

# A Guide to the



# J.S.D. Policies & Procedures

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## WELCOME FROM DEAN REVESZ

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Welcome to one of the finest research and teaching institutions in the world. We are proud to offer you an in-depth portrayal of our J.S.D. Program and hope that you'll discover some of the unique attributes that make the NYU School of Law community an extraordinary place to study and a home of cutting-edge scholarship from which to launch an academic career in the U.S. or abroad.

Our educational goals go well beyond providing future scholars the best training in academic research, methodology and legal thought. To be sure, we are scrupulous about preparing our graduates to participate at the highest levels of the academic world and to contribute their unique perspective; we want them to have a redoubtable foundation on which to build an intellectually-demanding and satisfying career. But we also look to create what may be the most exciting and important years in the lives of doctoral students as they become part of NYU's vibrant intellectual community.

The J.S.D. Program is the centerpiece of NYU School of Law's commitment to path-breaking scholarship. As our doctoral candidates respond to the enormous challenges of legal academia, they are guided by our outstanding faculty—one of the most diverse in the nation—as well as an extraordinary peer group. We encourage our J.S.D. candidates to savor their time here, to make the most of inhabiting a place where creative, interdisciplinary thinking is nurtured. We urge the J.S.D. candidates to set high standards for themselves as scholars and expect that they will treat both their class time and their individual research time seriously. We ask them to view their fellow candidates—a varied and talented group of men and women—as colleagues, to learn from one another, and to truly appreciate being in each other's company. We are confident that this collegial approach to learning fosters rigorous and creative thinking and enables the formation of a rich dialog on which any serious scholarship is built. Moreover, the J.S.D. Program incorporates various opportunities for our doctoral candidates to interact with and be stimulated by the larger academic community at NYU; we insist that our J.S.D. candidates contribute their share too.

It doesn't hurt, of course, that we are located in Greenwich Village, one of the most vibrant intellectual pockets of the country. New York, a dynamic, cosmopolitan capital provides the ideal setting for our law school. The "Village" is a polyglot neighborhood that fosters our underlying philosophy that law and the study of law must serve the public at large, not just a narrow group of prosperous individuals. We encourage you to explore this focus by learning more about our on-campus initiatives including the different Programs, Colloquia, Institutes, & Centers.

The everyday exchanges at NYU School of Law, both inside and outside the classroom, along with the myriad events, activities, and encounters with exceptional people, combine for a rich academic and personal experience. It is a place where the mind flourishes. I know you will find that our J.S.D. Program is the best place to engage in serious legal scholarship and is the finest gate to the academic world.

Richard Revesz

Dean, NYU School of Law

## INTRODUCTION TO THE J.S.D. PROGRAM

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The J.S.D. degree program at New York University School of Law provides intense training in academic research primarily to those intending to pursue a career in academia. The program prepares students to produce first-class scholarship with a view to a teaching career in the U.S. and around the world. The commitment to this mission makes NYU School of Law one of the best points of entry into legal academia worldwide.

The J.S.D. is NYU School of Law's most advanced law degree. Only a very small number of students who demonstrate outstanding academic promise are admitted to J.S.D. candidacy. The articles and dissertations produced in the J.S.D. program are typically published in the most prominent law reviews, professional journals and notable publishing houses, and the program facilitates and inspires the creation of a dynamic intellectual community of scholars.

## THE J.S.D. PROGRAM: AT A GLANCE

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### *Year One – Pre-Candidacy*

- Complete one pre-approved course on each of the following:
  - the *evaluation* of legal rules and institutions
  - the *explanation* of legal rules and institutions
- Conduct preliminary research with a view toward consolidating research questions, hypotheses and methodology for the dissertation.
- Prepare and submit Candidacy Paper to Dissertation Supervisor to gain admission to the J.S.D. candidacy.
- Participate in the J.S.D. Forum.

### *Year Two*

- Continue to research and formulate theories for the dissertation, and begin drafting the dissertation.
- Complete one Law School Colloquium.
- Coordinate with Dissertation Supervisor to determine potential Dissertation Committee members; present recommendations to the Chair of the J.S.D. Committee; ensure appointment of such committee members.
- Participate in the J.S.D. Forum.

### *Year Three*

- Draft and revise the dissertation, supplementing with research as needed.
- Participate in the J.S.D. Forum.
- Defend the dissertation orally before the Dissertation Committee.

## J.S.D. PROGRAM FUNDING

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NYU School of Law has moved away from the concept of the self-funded J.S.D student. All students admitted to the J.S.D. program receive a scholarship equal to the amount of tuition and fees in addition to a stipend of \$24,000.00 USD per year for three years, conditional upon satisfactory academic progress (admission to candidacy, completion of coursework, and presentation and participation in the J.S.D. Forum). Maintenance of Matriculation and fees are covered by the tuition scholarship through the fifth year. In order to receive the tuition scholarship and stipend, J.S.D. students in their first through third years must reside in New York City from September through June. Summer residence (July and August) is not required. Summer employment in July & August is permitted but must be approved by the student's Dissertation Supervisor and by the Chairman of the J.S.D. Committee. **Students are responsible for all tuition and fees after the fourth year.**

The Committee will also admit students who have been awarded independent funding from a public organization or an academic or government institution. We encourage applicants to seek external funding. Students who receive funding from a third party will be eligible for an adjusted NYU stipend. If the amount of external funding is greater than half of the J.S.D. stipend, \$12,000.00 USD will be provided by the program; if the external funding amount is less than half of the J.S.D. stipend, the program will provide the full \$24,000.00 USD stipend. Students receiving outside funding will also receive a scholarship equal to the cost of tuition and fees through their fifth year.

Students are encouraged to maintain contact with the Office of Student Financial Services during their time at the Law School. The staff approaches student financial planning from a counseling perspective, recognizing that students bring different experiences, needs, and levels of financial sophistication to the process. Please visit their Web site, which contains comprehensive information about the various types of law school, federal, and private aid available: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/depts/financialaid>.

**NOTE: If a J.S.D. student takes courses beyond those required by the J.S.D. program, such student is responsible for the tuition and fees charged for those credits.**

## J.S.D. PROGRAM FEATURES: A CLOSER LOOK

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### *Dissertation*

To be awarded the J.S.D. degree, candidates must produce a dissertation, a significant scholarly work in a chosen field of study. This requirement will normally be fulfilled in the form of a monograph or book of 80,000 to 100,000 words in length. As an exception, and typically in the field of economic analysis of law, the dissertation requirement may be met through a series of substantial papers or law review articles. A candidate can only fulfill the dissertation requirement in this manner if granted prior approval by his or her Dissertation Supervisor and the J.S.D. Committee.

### *Appointing a Dissertation Defense Committee*

Once the J.S.D. candidate's supervisor confirms that the dissertation is ready for defense, a dissertation defense committee shall be appointed. The candidate, with the approval of his or her supervisor, should compile suggestions as to the composition of the dissertation defense committee and send these to the Chair of the J.S.D. Program. The Chair of the J.S.D. Program will then send invitations to the respective members of the defense committee. Once the members have confirmed their ability to participate in the defense committee, a copy of the dissertation will be circulated to them. The J.S.D. candidate's supervisor will be a member of the dissertation defense committee.

### ***Scheduling a Dissertation Defense Date***

The J.S.D. candidate's supervisor should coordinate a defense date with the members of the dissertation defense committee. The J.S.D. Program will defray the cost of attending from out of town incurred by dissertation defense committee members. Typically the dissertation defense takes place in a public forum and lasts about two hours.

After the defense, the dissertation defense committee should send the J.S.D. Committee a detailed report on the dissertation and the defense. This report is to be accompanied by a recommendation regarding whether the candidate should be awarded the degree, required to revise and resubmit their dissertation, or have their dissertation rejected. Upon receipt of this report, the J.S.D. Committee will review the recommendation and make a decision regarding the dissertation defense.

If the J.S.D. Committee decides to award a degree to a J.S.D. candidate who has successfully defended his or her dissertation, the decision will be communicated to the Dean of NYU School of Law as well as to the Department of Academic Services. The candidate will be eligible to receive his or her degree at the next commencement ceremony. The J.S.D. Committee will fund a celebratory toast for the graduate, their friends and their family on a date to be chosen by the J.S.D. graduate.

### ***The J.S.D. Forum***

The J.S.D. Forum, a central institution of the J.S.D. Program, offers an opportunity for J.S.D. students and candidates to present their work to their peers in a workshop format. Pursuit of the J.S.D. is an intensely individual enterprise, and the Forum enables the participants to reflect critically on their own research and writing, and to form a dynamic academic community which structures a serious forum for intellectual exchange. Participation in the Forum is expected of all J.S.D. students and candidates as it provides further training for the profession. It is hoped that the Forum itself creates an ethos for members of the J.S.D. community to work in smaller groups as well as to give feedback and support to one another as they draft their dissertations.

The J.S.D. Forum typically meets every other week each semester and is moderated by a member of the J.S.D. Committee. Each J.S.D. student and candidate, in consultation with his or her advisor, is encouraged to suggest possible commentators from among the Law School's faculty as well as NYU Fellows and Visiting Scholars. After the recommendations of the student or candidate have been submitted, the Chair of the J.S.D. Committee contacts and formally invites the commentator.

During the Forum, it is customary for student presenters to speak for the first twenty minutes of the session followed by the commentator; after this, the moderator opens the floor to discussion. All first through third year J.S.D. students and candidates, along with Visiting Doctoral Researchers, are required to attend each session.

## **THE J.S.D. PROGRAM: YEAR BY YEAR**

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### **THE FIRST YEAR**

#### ***Coursework***

A foundation in legal theory is the first step in writing a successful dissertation. Students are therefore required to register for two seminars that consider two aspects of legal theory:

- A seminar on evaluative theory, which considers questions that arise in the normative evaluation of legal rules and institutions. The seminar addresses those issues in ethics, political philosophy, and

legal philosophy that bear on the evaluation of legal rules and institutions. These issues include an introduction to basic classes of moral theories and to different theories of justice.

- A seminar on explanatory theory considers questions that arise in the explanation of legal rules and institutions. What explains the legal rules and institutions that we observe? What consequences do these rules and institutions have? Those questions will be considered in light of socio-legal theory, anthropology and historical and economical analysis.

**The seminars must be selected from a list of pre-approved courses available at the start of each academic year.** In most years, these will be especially designed for J.S.D. students, but will also be open to advanced J.D. and LL.M. students with permission. If the special seminars are not offered, you will select seminars from the Law School curriculum in consultation with your advisor and the Faculty Director.

The legal theories coursework requirement may be waived for those who have taken such courses during the LL.M. at NYU, with permission of the supervisor and the J.S.D. Committee. If a waiver is granted, students may enroll in a course in lieu of the waived course with permission of the supervisor and the J.S.D. Committee. If a student wishes to apply for a waiver, he or she must submit a complete and signed Waiver Request Form available at <http://www.law.nyu.edu/depts/acservices/downloads/index.html>.

### ***Candidacy Paper and Admission to J.S.D. Candidacy***

To formally be admitted to the J.S.D. candidacy, students must submit a candidacy paper to their Dissertation Supervisor which is presented to the J.S.D. Committee for review. This paper describes the proposed dissertation research, demonstrates the viability of the project as a dissertation, the student's scholarly progress, and ability to complete the doctoral thesis. The topic, scope, structure and content of the paper should be determined in consultation with the Dissertation Supervisor and should testify both to the student's ability as a researcher and to the viability of the research topic chosen. The format of the paper can be a detailed outline or prospectus, a dissertation chapter or an article, depending on what is most appropriate for the project, and provided it is sufficiently indicative of the viability of the project and the student's ability to complete it.

Unless specified otherwise by the Dissertation Supervisor, the length of the candidacy paper should be approximately 15,000-20,000 words, excluding footnotes. The word count must appear on the first page. It should be presented in a proper academic format with regard to references, quotations, footnotes, bibliography, table of contents, etc, and the text must be paginated throughout. The cover should bear the title of the prospectus and the provisional title of the dissertation, the student's name, the name of the supervisor, and the date.

The paper is due no later than June 15 of the student's first year. Ideally, the supervisor reviews an outline or draft of the paper by April 1 of the first year.

The J.S.D. student is to submit the final candidacy paper to his or her dissertation supervisor. The supervisor then reads the candidacy paper and forwards it to the J.S.D. Committee along with a report. The J.S.D. Committee appoints one of its members to review the paper and the supervisor's report. The J.S.D. Committee will then reach a decision as to whether the student will be admitted to formal J.S.D. candidacy, denied admission to candidacy, or permitted up to one semester to revise the candidacy paper and have it reevaluated. If the latter occurs, the student in question – although in residence – will not be eligible for J.S.D. funding during the revision period.

If the decision is negative, an appeal may be examined only on grounds of manifest arbitrariness, on grounds of procedural irregularity, or on grounds relating to nonacademic matters. The candidate may present the appeal to the faculty members of the Executive Committee of the Law School.

During the summer between the first and second year, J.S.D. students may attend the Agora as part of ATLAS – the Association of Transnational Law Schools fostering doctoral student research and collaboration. See page 17 for details.

## **THE SECOND YEAR**

Once admitted to candidacy, a candidate's experience at the Law School becomes much more individualized as most of his or her time is dedicated to research and writing. This stage generally requires a great amount of discipline and self-directed research. However, we have built in opportunities for candidates to continue to interact and be stimulated by the larger academic community.

### ***Law School Colloquia***

In the second year, students are required to register for one Law School Colloquium. Colloquia—essentially research workshops—permit students to interact with faculty and experts from around the world. Each week, students and faculty meet to discuss recent scholarship by an authority in the field, who will present his or her work to the group. It is an opportunity for students and professors to exchange ideas freely in a rigorous exploration of a legal discipline. In addition, students typically prepare written comments on the text presented, which helps to strengthen their critical analysis skills. Candidates who have completed a colloquium during the course of their NYU LL.M. degree may waive this requirement with permission of their Dissertation Supervisor and the Chair of the J.S.D. Committee. If a student wishes to apply for a waiver, he or she must submit a complete and signed Waiver Request Form prior to registering for courses (form available at <http://www.law.nyu.edu/depts/acservices/downloads/index.html>).

### ***Appointment of Dissertation Committee***

Collaborating with their Dissertation Supervisors, second year J.S.D. students may propose two faculty members from NYU or from another institution in addition to their Dissertation Supervisor, to serve on their Dissertation Committee. Such selection must also be approved by the J.S.D. Committee. Once the recommendations of the student and the Dissertation Supervisor have been finalized, the Chair of the J.S.D. Committee contacts and formally appoints the members of the Dissertation Committee. Committee members who are not on faculty at NYU will receive a symbolic honorarium of \$250.00 USD.

When considering possible committee members, students should keep in mind that committee members are intended to be valuable resources to them as they engage in the process of preparing their dissertation. As such, it is important for students to target individuals who maintain some interest and competence in their field of study.

**During the summer between the second and third year, J.S.D. students may attend the Agora as part of ATLAS—an Association of Transnational Law Schools fostering doctoral student research and collaboration. See page 17 for details.**

## **THE THIRD YEAR**

### ***Oral Dissertation Defense***

It is expected that candidates defend their dissertations orally, *viva voce*, before their Dissertation Committee upon completion of their dissertation. The oral defense can only be scheduled if at least a majority of the Dissertation Committee, after reading the dissertation, believes that it is of sufficient quality to receive the degree. The Chairman of the Dissertation Committee should write a one to two page report recommending the candidate for the oral defense. If the Dissertation Committee is not in agreement on whether the dissertation is of sufficient quality to receive the degree, then the J.S.D. Committee will make a determination.

Candidates must contact the J.S.D. Office to request that the defense be scheduled, and provide the names of the committee members, the date desired for the defense, and the title of the dissertation. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that the Dissertation Committee members are available on a given date. The candidate must also submit one electronic copy and two hard copies of the dissertation to the J.S.D. Office; at least one should be unbound so as to facilitate additional copying.

The time of the dissertation defense is publicly announced and members of the faculty, especially those working in fields related to the candidate's work, are encouraged to attend the defense and participate in questioning the candidate.

At the defense, the candidate is expected to make a twenty to thirty minute presentation of the central thesis of his or her dissertation. This shall be followed by two rounds of questioning by the Dissertation Committee. At the discretion of the supervisor, questions might be taken from the public. Thereafter, the candidate and members of the public will withdraw while the committee shall discuss the defense in the interest of composing a recommendation to the J.S.D. Committee.

### ***Awarding of the Degree***

After the oral defense the Dissertation Committee submits a recommendation to the J.S.D. Committee regarding whether to award the degree, reject the dissertation, or require revision and re-submission of the dissertation. The final decision is in the hands of the J.S.D. Committee.

If the J.S.D. Committee decides to award a degree to a J.S.D. candidate who has successfully defended his or her dissertation, the decision will be communicated to the Dean of NYU School of Law as well as to the Department of Academic Services. The candidate will be eligible to receive his or her degree at the next commencement ceremony. The J.S.D. Committee will fund a celebratory toast for the graduate, their friends and their family on a date to be chosen by the J.S.D. graduate.

### ***Final Submission of the Dissertation***

Once a candidate has passed the oral defense, he or she must turn in three bound copies of the final dissertation to the J.S.D. Officer. Upon receipt of these materials, the J.S.D. Officer shall inform the Registrar of the doctoral recipient's graduation. Doctoral recipients should ensure that the dissertation is free of errors and that any suggestions made by the Dissertation Committee have been incorporated.

## **BEYOND THE THIRD YEAR**

The J.S.D. Program is designed to be completed in three years. Because funding is not available after the third year, candidates should plan their time in such a way as to enable completion in three years. However, circumstances may arise that require candidates to continue in the Program after the third year. If this becomes the case, a candidate should notify the J.S.D. Committee in writing no later than **June 15** of the **third year**, and state the reasons for not having completed his or her thesis within three years of enrollment in the program. This request must also include a plan for completion of the degree and a statement of support from the candidate's supervisor. Requests for extensions of enrollment beyond the first three years will be considered one year at a time only. While those granted extensions are entitled to remain in residency as post-stipendiary candidates, **eligibility for the J.S.D. degree expires after five years.**

## **OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

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### ***Time to Complete Degree***

J.S.D. students have a maximum of five years in which to complete their degree. Eligibility for the J.S.D. degree terminates after five years.

### ***Residency Requirement***

J.S.D. students and candidates in their first through third years must reside in New York City from September through June. Summer residence (July and August) is not required.

### ***Maintenance of Matriculation***

All students must maintain full-time equivalency during the entire duration of the J.S.D. degree program. Following the completion of all coursework requirements during the first and second year of the J.S.D. program, the J.S.D. Office registers students for "Maintenance of Matriculation," a registration code which enables candidates to maintain access to University resources through degree completion. Maintenance of Matriculation and fees are covered by the Tuition Scholarship through the fourth year. After the fourth year, candidates are responsible for all tuition and fees, including Maintenance of Matriculation fees.

### ***Leaves of Absence***

**No leaves of absence will be granted during a student or candidate's time in the program.** Should a personal circumstance arise that could merit such a request, students or candidates can leave the program entirely. If they wish to re-enter, they must reapply thereafter.

### ***Visa Matters***

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) requires that international students or candidates provide notification if they will be writing their dissertation in their home country or if they will be in and out of the United States each semester. If the student or candidate will not be in the U.S. for more than five months at a time, OISS must change his or her immigration status to "studying/researching abroad" in the appropriate databases. This will terminate the student or candidate's status in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security SEVIS database. If the student or candidate returns to the U.S. in order to continue his or her research and writing, he or she will be required to contact the OISS and apply for a new I-20 visa.

### ***Enrollment in non-J.S.D. courses***

J.S.D. students and candidates are permitted to enroll in courses outside of the J.S.D. program and are permitted to request permission to audit Law School courses or seminars. However, given that the

requirements of the J.S.D. program alone are quite demanding, it is expected that a majority of a J.S.D. student or candidate's time is spent on program requirements and the research and development of their dissertations. **Loading a schedule with non-J.S.D. courses is strongly discouraged.**

**As noted above, the tuition scholarship does not cover the cost of non-J.S.D. program courses. Students wishing to enroll in additional courses for credit are responsible for the tuition incurred.**

## **ACADEMIC LIFE**

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J.S.D. students and candidates are an integral part of the Law School community. Thus, all enrolled in the J.S.D. program are invited to participate in many academic and social events that are hosted by the Global Law School Program and its affiliates, such as conferences, workshops, faculty fora, and events designated especially for J.S.D. students, candidates and other NYU Fellows and Scholars.

J.S.D. students and candidates also work as teaching assistants, research assistants, and co-teachers throughout the University. In addition, NYU School of Law encourages J.S.D. students and candidates to present their work at various conferences and academic fora all over the world.

### ***J.S.D. Methodology Sessions***

Several sessions devoted to better familiarizing J.S.D. students and candidates with various scholarly methodologies are organized during the academic year. The goal of these seminars is to expose students and candidates to different methods of crafting scholarly legal arguments, with a view to enriching the quality of their dissertations. Each seminar is led by a faculty member and attended by J.S.D. students, candidates and Visiting Doctoral Researchers. All first through third year J.S.D. students and candidates, along with Visiting Doctoral Researchers, are required to attend each session.

### ***ATLAS***

NYU School of Law is a founding partner of the Association of Transnational Law Schools (ATLAS), a consortium of institutions of higher education from around the globe. ATLAS is dedicated to the intellectual formation of highly talented doctoral students and the fostering of reflection and research on issues broadly related, but not limited, to comparative legal and regulatory responses to various forces of globalization, international governance challenges and the evolution of transnational law.

The centerpiece of this initiative is the Agora, an event lasting two weeks held every summer that includes both taught courses and Dissertation Research Seminars comprised of small groups of 10-12 students with synergistic dissertation topics. The Agora is structured around a Cooperative Graduate Programming model that fosters collaborative learning and exchange among doctoral student participants. This unique model aims to produce outstanding doctoral dissertations and resulting publications, as well as foster a transnational community of doctoral candidates and scholars.

Each partner institution may send six students to the Agora each summer, and J.S.D. candidates will be eligible to attend. ATLAS seeks students with a strong record of academic excellence, serious potential to produce an outstanding dissertation, and reasonable prospects to make a significant contribution to knowledge, scholarship, and/or public policy in their post-doctoral career. ATLAS is not a degree-granting institution; rather, it serves as an innovative framework for doctoral education and research development at each of the partner institutions.

The J.S.D. Office will cover the costs of attending the Agora up to a certain ceiling, with the specific amount to be determined for each respective Agora. The venue of the Agora will rotate annually among the

following partner institutions: Osgoode Hall Law School (Toronto), London School of Economics and Political Science, New York University, Universidad de Deusto (Bilbao), Universite de Montreal, University of Melbourne, University of Cape Town, Bucerius Law School (Hamburg) and Bar-Ilan University (Tel Aviv). The National University of Singapore will become the tenth ATLAS partner institution in 2010.

### ***ExpressO***

J.S.D. students that wish to submit manuscripts for publication in law reviews may do so through the online service ExpressO. You can submit articles electronically to over 500 law reviews by logging in with your @nyu.edu email account at <http://law.bepress.com/expresso/>

The J.S.D. Office will co-pay up to \$100.00 USD per student, and you should submit articles to all prospective journals at once. We will only match funding, i.e. for every dollar charged to your account, we will match one dollar up to a maximum of \$100.00 USD. If you incur charges of \$120.00 USD, you must pay \$60.00 USD and the J.S.D. Office will pay \$60.00 USD. If you incur charges of \$300.00 USD, the J.S.D. Office will pay \$100.00 USD and you are responsible for \$200.00 USD. All payments must be made by check to NYU School of Law within one month of usage.

### ***Travel and Conferences***

Students are encouraged to submit papers for presentation at conferences and other academic fora. The J.S.D. Office will match funding for travel and other conference related expenses up to \$250.00 USD per academic year for J.S.D. candidates (those who have been admitted into candidacy).

### ***Career Services***

NYU School of Law has the most extensive and intensive career counseling and placement program of any law school in the country, designed to provide students with knowledge of, and an opportunity to explore, a wide range of career choices in the United States and around the world.

For J.S.D. candidates who are interested in becoming law professors, the Law School provides the guidance of the Academic Careers Program ("The ACP"). The ACP is designed to help prepare NYU students and graduates for careers in legal academia by providing information, training, and encouragement throughout their time at NYU in general and during the process of entering the academic job market in particular. While the ACP's primary focus is on law teaching positions within the United States, it is pleased to assist students who seek positions in other countries as well.

If you intend to pursue a career in law teaching, your first step should be to access the ACP website, at [its.law.nyu.edu/acp/content](http://its.law.nyu.edu/acp/content), and complete the ACP registration form. The registration form allows the ACP to personalize the support you receive, and to contact you about relevant upcoming events and employment opportunities. In addition, it serves as a guide to building the credentials that are important to a law school appointments committee.

Once you have registered with ACP, you will be able to review the ACP website. The website provides information regarding the legal academic market, relevant credentials, and the importance of publishing. The website also discusses how to develop a scholarly agenda, refine your writing, and get your articles published. Finally, if you plan to attend the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference,<sup>1</sup> the website contains information about the registration process, required materials, the conference, and the interview process.

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<sup>1</sup> The Association of American Law Schools (AALS) facilitates the process by which the vast majority of entry level law professors are hired within the United States. The central event in this process is the yearly AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference, in which law schools interview hundreds of candidates in order to determine who will be invited by for a full day of interviews.

The Academic Careers Program also provides counseling and conducts a number of programs ranging from a basic introduction to the law teaching market to a full day of workshops for each year's law teaching candidates. NYU School of Law is confident no other law school in the United States provides more resources for students interested in becoming law professors.

Our graduates obtain positions in the faculties of the finest law schools worldwide. In many cases, substantive experience in the legal world is essential to a successful entry into the academic world, and NYU School of Law assists students with these opportunities as well. NYU School of Law is pleased to assist J.S.D. students with applying to judicial clerkships. Our graduates have clerked at the United States Supreme Court, the International Court of Justice in The Hague, and other prestigious clerkships across the globe. The availability of clerkship opportunities in the U.S. for international J.S.D. students will depend largely on treaty agreements between the U.S. and the student's home country. The Office of Career Services and the Public Interest Law Center offer individual counseling sessions and also invite J.S.D. students to participate in career panels, job search workshops and practice interview programs.

## **HOUSING & HEALTH INSURANCE**

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### ***Housing***

The Department of Residence Services, comprised of the Office of Residential Life and the Office of Facilities Services, strives to provide an environment which supports each student's studies at the law school through well-maintained facilities, community-enhancing activities, and policies and procedures that are comprehensive, easily understood, and equitable. The Department works to create an atmosphere where learning is fostered, diversity is embraced, and mutual respect for all members of the community is cultivated.

Students are offered the opportunity to live in a community-centered residence in a variety of living arrangements. Most incoming law students who request housing can be accommodated in one of two high-rise and three low-rise buildings. In contrast to most conventional dormitories, housing is apartment style. Most students are housed in a private bedroom in a two or three bedroom apartment. Family housing and one-person accommodations (studios and one-bedroom apartments) are available but limited in quantity.

As long as all payment and application deadlines are met, housing is virtually guaranteed for all entering students. Students are encouraged to apply online for on-campus housing. One may visit their Web site for complete information about housing options at <http://www.law.nyu.edu/depts/housing/index.html>.

### ***Health Insurance***

All students in residency at the University are required to purchase NYU health insurance or obtain a waiver by providing proof of other insurance. Students who continue in the J.S.D. program beyond the third year and are not in residency in the United States are not required to have health insurance.

## **J.S.D. PROGRAM GOVERNANCE & STAFF**

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### ***Faculty Director***

The Faculty Director chairs the J.S.D. Committee. The Faculty Director is responsible for overseeing the J.S.D. Forum, assisting students with the identification of dissertation committee members, providing academic advice to all students and candidates in the program, and offering assistance with the academic job search.

### ***The J.S.D. Committee***

The J.S.D. Committee is appointed by the Dean of the Law School to offer admission to applicants to the J.S.D. program, approve the passage of students to J.S.D. candidacy after the first year, consider requests for exceptions to policies, and award the J.S.D. degree.

### ***The J.S.D. Officer***

The J.S.D. Officer is appointed by the Faculty Director and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the program. He or she may be contacted at [JSD@exchange.law.nyu.edu](mailto:JSD@exchange.law.nyu.edu).

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