



Appalachian School of Law

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Special Features: The Appalachian School of Law is committed to community service and leadership. ASL takes an innovative approach to education with an emphasis on practical skills and an incomparable externship program. We maintain a focus on dispute resolution, ethics, and professional responsibility.

Campus Setting: Our compact campus is located in the town of Grundy in southwestern Virginia, which offers peace and quiet for law studies and easy access to outdoor recreation.

Fast Facts

Founded	1994
Bar Passage	80%
Faculty practice time	325 years
Enrollment	350
Student/Faculty Ratio	15.8:1
Law Library	218,000 volumes
Student Organizations	33

Admissions

www.asl.edu/admissions.html

Application deadline	Rolling
Application fee	\$60
Seat deposits	\$200, \$300
Seat deposits due	April 1, June 1
Median LSAT	148
Transfer students:	

www.asl.edu/Admissions/Transfer-to-ASL.html

Tuition and costs

www.asl.edu/Admissions/Tuition-and-Costs.html

ASL's tuition will not rise for the duration of your continuous, full-time attendance.

Year	2011-12
Tuition	\$29,500
Activity Fee	\$325
Externship Fee	\$200

Indirect costs including housing, food, books, and other incidentals are estimated around \$20,600. Scholarships, grants, public and private loans, and work study can help defray the cost of attendance.

Accreditation

ASL is fully accredited by the American Bar Association. As such, ASL graduates are eligible to sit for the bar examination in any U.S. state or the District of Columbia.

Externship

www.asl.edu/The-Program/Externship.html

For six weeks between their first and second years of school, all ASL students earn three hours of academic credit by spending at least 200 hours working under the supervision of an experienced attorney. Students may assist with trial strategy, draft judicial opinions, draft pleadings and legal memos, interview clients, observe court proceedings, perform factual investigations, research legal issues, update law libraries, or perform other law-related duties.

Community Service

www.asl.edu/The-Program/Community-Service.html

ASL students are required to complete 25 hours of community service each semester. While students may structure their community service commitment to meet their own schedules, ASL does schedule one afternoon a week for students and faculty to engage in community service activities. Students may propose their own project or choose from a wide range of more than 60 projects, including law-related opportunities such as assisting commonwealth attorneys or volunteering as court-appointed advocates for abused children.



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Curriculum

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First-year students take the traditional courses required by most law schools including Torts, Property, and Contracts. Since the transition to law school can be stressful, ASL does not rank first-year students. Instead, the competition is between students and their course material, not their classmates. Students participate in our Academic Success Program, designed to ease the transition from college to law school. Our Writing Center provides assistance with writing assignments.

Second-year students continue with the core legal curriculum tested on most state bar exams. However, unlike most law schools, ASL offers an introductory course in Dispute Resolution, a growing area of law that has always been a focus of ASL's curriculum. Upper-level Dispute Resolution courses are also available. Interested students may obtain certification as civil mediators and earn the Lawyer As Problem-Solver (LAPS) certificate. Second-year students may also choose such electives as Appellate Advocacy, which qualifies them to try out for ASL's award-winning Moot Court teams.

In the third year, our students take electives and seminars in the areas of the law that interest them most. They may also take small practicum courses, designed to give them a solid foundation in areas such as Family Law, Real Estate Transactions, and Estate Planning. Trial Advocacy, a popular practicum, can lead to membership on one of ASL's award-winning Trial Advocacy teams. All third-year students take Bar Preparation, a semester-long course that offers a review of the subjects covered on the Multistate Bar Examination and various state bar examinations. The course includes diagnostic and practice examinations with individual scoring and feedback.

ASL is there for its students even after graduation, providing support and encouragement as students prepare to take the bar exam. Our faculty serve as bar mentors, meeting with graduates as they prepare to take the bar exam in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

Faculty

www.asl.edu/The-Program/Our-Faculty.html

ASL faculty members have more than 325 years of law-practice experience. They bring that knowledge and expertise into the classroom so that students can thoroughly understand what it means to practice the law. Beyond their practical experience, ASL professors are nationally recruited scholars with degrees from schools including Yale, Princeton, the University of Virginia, Ohio State University, Stanford, the University of Tennessee, and the University of Pennsylvania. They are experts on subjects including dispute resolution, natural resources law, and the First Amendment.

Library

www.asl.edu/Library.html

The Law Library maintains a core collection of federal and regional reporters, all federal and state codes, and almost 3,500 periodical subscriptions. The Library also offers general reference services to all patrons and an electronic reference service to ASL faculty, staff, and students. Interlibrary Loan and access to electronic databases such as LexisNexis and Westlaw are available.