Creighton University School of Law
Fact Sheet

Overview:
Creighton University School of Law, founded in 1904, enrolls about 450 students who are taught by 69 full- and part-time faculty members.

Faculty:
- Marianne B. Culhane, J.D. serves as dean.

- The School of Law has four endowed chairs and two endowed professorships. The endowed chairs are:
  - The A.A. and Ethel Yossem Chair in Legal Ethics, held by R. Collin Mangrum, S.J.D.
  - The Connie Kearney Chair in Clinical Legal Education, held by Catherine Mahern, J.D.
  - The McGrath North Mullin & Kratz Chair in Business Law, held by Edward A. Morse, J.D.
  - The Senator Allen A. Sekt Chair in Law, held by Ralph U. Whitten, B.B.A., J. D., LL. M.
  - The James L. Koley, JD’54 Professorship in Constitutional Law, held by G. Michael Fenner, J.D.
  - The Frank J. Kellegher Professorship of Trusts and Estates, held by Ronald R. Volkmer J.D., LL.M.

- Creighton students may take a seminar taught by Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court Clarence Thomas and Michael Fenner, the James L. Koley Professor of Constitutional Law. Offered every other year, the class provides a rare opportunity for face-to-face discussion of constitutional law with a Supreme Court justice.

- The Law School hosts lectures by internationally renowned speakers. Recent presenters include U.S. Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito; Judges Dragoljub Popovic (European Court of Human Rights) and Michael J. Davis (U.S. Intelligence Surveillance Court); professors Thomas D. Morgan (George Washington University), John Paul Lederach (University of Notre Dame), Andrew Morriss (University of Illinois), Charles Ogletree (Harvard University), Geoffrey Stone (University of Chicago), Richard De Mulder (Erasmus University, the Netherlands); as well as Theodore Shaw (President of NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund) and Kenneth Roth (Executive Director of Human Rights Watch).

Students:
- More than 1,300 students applied for the 2010-2011 freshman class. There are 10 applications for every seat in the entering class.

- Approximately 61 percent of Creighton law students are from states other than Nebraska.
In 2009-10, the student population was 42 percent female, 58 percent male and 10 percent minority.

The Creighton School of Law has a law student exchange program with Universidad Pontifica Comillas, a Jesuit university in Madrid, Spain.

Alumni:

- Among 2009 graduates, 57 percent were employed at the time of graduation. Nine months later, 91.5 percent were either employed or enrolled in a full-time degree program. Of those graduates, 51 percent were employed in Nebraska; 49 percent were employed outside of Nebraska. Students found jobs in 23 different states.

- Of Creighton's class of 2009, 92 percent passed the bar exam on their first try.

Points of Pride:

- The law school recently announced a new joint degree program degree geared to the growing needs of government for highly qualified lawyers. In just three years, Creighton law students can earn both a Juris Doctorate and a Master of Science degree in Government Organization and Leadership (GOAL). A central feature of the program is a Washington, D.C.-based semester that would include a full-time federal government externship.

- The nationally recognized Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, now in its fifth year, is drawing many students to its master's degree programs as well as offering law students the opportunity to earn both a Juris Doctorate and an Master of Science in Dispute Resolution in three years.

- The law school helps its students gain experience in public interest law. Each year the Creighton Fund for Clerkships in the Public Interest (CFCPI) provides summer grants to first- and second-year students who accept unpaid summer externships with government and non-profit entities. In 2010, the program funded 48 students who worked in eight states.

- The law school has extensive course offerings in trial practice and appellate advocacy, as well as competitions and teams. In 2009-10, student teams participated in more than a dozen regional and national trial, moot court, client counseling and negotiations competitions.

- The Law School has a significant and growing externship program. In 2009-10, 57 students completed externships, including some in Washington, D.C. and Germany.

- The Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic and the Community Economic Development (CED) Clinic provide valuable community service to low-income persons and give students a "hands-on" learning environment. In 2009-10, students in the Abrahams Legal Clinic provided advice and referrals to more than 1,100 low-income persons and
represented 112 individuals in cases ranging from administrative hearings to appellate arguments, in matters as varied as the preservation of a housing subsidy and a breach of contract. The CED clinic assisted more than 63 micro-entrepreneurs in the formation of a business and advised clients on regulations affecting their business, which resulted in the creation or retention of 71 jobs. The CED Clinic conducted 20 workshops throughout the state, attended by over 1,000 persons.

- The Service and Justice Fund supports law school programs that help law students build a foundation of moral values for lifelong service and develops their whole person through discernment, community service and outreach to those in need. These programs include the Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) the legal clinics and the Kutak Loan Repayment Assistance Program.