Columbia Law School
Self-Guided Tour
We are delighted that you have chosen to visit Columbia Law School. Touring our campus offers more than a sense of how to make your way from the classroom to the library; you will also see how you could, as a student, engage with faculty, your peers, and our community.

Our main Law School building is Jerome L. Greene Hall. Classrooms here are entirely refurbished and multimedia-equipped for everything from audiovisual presentations to video conferencing. In support of the Dean’s initiative to provide more welcoming and user-friendly spaces for students, the Law School recently renovated the building’s first floor.

Two other buildings, William C. Warren Hall and William and June Warren Hall, provide additional classroom, meeting, and administrative space. Lenfest Hall offers apartment-style living exclusively for our law students.

The current generation of Columbia Law School students now benefits from facilities whose quality matches the excellence of our renowned faculty, and from amenities and services as innovative as the Law School’s pioneering legal programs.
THIS TOUR BEGINS at William and June Warren Hall (WJ). Located on the northeast corner of Amsterdam Avenue at 115th Street, WJ is student-centric, servicing students’ needs and concerns. The building’s fifth floor houses departments crucial to every law student, including the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Registration Services, and Student Services. On the sixth floor, students can visit the Office of International Programs, where they can receive information and counseling about study abroad opportunities and a wide array of international internships, clerkships, and externships. WJ also houses the Office of Career Services and Professional Development (OCS), primarily responsible for private sector resources and opportunities. OCS can be found on the seventh floor. On the eighth floor, you can find the office of Social Justice Initiatives (SJI), our primary resource for students interested in public interest, government, and legal volunteer work. SJI hosts lectures and other programs on a wide range of public interest issues and connects students with jobs and pro bono opportunities in the public sector.
From WJ, head uptown one block to the Law School’s main building, Jerome L. Greene Hall, which is located at 435 West 116th Street, just east of Amsterdam Avenue. The first floor of Greene Hall — graced with a 37-foot-high ceiling — is home to most of the Law School’s core classrooms. The bulletin boards on this floor are dedicated to on-campus events and our 100-plus student organizations.

Take an elevator, or the Skadden Staircase in the east corridor, to the third floor. As you arrive at the top landing, you will see the library entrance across from the third floor elevators.

Columbia’s Diamond Law Library, which occupies space on the second through fourth floors of Greene, boasts over 400,000 titles in 65 different languages. The glass-enclosed room that cantilevers over the staircase is the Milton Handler Rare Books and Manuscripts Room, in which scholars examine the Law School’s many historical treasures, including original documents from the Nuremberg Tribunal and the South African Treason Trials.
PLEASE NOTE:
In order to tour the Diamond Law Library, a visitor’s pass is necessary. A visitor’s pass may be obtained at the Office of Admissions on the fifth floor of William and June Warren Hall.
To your left as you face the library’s entrance, you will notice Charles H. Revson Plaza — an outdoor common area and sculpture garden that bridges Amsterdam Avenue to connect the Law School with Columbia’s main campus. In good weather, many students find this to be one of the best places for studying or taking a break between classes.

Across from the library entrance is the Alan N. Cohen Student Information Center, a computer lab, with phone charging jacks, for students. To the right and down the stairs is the Donald G. Drapkin Student Lounge, a place for quiet reading that also serves as one of our popular event spaces. Following this hallway to the left, you will note more student lounge areas and the Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest Café, a convenient option for students, faculty, and staff to grab a bite to eat.

The fifth through ninth floors of Greene Hall house faculty and administrative offices and seminar rooms. The recently-added ninth floor houses a conference room with sweeping views of Manhattan, as well as offices for 38 faculty members.

Beginning on the eighth floor of Greene Hall — and extending through the ninth — are the
newly renovated facilities for the Law School’s Clinical Education Program. Offering real-world experience to our students and a service to our community, this space comprises conference and consultation facilities where law students meet with clients and confer on issues relating to their representation in a wide array of legal matters.

Across the street from Greene Hall’s main entrance on 116th Street is a small red-brick building known as the Greenhouse. It contains offices for several of the Law School’s academic journals (there are currently 14, including the American Review of International Arbitration, the Journal of Law and Social Problems, and the Columbia Business Law Review).

Just to the left of the Greenhouse is William C. Warren Hall, a modern, 10-story building home to the Columbia Law Review and administrative offices for the Law School, including the Business Office and Human Resources.

Thank you for visiting Columbia Law School. We encourage you to reach out with any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact us at 212-854-2670 or admissions@law.columbia.edu.
Columbia Law School traces its beginnings back to King’s College, as Columbia University was called at its founding in 1754. As the 18th century progressed, society came to recognize the wisdom of teaching law in a university setting, as opposed to solely through an office apprenticeship. In 1793, James Kent was named the first professor of law at King’s college, and his lectures were eventually published as the classic *Commentaries on American Law*.

Columbia Law School was officially founded on November 1, 1858, as a two-year program under the leadership of our first dean, Theodore Dwight. He continued to advocate the superiority of academic training over office instruction, which prevailed as the norm at the time. The early years of the 20th century saw a growing sophistication of legal scholarship, and Columbia expanded its curriculum to meet those needs. Today, Columbia Law School offers a very broad curriculum to meet the demands of a changing society, but continues to emphasize the fundamentals of law.
The Office of Admissions is located on the fifth floor of William and June Warren Hall, situated on the corner of Amsterdam Avenue and West 115th Street, and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A schedule of law classes you may visit can be obtained there or by consulting our website: www.law.columbia.edu/admissions/jd/

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