

**Western Michigan Univ. Cooley Law School - 2014 Standard 509  
Information Report**

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**The Basics**

|                                       |           |            |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Type of school                        | PRIVATE   |            |           |
| Term                                  | Semester  |            |           |
| Application deadline                  | 1/1/2015  | 5/1/2015   | 9/1/2015  |
| Application fee                       | \$ 0      |            |           |
| Financial aid deadline                | 8/18/2015 | 12/22/2015 | 4/19/2016 |
| Can first year start other than fall? | Yes       |            |           |

**GPA and LSAT Scores (calendar year\*\*)**

|                                      | Total | Full-Time | Part-Time |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| # of apps                            | 1,481 | 1,125     | 356       |
| # of offers                          | 1,265 | 975       | 290       |
| # of matriculants                    | 445   | 38        | 407       |
| 75th Percentile GPA                  | 3.28  | 3.41      | 3.27      |
| 50th Percentile GPA                  | 2.90  | 3.00      | 2.89      |
| 25th Percentile GPA                  | 2.53  | 2.66      | 2.52      |
| # not incl. in GPA percentile calc.  | 7.00  | 0.00      | 7.00      |
| 75th Percentile LSAT                 | 149   | 154       | 148       |
| 50th Percentile LSAT                 | 145   | 150       | 144       |
| 25 Percentile LSAT                   | 141   | 146       | 140       |
| # not incl. in LSAT percentile calc. | 0     | 0         | 0         |

**Tuition and Fees (academic year\*)**

|                           | Resident  | Non-Resident |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Full-Time                 | \$ 44,990 | \$ 44,990    |
| Part-Time                 | \$ 27,940 | \$ 27,940    |
| Tuition Guarantee Program | No        |              |

**Living Expenses (academic year\*)**

Estimated Living Expenses for singles

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Living on Campus  | \$ 0      |
| Living Off Campus | \$ 17,584 |
| Living at Home    | \$ 17,584 |

**Conditional Scholarships**

The school does not award scholarships that may be reduced or eliminated based on law school academic performance other than failure to maintain good academic standing. Therefore, the school does not complete a 'conditional scholarship retention chart.'

**Grants and Scholarships (prior academic year\*)**

|                              | Total |      | Full-Time |      | Part-Time |      |
|------------------------------|-------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|
|                              | #     | %    | #         | %    | #         | %    |
| Total # of students          | 2,334 | 100  | 386       | 16.5 | 1,948     | 83.5 |
| Total # receiving grants     | 1,342 | 57.5 | 354       | 91.7 | 988       | 50.7 |
| Less than 1/2 tuition        | 811   | 34.7 | 207       | 53.6 | 604       | 31   |
| Half to full tuition         | 442   | 18.9 | 125       | 32.4 | 317       | 16.3 |
| Full tuition                 | 89    | 3.8  | 22        | 5.7  | 67        | 3.4  |
| More than full tuition       | 0     | 0    | 0         | 0    | 0         | 0    |
| 75th Percentile grant amount |       |      | \$ 24,964 |      | \$ 16,594 |      |
| 50th Percentile grant amount |       |      | \$ 15,469 |      | \$ 9,140  |      |
| 25th Percentile grant amount |       |      | \$ 10,588 |      | \$ 4,555  |      |

**J.D. Enrollment and Ethnicity (academic year\*)**

|   | Men |      | Women |      | Other |   | Full-Time |      | Part-Time |      | First - Year |      | Total |      | J.D. Deg Awd |
|---|-----|------|-------|------|-------|---|-----------|------|-----------|------|--------------|------|-------|------|--------------|
|   | #   | %    | #     | %    | #     | % | #         | %    | #         | %    | #            | %    | #     | %    |              |
| Hispanics of any race                     | 40  | 5    | 52    | 5.5  | 0     | 0 | 23        | 7.6  | 69        | 4.8  | 17           | 2.7  | 92    | 5.3  | 38           |
| American Indian or Alaska Native          | 2   | 0.2  | 5     | 0.5  | 0     | 0 | 1         | 0.3  | 6         | 0.4  | 3            | 0.5  | 7     | 0.4  | 4            |
| Asian                                     | 17  | 2.1  | 30    | 3.2  | 0     | 0 | 13        | 4.3  | 34        | 2.4  | 16           | 2.6  | 47    | 2.7  | 29           |
| Black or African American                 | 110 | 13.7 | 211   | 22.5 | 0     | 0 | 42        | 13.9 | 279       | 19.4 | 143          | 22.9 | 321   | 18.4 | 119          |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 5   | 0.6  | 1     | 0.1  | 0     | 0 | 0         | 0    | 6         | 0.4  | 2            | 0.3  | 6     | 0.3  | 5            |
| Two or more races                         | 39  | 4.9  | 73    | 7.8  | 0     | 0 | 19        | 6.3  | 93        | 6.5  | 52           | 8.3  | 112   | 6.4  | 18           |
| Total Minority                            | 213 | 26.5 | 372   | 39.7 | 0     | 0 | 98        | 32.3 | 487       | 33.8 | 233          | 37.3 | 585   | 33.6 | 213          |
| White                                     | 503 | 62.6 | 500   | 53.3 | 0     | 0 | 168       | 55.4 | 835       | 58   | 331          | 53   | 1,003 | 57.6 | 523          |
| Nonresident Alien                         | 58  | 7.2  | 44    | 4.7  | 0     | 0 | 33        | 10.9 | 69        | 4.8  | 38           | 6.1  | 102   | 5.9  | 51           |
| Race and Ethnicity Unknown                | 30  | 3.7  | 22    | 2.3  | 0     | 0 | 4         | 1.3  | 48        | 3.3  | 23           | 3.7  | 52    | 3    | 18           |
| Total                                     | 804 | 46.2 | 938   | 53.8 | 0     | 0 | 303       | 17.4 | 1,439     | 82.6 | 625          | 35.9 | 1,742 | 100  | 805          |

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### Curriculum (prior academic year\*)

|   | Full-Time | Part-Time |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Typical first-year section size                                   | 29        | 29        |
| # of classroom course titles beyond first-year curriculum         | 245       |           |
| # of upper division classroom course sections                     |           |           |
| Under 25  | 871       |           |
| 25 - 49   | 89        |           |
| 50 - 74   | 21        |           |
| 75 - 99   | 8         |           |
| 100+  | 0         |           |
| # of positions available in simulation courses                    | 6,212     |           |
| # of simulation positions filled                                  | 533       | 2,700     |
| # of seminar positions filled                                     | 828       | 4,191     |
| # of positions available in faculty supervised law clinic courses | 444       |           |
| # of faculty supervised law clinic positions filled               | 42        | 210       |
| # of field placement positions filled                             | 113       | 570       |
| # of students who enrolled in independent study                   | 26        | 130       |
| # of students who participated in law journals                    | 53        | 271       |
| # of students who participated in interschool skills competitions | 16        | 83        |
| # of credit hours required to graduate                            | 90        |           |

### Faculty and Administrators (calendar year\*\*)

|                                      | Total      |            | Men        |            | Women      |           | Other |      | Minorities |           |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------|------|------------|-----------|
|                                      | Spr        | Fall       | Spr        | Fall       | Spr        | Fall      | Spr   | Fall | Spr        | Fall      |
| Full-Time                            | 119        | 49         | 67         | 28         | 52         | 21        | 0     | 0    | 14         | 5         |
| Deans, librarians & others who teach | 24         | 26         | 12         | 11         | 12         | 15        | 0     | 0    | 4          | 5         |
| Part-Time                            | 130        | 127        | 93         | 84         | 37         | 43        | 0     | 0    | 12         | 16        |
|                                      | <b>273</b> | <b>202</b> | <b>172</b> | <b>123</b> | <b>101</b> | <b>79</b> |       |      | <b>30</b>  | <b>26</b> |

### J.D. Attrition (prior academic year\*)

|          | Academic | Transfer | Other | Total | %    |
|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|------|
| 1st year | 80       | 25       | 21    | 126   | 13.9 |
| 2nd year | 29       | 52       | 8     | 89    | 13   |
| 3rd year | 1        | 0        | 1     | 2     | 0.3  |
| 4th year | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    |

### Transfers (prior academic year\*)

| Transfers In   |    |
|--|----|
| #  |    |
| See Appendix for list of schools from which students transferred |    |
| Transfers Out  |    |
|  | 77 |

### Bar Passage Rates (February and July 2013)

**First Time Takers: 1062**

| Jurisdiction | Takers             | Passers                   | Pass %                   | State %                  | Diff. % |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Michigan     | 482                | 281                       | 58.30                    | 69.16                    | -10.86  |
| New York     | 94                 | 45                        | 47.87                    | 84.76                    | -36.89  |
| Illinois     | 58                 | 24                        | 41.38                    | 87.84                    | -46.46  |
| Pennsylvania | 42                 | 21                        | 50.00                    | 81.26                    | -31.26  |
| California   | 40                 | 5                         | 12.50                    | 71.09                    | -58.59  |
|              | <b>Reporting %</b> | <b>Avg. School Pass %</b> | <b>Avg. State Pass %</b> | <b>Avg. Pass Diff. %</b> |         |
|              | 71.19              | 51.45                     | 74.14                    | -22.69                   |         |

### Bar Passage Rates (February and July 2012)

**First Time Takers: 966**

| Jurisdiction | Takers             | Passers                   | Pass %                   | State %                  | Diff. % |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Michigan     | 447                | 266                       | 59.51                    | 64.32                    | -4.81   |
| New York     | 86                 | 34                        | 39.53                    | 81.55                    | -42.02  |
| Illinois     | 78                 | 43                        | 55.13                    | 87.34                    | -32.21  |
| Pennsylvania | 45                 | 22                        | 48.89                    | 81.67                    | -32.78  |
| Texas        | 42                 | 21                        | 50.00                    | 82.06                    | -32.06  |
|              | <b>Reporting %</b> | <b>Avg. School Pass %</b> | <b>Avg. State Pass %</b> | <b>Avg. Pass Diff. %</b> |         |
|              | 72.26              | 55.30                     | 71.21                    | -15.91                   |         |

### Bar Passage Rates (February and July 2011)

**First Time Takers: 909**

| Jurisdiction | Takers             | Passers                   | Pass %                   | State %                  | Diff. % |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Michigan     | 358                | 301                       | 84.08                    | 82.17                    | 1.91    |
| New York     | 70                 | 43                        | 61.43                    | 85.03                    | -23.60  |
| Illinois     | 65                 | 43                        | 66.15                    | 89.10                    | -22.95  |
| Indiana      | 37                 | 19                        | 51.35                    | 83.28                    | -31.93  |
| Pennsylvania | 35                 | 25                        | 71.43                    | 84.58                    | -13.15  |
|              | <b>Reporting %</b> | <b>Avg. School Pass %</b> | <b>Avg. State Pass %</b> | <b>Avg. Pass Diff. %</b> |         |
|              | 77.34              | 72.14                     | 83.10                    | -10.96                   |         |

\* "Academic year" refers to the 2014 - 2015 academic year. \*\* "Calendar year" refers to the 2014 calendar year.

