

Schools of Law

THE TOP 100 SCHOOLS

Rank/School	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Assessment score by lawyers/judges (5.0=highest)	'07 undergrad GPA 25th-75th percentile	'07 LSAT score 25th-75th percentile	'07 acceptance rate	'07 student/faculty ratio	'06 grade employed at graduation	Employed 8 months after graduation	School's bar passage rate in jurisdiction	Jurisdiction's overall bar passage rate*
1. Yale University (CT)	100	4.8	4.8	3.77-3.97	170-177	7.3%	7.4	96.1%	99.6%	91.2%/NY	77%
2. Harvard University (MA)	91	4.8	4.8	3.75-3.95	170-175	11.8%	10.3	96.4%	98.1%	97.1%/NY	77%
3. Stanford University (CA)	91	4.7	4.8	3.74-3.95	167-172	9.0%	8.3	98.3%	98.5%	88.7%/CA	65%
4. Columbia University (NY)	88	4.7	4.7	3.56-3.81	169-174	15.9%	9.5	98.9%	98.9%	95.6%/NY	77%
5. New York University	85	4.5	4.5	3.54-3.86	169-173	22.9%	10.4	96.3%	98.5%	95.1%/NY	77%
6. University of California-Berkeley	81	4.5	4.5	3.64-3.90	163-170	12.0%	12.3	99.0%	99.0%	84.9%/CA	65%
7. University of Chicago	80	4.6	4.6	3.49-3.76	169-173	16.2%	10.3	96.4%	99.0%	97.7%/IL	87%
8. University of Pennsylvania	80	4.3	4.4	3.52-3.86	166-171	16.3%	12.1	95.3%	98.2%	94.4%/NY	77%
9. Northwestern University (IL)	79	4.1	4.3	3.40-3.80	166-172	17.6%	10.4	96.2%	99.2%	95.1%/IL	87%
10. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	79	4.5	4.6	3.49-3.79	167-170	20.7%	12.7	97.2%	98.8%	94.8%/NY	77%
11. University of Virginia	79	4.4	4.6	3.51-3.87	167-171	24.0%	13.3	96.8%	99.6%	91.1%/VA	74%
12. Cornell University (NY)	77	4.2	4.4	3.54-3.78	166-168	21.6%	11.2	96.9%	99.0%	92.1%/NY	77%
13. Duke University (NC)	77	4.2	4.4	3.61-3.82	167-170	26.6%	13.9	91.8%	98.2%	97.0%/NY	77%
14. Georgetown University (DC)	74	4.2	4.4	3.44-3.82	167-171	23.2%	13.2	94.8%	97.8%	91.0%/NY	77%
15. Vanderbilt University (TN)	72	3.8	4.1	3.54-3.83	164-168	25.0%	12.9	90.5%	98.3%	97.8%/TN	78%
16. University of California-Los Angeles	71	4.0	3.8	3.54-3.85	163-169	17.5%	12.9	94.9%	97.8%	85.7%/CA	65%
17. University of Texas-Austin	71	4.1	4.2	3.38-3.80	163-168	24.0%	14.2	92.0%	97.4%	89.4%/TX	82%
18. University of Southern California (Gould)	68	3.7	3.6	3.46-3.72	165-167	18.7%	12.7	90.1%	96.0%	85.1%/CA	65%
19. Washington University in St. Louis	67	3.6	3.9	3.30-3.70	163-167	25.7%	11.6	83.9%	98.8%	93.0%/IL	87%
20. George Washington University (DC)	65	3.5	3.8	3.40-3.86	163-168	19.8%	14.9	95.1%	97.1%	93.9%/NY	77%
21. Boston University	64	3.4	3.6	3.51-3.81	164-166	26.8%	12.3	96.3%	98.7%	95.0%/MA	86%
22. Emory University (GA)	63	3.4	3.8	3.28-3.62	162-166	26.2%	10.8	95.9%	98.3%	95.0%/GA	85%
23. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	63	3.6	3.6	3.28-3.78	163-167	24.7%	12.1	87.0%	97.5%	96.3%/MN	91%
24. University of Notre Dame (IN)	63	3.3	3.8	3.40-3.76	164-167	18.6%	14.7	83.8%	97.3%	89.5%/IL	87%
25. Washington and Lee University (VA)	62	3.4	3.9	3.25-3.81	161-167	23.6%	10.6	74.4%	92.4%	79.2%/VA	74%
26. Boston College	61	3.3	3.7	3.44-3.78	162-165	20.2%	12.6	82.5%	97.6%	95.2%/MA	86%
27. Fordham University (NY)	60	3.3	3.5	3.41-3.74	163-167	23.5%	14.6	82.3%	94.7%	89.0%/NY	77%
28. University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign	60	3.4	3.7	3.18-3.80	160-167	30.2%	12.4	78.4%	92.6%	88.8%/IL	87%
29. University of Iowa	60	3.5	3.7	3.41-3.86	159-163	34.6%	13.0	79.9%	92.8%	90.0%/IA	87%
30. College of William and Mary (Marshall-Wythe) (VA)	59	3.2	3.6	3.44-3.82	159-166	27.1%	14.8	82.3%	96.3%	86.8%/VA	74%
31. University of Washington	59	3.2	3.5	3.47-3.82	159-165	22.7%	10.2	87.6%	97.2%	87.6%/WA	82%
32. Ohio State University (Moritz)	58	3.4	3.4	3.34-3.81	158-164	29.5%	12.6	85.8%	95.4%	84.0%/OH	84%
33. University of Alabama	58	2.9	3.3	3.31-3.84	160-165	29.2%	9.8	83.7%	96.5%	97.2%/AL	79%
34. University of Colorado-Boulder	58	3.1	3.1	3.33-3.83	160-165	25.2%	12.2	88.6%	97.0%	91.2%/CO	76%
35. University of Georgia	58	3.1	3.3	3.42-3.86	159-165	24.9%	14.8	87.9%	98.1%	91.0%/GA	85%
36. Indiana University-Bloomington	57	3.2	3.6	3.03-3.67	158-165	38.9%	11.4	88.1%	97.7%	86.2%/IN	83%
37. University of Wisconsin-Madison	57	3.4	3.6	3.32-3.74	157-163	29.5%	13.4	72.9%	97.2%	100.0%/WI	89%
38. George Mason University (VA)	56	2.8	3.3	3.11-3.86	159-166	22.3%	16.7	93.2%	98.0%	83.8%/VA	74%
39. University of Arizona (Rogers)	56	3.2	3.4	3.23-3.73	157-164	30.9%	11.7	78.8%	94.9%	86.5%/AZ	75%
40. University of California (Hastings)	56	3.4	3.7	3.36-3.74	160-165	26.5%	16.2	67.5%	93.2%	82.4%/CA	65%
41. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	56	3.5	3.8	3.45-3.80	157-164	18.5%	15.7	62.6%	88.8%	86.5%/NC	74%
42. University of Maryland	55	2.9	3.2	3.47-3.84	160-166	15.5%	11.4	79.9%	94.2%	87.5%/MD	77%
43. Wake Forest University (NC)	55	3.0	3.5	3.17-3.68	159-166	35.4%	10.3	71.3%	95.0%	87.5%/NC	74%
44. Tulane University (LA)	54	3.1	3.5	3.37-3.75	158-163	35.6%	15.4	78.2%	95.8%	82.6%/LA	75%
45. University of California-Davis	54	3.4	3.5	3.38-3.75	159-165	28.8%	12.4	78.8%	87.1%	75.9%/CA	65%
46. American University (Washington) (DC)	53	3.0	3.2	3.14-3.59	161-163	22.8%	13.8	85.2%	95.8%	81.4%/MD	77%
47. Brigham Young University (Clark) (UT)	53	2.8	3.3	3.51-3.86	162-167	28.6%	18.9	75.0%	91.2%	96.2%/UT	87%
48. Southern Methodist University (TX)	53	2.7	3.2	3.28-3.84	157-165	22.9%	14.7	70.1%	94.7%	90.4%/TX	82%
49. University of Connecticut	53	2.9	3.0	3.24-3.64	160-164	14.1%	11.0	74.4%	95.5%	86.7%/CT	83%
50. University of Florida (Levin)	53	3.2	3.3	3.44-3.83	156-162	34.3%	15.7	77.7%	96.8%	77.9%/FL	74%
51. University of Utah (Cannon)	52	2.9	3.0	3.31-3.77	158-162	36.9%	9.9	96.2%	98.5%	85.8%/UT	87%
52. Arizona State University (O'Connor)	50	2.9	3.2	3.30-3.81	156-162	23.7%	9.4	N/A	93.3%	78.7%/AZ	75%
53. University of Cincinnati	50	2.6	2.8	3.39-3.87	157-162	35.1%	9.6	72.8%	96.2%	91.8%/OH	84%
54. University of Tennessee-Knoxville	50	2.8	3.0	3.35-3.82	157-162	29.2%	13.1	74.0%	95.3%	91.6%/TN	78%
55. Baylor University (Unruh) (TX)	49	2.6	3.3	3.38-3.78	157-162	30.4%	16.6	68.3%	96.4%	98.5%/TX	82%
56. Florida State University	49	2.8	2.8	3.30-3.77	158-162	23.8%	13.7	82.0%	95.1%	88.1%/FL	74%
57. University of Houston	49	2.6	3.0	3.30-3.79	158-163	29.3%	13.9	76.8%	96.3%	88.5%/TX	82%
58. Yeshiva University (Cardozo) (NY)	49	2.7	2.9	3.30-3.70	162-166	27.5%	16.2	75.1%	95.4%	88.8%/NY	77%
59. Pepperdine University (CA)	48	2.4	3.2	3.42-3.73	158-162	32.5%	16.9	N/A	95.0%	82.8%/CA	65%

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60. Temple University (Be)											
61. University of Kentucky											
62. University of Missouri											
63. Brooklyn Law School (C)											
64. Case Western Reserve											
65. Loyola Marymount Uni											
66. Illinois Institute of Tec											
67. Seton Hall University (C)											
68. Indiana University-Ind											
69. University of New Mex											
70. University of Oklahoma											
71. University of Richmond											
72. Villanova University (P											
73. Lewis and Clark Colleg											
74. University of Kansas											
75. University of Nebraska											
76. University of Pittsburgh											
77. Georgia State Universi											
78. Pennsylvania State Uni											
79. Rutgers, the State Univ											
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81. Santa Clara University											
82. Loyola University Chic											
83. Seattle University											
84. University of Hawaii (R											
85. University of Miami (FL											
86. University of Oregon											
87. University of San Diego											
88. Catholic University of A											
89. DePaul University (IL)											
90. Louisiana State Univers											
91. Northeastern University											
92. St. John's University (N											
93. University of Denver (SI											
94. University of Nevada-L											
95. Marquette University (W											
96. St. Louis University											
97. University of South Car											
98. University of the Pacific											
99. Hofstra University (NY)											
100. Mercer University (GA)											
101. Stetson University (FL)											
102. Syracuse University (NY											
103. University at Buffalo-St											
104. University of Louisville											

*Source: U.S. News and the school's bar passage rate. U.S. News and the school's bar passage rate are not ranked because of a December 2006 survey of Puerto Rico—are not ranked.

METHODS

The rankings of 184 accredited law schools are based on the average of the 12 measures of quality described below. Each measure appears on the following table. Quality assessment (weighting) is used. Quality was measured by surveys conducted in fall 2006 and three faculty members from each school were asked to rate each school from "marginal" (1) to "outstanding" (5); 70 percent of schools were selected. Their average rating was weighted by .25 in the ranking model. Lawyers an