

Dear Prospective Student,

On behalf of Student Affairs, admissions, and OUTLAWS, the association of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and allied students, I would like to strongly encourage you to consider the University of Oregon for your law school career. In addition to being a prominent law school in many arenas such as environmental law and public interest law, the University of Oregon has many resources to offer students who identify as LGBTQ and those who are interested in studying LGBTQ law. In my research as a prospective law student, I found one commonality in the advice given for law school success: be yourself. Oregon Law will give you an opportunity to do that in ways other law schools simply do not.

First and foremost we have a welcoming law school community that actively seeks to support all of its members. As a community we are supported by the administration, the many student groups on campus, and the overall relaxed atmosphere at Oregon Law. As a lesbian, I have been overwhelmed by the comfort I have felt while being myself in this community. It has well exceeded my expectations.

Secondly, Oregon Law has an amazingly strong and vibrant LGBTQ student group (OUTLAWS). We are a very diverse, active, and fun group of LGBTQ students, professors, and allies organized to support each other, raise awareness of LGBTQ issues, and sponsor important events on and off campus. Every year, with the help of many on-campus organizations, we are able to send a large delegation to the Lavender Law Conference, the national conference of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association. This year we sent the largest law school delegation of any law school, and consequently, had the most fun! Please check out our website for more information, <http://www.law.uoregon.edu/org/outlaw/>, and feel free to contact any of us with questions.

The academic and clinical offerings at Oregon Law provide students many opportunities to learn and practice LGBTQ law. A number of first-year and elective courses address LGBTQ concerns, including Constitutional Law, Women and the Law, Family Law in the World Community, Domestic Violence seminar, and others. More specifically, our Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues seminar is taught every spring by Dom Vetri, a renowned scholar of Torts and GLBT legal issues, and a plaintiff in the Oregon gay marriage case. Finally, practical and clinical experience working in LGBTQ issues can be gained teaching StreetLaw, a student-run public education organization, working locally for Legal Aid, or by setting up clinical internships or externships with any number of organizations in Oregon and across the country that serve the LGBTQ community.

We strongly encourage you to learn more about the full range of opportunities available to you at Oregon Law and to apply for a place in the Class of 2009. To apply online, visit <http://www.law.uoregon.edu/admissions/index.php> or call (541) 346-3852 for a viewbook and application.

Best of luck in the law school admissions process!
Sincerely,

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