



**Northern Illinois  
University**

**College of Law**

# Our Mission Statement



The mission of the Northern Illinois University College of Law is to provide a high-quality and affordable legal education that

- **Prepares students to become effective, creative and ethical lawyers, ready to serve the legal needs of their communities**
- Engages faculty and students in a broad range of legal and interdisciplinary research and **scholarship**
- Fosters **access** to law school and the legal profession by traditionally underrepresented groups
- Inspires students to **serve the public interest** throughout their legal careers
- Builds a unique atmosphere of **collegiality** and cooperation within the law school community

# Experiential Learning - Skills



***Lawyering Skills***  
***Criminal Practice Skills***  
***Trial Advocacy***  
***Appellate Advocacy***  
***Competitions***



# Experiential Learning - Clinics



***Zeke Giorgi Legal Clinic***

***-Civil Justice Clinic***

***-Criminal Defense Clinic***

***Health Advocacy Clinic***

***Prisoners' Rights Project***

# Experiential Learning - Externships



***Civil Externships***  
***Criminal Externships***  
***Judicial Externships***  
***Bridge-to-Practice***

# Academics



## Certificates

- Business Law
- Civil Advocacy
- Criminal Practice
- International Law
- Law and Women and Gender Studies
- Public Interest Law

## Joint Degree Programs

- JD/MBA
- JD/MPA
- In the process of exploring others

# Accelerated Law Degree/3+3

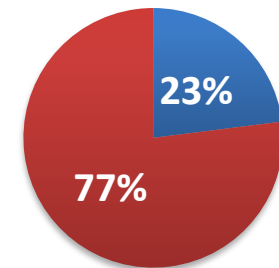
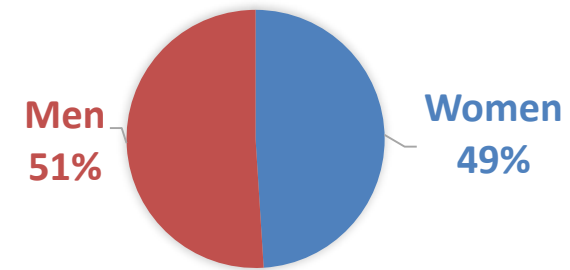


- We've opened the 3+3 program to students in the Honors Program.
- **7-6-5**  
NIU 3+3 students get free tuition for the first year of law school, so two degrees that normally take **7** years can be completed in **6** years and they only pay tuition for **5** years.
- We have entered into 3+3 agreements with a handful of other institutions and more discussions are in progress.

# Our Students – Class of 2022



119 STUDENTS

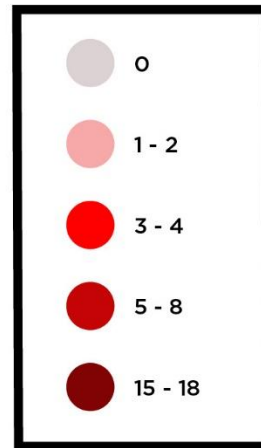
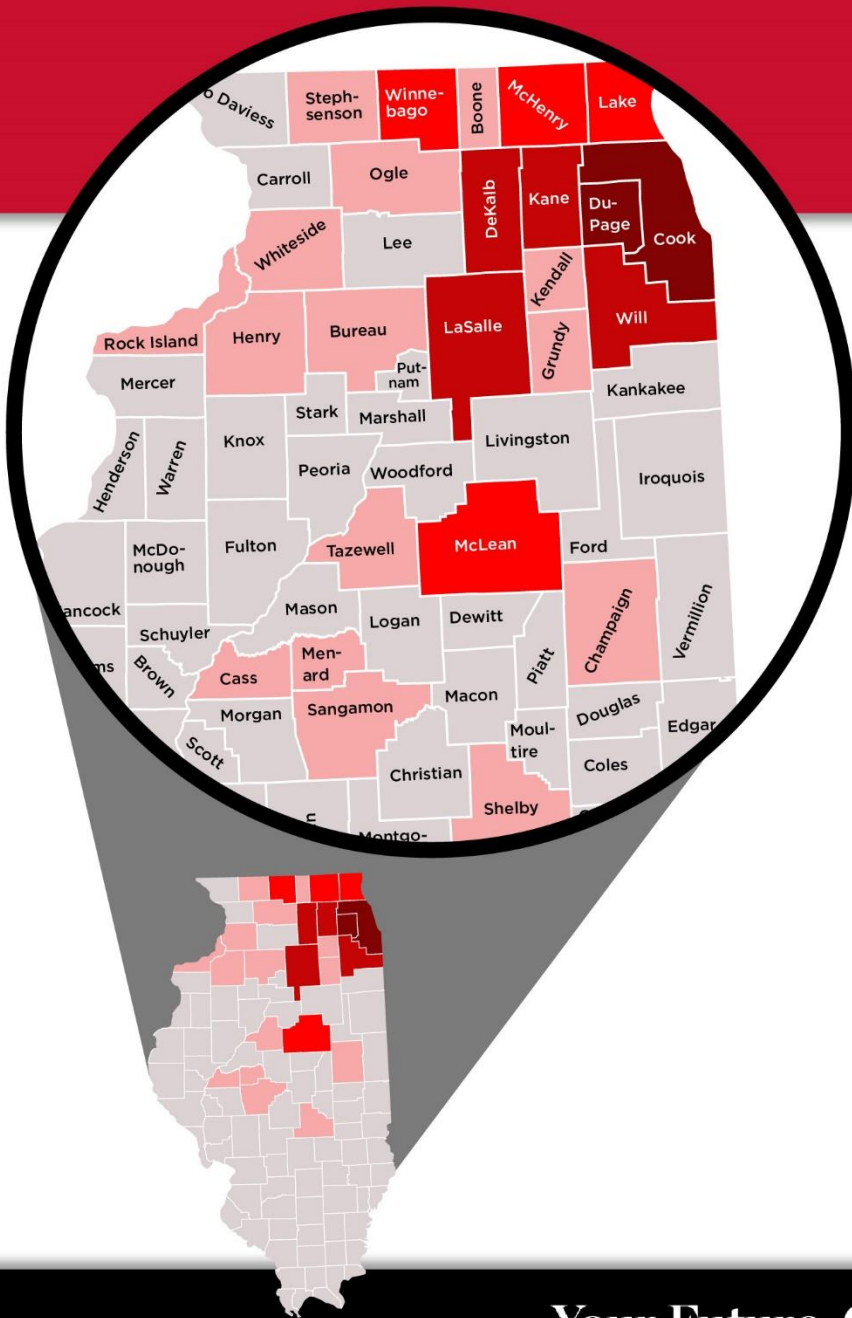


■ Students of Color  
■ Caucasion/White





# Law School 2019 Incoming Class by county



Your Future. Our Focus.

# Outcomes – Bar Passage



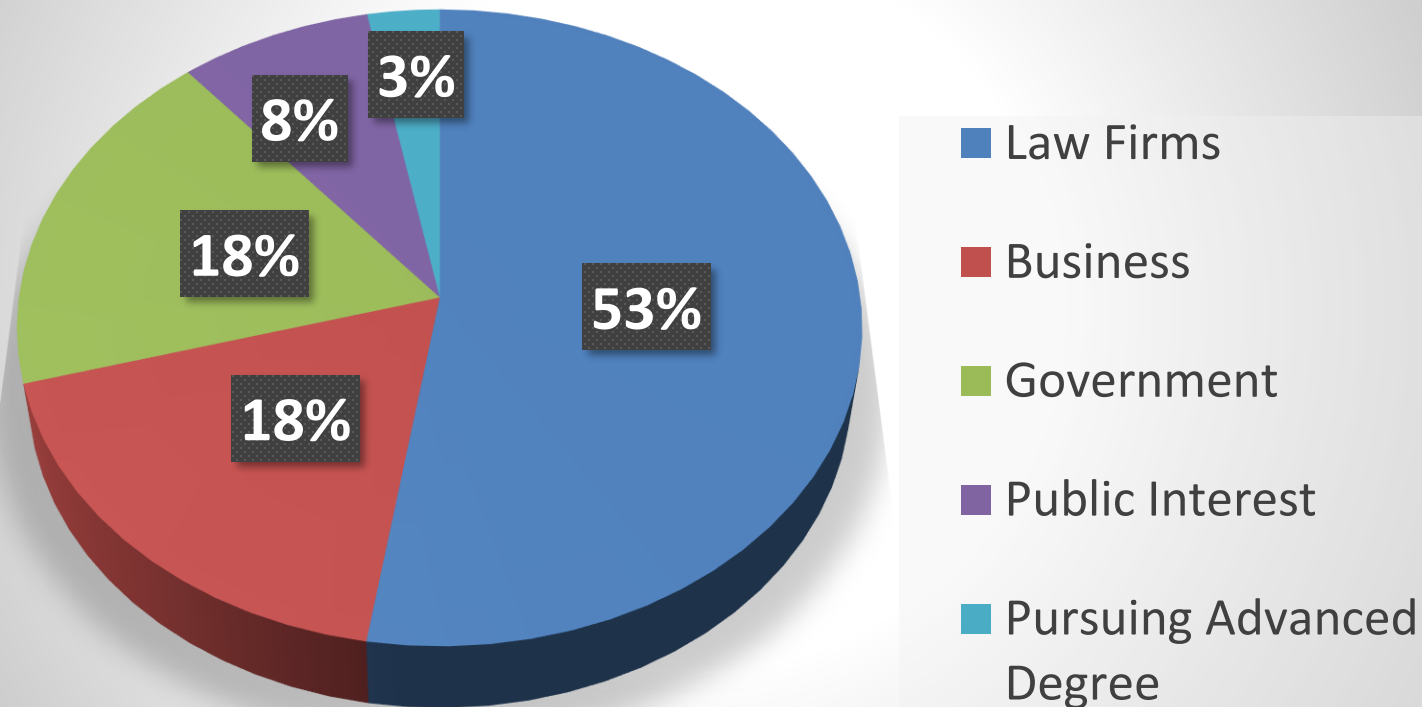
## *July 2019 Illinois Bar Examination First Time Takers*

- ***83% Pass Rate for NIU Graduates***
- ***80% State Average Pass Rate***

# Outcomes – Job Placements



## Class of 2018



# Accomplished Alumni



**OVER 100 ALUMNI ARE NOW  
MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY**



# Faculty



***Teaching***

***Scholarship***

***Service***

# 10 Things You Might Not Know About the College of Law



1. We have paired about 90% of our first-year students with lawyer mentors.
2. We have a 5k run on campus every spring.
3. Every year the Black Law Students Association puts on an amazing Thanksgiving dinner.
4. Recently many of our students assisted with an expungement summit.



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5. In June 2019 NIU launched The Legal Education, Access, and Recognition (LEARN) Program, which is funded by a \$125,000 grant from AccessLex Institute.
6. We just had our second annual Chicagoland junior scholars' workshop, which our junior faculty created and organized.
7. Three of the last six presidents of the Illinois State Bar Association were alumni of NIU Law.



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8. Our Civil Justice Clinic Received the 2018 ISBA's *Excellence in Education Award* which recognizes a law school program that serves as an example of excellence in the practice of law.
9. In 2018, the Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program awarded the inaugural *Warren Wolfson Award in Educational Excellence* to NIU Law.
10. National Jurist ranked NIU Law 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation for sending students to small firms.

