The primary goal of the faculty at Pace Law School is to produce a quality educational experience for our students. The emphasis on teaching is reflected in the time devoted to class preparation and is notable in the faculty’s commitment to being accessible to students outside of class. Professors make a point of being on campus at least four days a week, and an open door policy prevails.

The majority of the faculty members have had significant careers in legal practice prior to becoming legal educators. Their experiences in law firms, as corporate counsel, and as federal and state regulators add important perspectives to the theoretical principles of law.

Teaching excellence need not come at the expense of scholarship. At Pace, in fact, the two often go hand in hand. Some of the most prolific scholars on the faculty win high marks for creating stimulating and challenging classroom discussions. Students benefit from the knowledge and experience of outstanding professors who care about teaching and about preparing students for meaningful careers in the legal profession.

Graduate law students attend classes on Pace’s leafy twelve-acre (4.5 hectares) campus in White Plains, a small city less than an hour from New York City by car or commuter train.

Stately Preston Hall is the main building with offices for most of the faculty and administration as well as a new student lounge. A new 20,000 square foot (1,800 meters²) classroom building comfortably houses a majority of the classes with the latest technological support. The lovely Gerber Glass Library houses an excellent collection while other programs and centers dot the campus.

Dormitory space is available on campus, and nearby houses and apartments offer convenient and pleasant alternatives. Parking on campus is free, and many students drive from homes across the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Admission is competitive with applications judged on the strength of the candidate’s academic record. Candidates for advanced degrees in environmental law are also reviewed for their demonstrated commitment to pursue a career in that field. Applications for all advanced degrees are reviewed by an admissions committee, and an interview may be required.

All LL.M. candidates are eligible for certificates in Environmental Law and International Law. These programs are authorized by the New York State Department of Education and certify that the holder has successfully demonstrated proficiency in the fundamentals of her or his chosen field.

For an application or further information on any of Pace’s programs please visit our website at www.law.pace.edu/graduate or contact:

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition during the 2006-07 year runs approximately $35,460 for full-time graduate students and $1,482 per credit for part-time students. This figure is expected to rise slightly next year. A small amount of financial aid may be available, but most graduate students are expected to arrange to finance their own program. Students are strongly encouraged to apply for outside grants. Additional information can be obtained at: http://law.pace.edu/adm/financial/index.html.
The Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Environmental Law at Pace draws lawyers from across the country and around the world. Participants in the program meet regularly with environmental law faculty while creating courses of study that fit their individual goals. Our LL.M. graduates are known worldwide as environmental law specialists and have formed an important network of graduate alumni.

Two tracks are available in the LL.M. program in Environmental Law, one for graduates of U.S. law schools and the other for non-U.S. educated lawyers. LL.M. candidates must complete at least three courses requiring a major research paper or may elect to prepare a master’s thesis with special permission. Candidates with a strong environmental science background may apply to substitute an elective in place of the Science for Environmental Lawyers course. Those who have taken a comprehensive environmental law course as part of a recent J.D. program may apply to waive the Environmental Law Survey course.

In addition to the three required LL.M. courses for Environmental Law candidates, students who are non-U.S. educated lawyers must also complete an Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Research course.

THE PACE ADVANTAGE

• Small classes guarantee personal attention
• Diverse selection of courses, tailored to fit individual career goals
• Accessible and approachable faculty
• Clinical, externship, and lawyering programs that expose students to the demands, constraints, and methods of deciding for themselves what has to be done and how to do it in the most ethical and prudent way
• Diverse students, professors, and ideas
• Alumni practicing across the country and around the globe
• Students who are serious about learning
• Supportive environment where students are committed to helping each other succeed

Pace S.J.D. graduates have taught at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Whitman Law School, Kuwait University, Hankook University in South Korea, and the Universidade Federal do Espirito Santo in Brazil.

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Pace Law School Offers Three Graduate Programs

DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (S.J.D.) IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Pace is one of only twenty-two law schools authorized to confer an S.J.D. and one of the very few to offer an S.J.D. in Environmental Law. An S.J.D. from Pace prepares legal scholars for the teaching of environmental law in the United States and abroad. Admission is highly competitive and requires completion of an LL.M. in Environmental Law with distinction either at Pace or at a comparable program at another law school.

Initially, candidates enroll in an S.J.D. tutorial. The tutorial includes a thorough introduction to design and theory of the environmental law curriculum, its bibliography and research tools, methods of teaching and applications in the field. Pace strongly recommends that candidates who have not taken an advanced seminar in the history and jurisprudence of environmental law or in comparative environmental law in their LL.M. studies do so for their S.J.D.

The primary focus of the S.J.D. is preparation of an original research thesis of publishable quality. The thesis is prepared under the direct guidance of one or more Pace environmental law professors who engage candidates in a close collegial relationship.

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