children.” She chose Concord Law School. “Concord by far had the convenience, technology, and affordability that would make it feasible for me to get a law degree. Law school is extremely challenging. It is not for everybody but Concord gives you the opportunity to achieve your potential.”

According to June, she relied most on her mother, father, and sisters to help with her young boys, who were 7 and 2 when she started at Concord. Her employer was very supportive as well. “Going to law school is not a one person journey. You take your whole family and friends with you.”

She graduated from Concord Law School with a Juris Doctor degree in 2012 and went on to pass the California State Bar Exam. Currently, June is a partner with Rynn and Janowsky—the same law firm she started at as a receptionist. Her practice areas include employment, business, commercial, and agricultural law.
Dennis Shogren grew up in and around Eugene, Oregon. He earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting and an MBA in finance and became a Certified Public Accountant. He moved around the United States in various senior corporate finance roles before settling down in California in 1997. He then became CEO of a modular building manufacturer in 2006.

The recession soon hit and Dennis decided to make a career change, opening up his own accountancy practice focusing on trust and probate work. An attorney friend called on Dennis to serve as an expert witness.

“I got a taste of the courtroom environment and going to law school would be a really good way to get a practical education to go with my accounting skills,” says Dennis.

He decided to enroll in Concord Law School’s EJD program because it worked with his hectic schedule. “When you work for yourself, you work all the time,” he explains.

Dennis has some advice for others considering going to an online law school like Concord.

It is like any big decision, so think before you enroll. “Don’t underestimate how much work it is. It is not easy because it is online. It is doable. It works. The flexibility is amazing. I had a blast.”

He graduated with his EJD in 2014. “My legal education comes in very handy. It’s been really good for me to have when I do work for attorneys. They actually like the idea that I can understand their language. I know about procedure and I am comfortable in their world.”
HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Going to law school online is very much like attending law school on a physical campus. Our learning management system (LMS) provides what students expect to find in the halls of a brick-and-mortar law school: classrooms, professors’ offices, and a full law library.

• You’ll read and analyze the same cases and use the same textbooks as students in brick-and-mortar law schools.

• You’ll get your own personalized, interactive home page where you can track your progress, upload assignments, and access course materials.

• Your courses include streaming video and audio lectures, as well as live interactive classes.

• You’ll receive multiple-choice quizzes and essays that help prepare you for exams.

• You’ll engage with professors and classmates via live, synchronous online classes, email, bulletin boards, and other interactive online technologies.

How to Apply

Those who succeed at Concord are ambitious, highly motivated, and self-disciplined. With the goal of enrolling only those up to the challenge, the Concord Law School admissions process is selective and the program is comprehensive.

Your Concord Admissions Advisor will personally guide you through the application process and answer all your questions. Here are the three key steps:


2. Complete the Concord Law School online admissions exam, a multiple-choice exam that tests reading comprehension and logical analysis, not legal knowledge.

3. Submit all required documents, including official transcripts from accredited colleges and universities.

You can even take your online admissions exam from the convenience of your home or office. There’s no expensive or inconvenient outside testing like the LSAT required. Although not mandatory, if you have LSAT scores, we encourage you to include them, as your score may make you eligible for a partial scholarship.

Tuition

Concord provides an affordable option for legal education. The current average annual tuition for our JD program is $12,420 ($13,500 for years 1 and 2). The current annual tuition for the Executive Juris Doctor is $12,360. Both programs require a $75 nonrefundable application fee. A scholarship is also available to eligible students.\(^5\)

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To learn more about Concord Law School or to enroll:

Call 866-522-7747 or visit ConcordLawSchool.edu.