Application for Admission to Graduate Programs

LL.M. Admission [check applicable program]

- ☐ LL.M. Corporate Law & Finance - ONLINE
- ☐ LL.M. Homeland & National Security Law - ONLINE
- ☐ LL.M. Insurance Law - ONLINE
- ☐ LL.M. Intellectual Property Law - ONLINE
- ☐ LL.M. Tax - ONLINE
- ☐ LL.M. Self Directed - ON CAMPUS ONLY

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Cooley Law School

Submit to: LLM@cooley.edu or Office of Graduate Programs (6th Floor/Lansing); (room 273/Auburn Hills)

General Information

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE PROGRAM?	❑ Poster	❑ Website	❑ Professor	❑ Fellow Student	❑ Recent Graduate
	❑ Other (please specify)				
I PLAN TO ENROLL BEGINNING	❑ Fall (September) 20_____	❑ Winter (January) 20_____	❑ Summer (May) 20_____		
I PLAN TO ATTEND	❑ Full-time	❑ Part-time			
MY PRIMARY CAMPUS WILL BE	❑ Lansing, Michigan ❑ Auburn Hills, Michigan ❑ Grand Rapids, Michigan ❑ ONLINE				

Applicant Information

TITLE	Mr. ❑ Mrs. ❑ Ms. ❑ Dr. ❑ Rev. ❑	Please use your legal name as it appears on your passport, social security card, or driver's license.	
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	
PREVIOUS NAME(S)			
MIDDLE INITIAL		SOCIAL SECURITY #	
MAILING ADDRESS (IF TEMPORARY UNTIL _____)			
CITY		STATE	
ZIP CODE		COUNTRY	
DAY PHONE	( )	EVENING PHONE	( )
DATE OF BIRTH		E-MAIL ADDRESS	
PERMANENT ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)			
CITY		STATE	
ZIP CODE		COUNTRY	
TELEPHONE	( )	FAX	( )
CITIZENSHIP (PLEASE CHECK ONE)	❑ U.S. Citizen ❑ Permanent Resident ❑ Non-U.S. Citizen		
COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP		VISA STATUS/TYPE	

ETHNICITY	*Do you consider yourself to be of hispanic/latino origin?* ❑ Yes ❑ No *If yes, please clarify*: ❑ Mexican American ❑ Puerto Rican ❑ Other Hispanic/Latino ❑ Multi-Racial Hispanic/Latino *Is English your second language?* ❑ Yes ❑ No	*If you do not consider yourself to be of hispanic/latino origin, please select one of the following categories to describe yourself:* ❑ American Indian or Alaska Native ❑ Asian ❑ Black, or African American ❑ Native Hawaiian/other pacific islander ❑ White ❑ Two or more races

Employment History

PLEASE LIST ALL LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND ANY OTHER FULL-TIME NONLEGAL EXPERIENCE AND MILITARY SERVICE. IF NOT EMPLOYED, INDICATE CURRENT FULL-TIME ACTIVITY. YOU MAY ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR RESUME.

EMPLOYER/MILITARY	TELEPHONE	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT/SERVICE (mm/dd/yyyy)	TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT/SERVICE

Bar Admissions

LIST ALL JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH YOU ARE ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW.

JURISDICTION	DATE OF ADMISSION	BAR NUMBER
ARE YOU CURRENTLY A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IN EACH JURISDICTION IN WHICH YOU ARE ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW?	❑ Yes	❑ No (IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN ON AN ATTACHED STATEMENT)

J.D. Education

PLEASE LIST BELOW THE LAW SCHOOL FROM WHICH YOU EARNED YOUR JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE. ALSO, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CLASS RANK. IF YOU WERE NOT IN THE TOP 50% OF YOUR LAW SCHOOL CLASS, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR ACADEMIC CAPABILITY THAT WAS NOT REFLECTED IN YOUR LAW SCHOOL PERFORMANCE IN AN ATTACHED STATEMENT. A COMPLETE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT FROM THE LAW SCHOOL MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE A DECISION WILL BE REACHED.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED (mm/dd/yyyy)	DEGREE/DIPLOMA	CLASS RANK

Other Education

PLEASE LIST BELOW ALL OTHER COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS YOU HAVE ATTENDED, WHETHER OR NOT CREDIT WAS RECEIVED. PLEASE INDICATE THE DEGREES OR DIPLOMA YOU HAVE EARNED OR EXPECT TO EARN. YOU MAY ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR RESUME. NOTE: PRIOR TO MATRICULATION, YOU MUST SUBMIT COMPLETE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS VERIFYING DEGREES EARNED.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED (mm/dd/yyyy)	DEGREE/DIPLOMA	MAJOR

PLEASE LIST ANY AWARDS OR HONORS YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN YOUR EDUCATION OR PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

International Students

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Please indicated which evaluation service you will use:

❑ **Credential Evaluation –** You must have your credentials evaluated by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) LL.M. Credential Assembly Service. There is a charge for this service. Instruct LSAC to send the report directly to Cooley. LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service, 662 Penn Street, Box 8511, Newtown, PA 18940-8511, (215) 968-1315, www.LLM.LSAC.org.

or

❑ **World Education Services, Inc., (WES) "Comprehensive Course-by-Course Report"** – There is a charge for this report. Instruct WES to send the report directly to Cooley. World Education Services, Inc., Bowling Green Station, P.O. Box 5087, New York, NY 10274-5087, (212) 966-6311, www.wes.org.

Is English your second language: ❑ Yes ❑ No

English Speaking Ability – The ability to demonstrate proficiency in speaking and writing English is required of applicants who are not native English speakers. Applicants should submit scores from TOEFL, LSAC, or an equivalent to assist in establishing English speaking ability. An interview will be required.

Disclosures

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY? (A CONVICTION INCLUDES A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE OR A VERDICT OR FINDING OF GUILT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SENTENCE IS IMPOSED BY COURT.)	❑ No	❑ Yes IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN IN AN ATTACHED STATEMENT
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCIPLINED, SUSPENDED, OR EXPELLED FOR ACADEMIC OR OTHER REASONS BY AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING?	❑ No	❑ Yes IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN IN AN ATTACHED STATEMENT

Attachments

PLEASE ATTACH (1) A STATEMENT INDICATING THE REASONS YOU WISH TO PURSUE THE LL.M. DEGREE, AND SPECIAL INTERESTS, CAREER OBJECTIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS; (2) A LEGAL WRITING SAMPLE; (3) A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION SUPPORTING YOUR ADMISSION TO THIS PROGRAM AND (4) YOUR STATEMENT TO ANSWERS THAT REQUIRE EXPLANATION.

By signing this application, I authorize Thomas M. Cooley Law School to obtain from every employer, branch of the military, state bar authority, and institution of higher education I have attended, my records or other information about me. I consent to the release of this information and waive any claims against and expressly release the disclosing entity and its employees, officers, and agents from any liability as a result of such disclosure.

IMPORTANT: IF ANY OF YOUR ANSWERS TO THE PRECEDING QUESTIONS CHANGE, PRIOR TO ATTENDING LAW SCHOOL, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE IN WRITING IMMEDIATELY. YOUR SIGNATURE (OR E-SIGNATURE) ON THIS APPLICATION IS YOUR AFFIRMATION THAT YOUR DISCLOSURES ARE COMPLETE. DO NOT SIGN OR SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION UNLESS YOU HAVE READ, AND UNDERSTAND, THE CERTIFICATION.

I certify that I have read and understand this application. I further certify that the information I have submitted is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand and agree that omission, misrepresentation, or concealment of any significant fact in any statement or answer may be considered sufficient reason for refusal of admission, revocation of admission, expulsion after admission or revocation of the degree after graduation. I understand that I have a continuing obligation both before matriculation and throughout law school to inform the school if any event occurs that would cause my answer to any question on this application to change.

X	**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**		**DATE**	

There is no application fee. **APPLICATION IS VALID FOR 1 YEAR.**

THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL GRADUATE PROGRAM CHECKLIST:

❑ Completed Application	❑ JD Transcripts* ❑ Undergrad Transcripts* **Not required if you are a Cooley graduate.*	❑ Letter of Recommendation	❑ Personal Statement	❑ Writing Sample

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:	❑ LSAC Evaluation	❑ Demonstrate English Speaking Ability

Thomas M. Cooley Law School is committed to a fair and objective admissions policy. Subject to space limitations, Cooley offers the opportunity for legal education to all qualified applicants. Cooley abides by all federal and state laws against discrimination. In addition, Cooley abides by American Bar Association Standard 211(a), which provides that a "law school shall foster and maintain equality of opportunity in legal education, including employment of faculty and staff, without discrimination or segregation on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender or sexual orientation, age or disability."