Creighton University School of Law  
Fact Sheet

Overview:
Founded in 1904, the Creighton University School of Law enrolls about 470 students, who are taught by 63 full and part-time professors, along with 10 legal writing faculty.

Faculty:

- Eric A. Chiappinelli, J. D., serves as dean.

- There are three endowed chairs and two endowed professorships in the School of Law. The endowed chairs are:
  - The A.A. and Ethel Yossem Endowed Chair in Legal Ethics
  - R. Collin Mangrum, S.J.D.
  - The Connie Kearney Endowed Chair in Clinical Legal Education, Catherine Mahern, J.D.
  - The McGrath North Mullin & Kratz Endowed Chair in Business Law, Edward A. Morse, J.D.

- Creighton students have the opportunity to take a seminar class taught by Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Clarence Thomas and G. Michael Fenner, James L. Koley '54 Professor of Constitutional Law. Offered every other year, the class provides students the rare opportunity to discuss constitutional law and interact with a Supreme Court justice.

- Creighton’s School of Law hosts lectures by nationally prominent attorneys, government officials and other special presenters. Such speakers as Justice Clarence Thomas (United States Supreme Court), The Honorable Raid Juhi al Saedi (Iraqi High Tribunal), Theodore Shaw (direct counsel and president of NAACP legal defense and education fund), John Paul Lederach (Notre Dame), Charles Ogletree (Harvard), Geoffrey Stone (Chicago) and Kenneth Roth (Executive Director of Human Rights Watch) have presented at the school in recent years.

Students:

- For the 2008-09 class, nearly 1,092 applied—about seven applications for every seat in the entering class.

- About 62 percent of law students are from states other than Nebraska.

- In 2007-08, the student population was 40 percent female, 60 percent male, and 10 percent minority.

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• Creighton Law School has a new student exchange program with Universidad Pontifica Comillas de Madrid, a Jesuit university with a law program, located in Madrid, Spain. Two students from Spain studied in Omaha in the fall of 2007 and one Creighton law student will study in Madrid in the fall of 2008. Two Spanish students intend to study at Creighton in the fall of 2008.

Alumni:
• Of graduates seeking employment upon graduation in 2007, 74 percent were employed at graduation; 98 percent were employed within nine months of graduation; 57 percent were employed in Nebraska; 43 percent were employed out of state; and, students secured employment in 20 different states.
• The Nebraska bar pass rate for Creighton’s class of 2007 was 94 percent for first-time test takers. In Iowa, Creighton also had a 94 percent pass rate for first time test takers.

Points of Pride:
• In 2008, Creighton University School of Law climbed to the rank of 12th in the nation among the nearly 200 law schools offering dispute resolution program, according to the U.S. News & World Report’s assessment of America’s Best Graduate Schools.

• One of our most innovative programs, the Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution was established in 2005 thanks to the generous gift and vision from the C.L. Werner family. This prestigious program is a national leader in advancing the field of conflict resolution. The Institute supports the mission of Creighton and builds a bridge between the field of conflict and the issues faced by people in an increasingly complex world.

• Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic and the Community Economic Development Law Clinic provide much-needed services to the community while providing “hands-on” learning opportunities for Creighton students. In 2008, the Community Economic Development Clinic was awarded $149,419 from USDA Rural Development to provide small, rural businesses in Nebraska and Iowa with affordable legal assistance on business law issues.

• The Law School was awarded a grant from the United States Agency for International Development’s Cuba Transition to Democracy Program to build a working model for a post-Castro bilateral Cuba-U.S. Property Claims Settlement Tribunal. The completed report outlining that model was presented in a teleconference on October 4, 2007.

• In 2008, the Creighton University School of Law won, for the third consecutive year, the Midwest Regional of the International Trademarks Association Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition.

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