The M.S.J. Degree Program at Seton Hall Law

The legal and regulatory challenges for professionals in health care, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, information technology and telecommunications have never been greater. Nor have the opportunities.

Seton Hall Law School’s Master of Science Degree in Jurisprudence (M.S.J.) provides professionals with a solid foundation in the increasingly complex legal aspects of these heavily regulated industries. Students can concentrate in Health Law, Intellectual Property Law, or both.

The M.S.J. degree is unique in that it provides a rigorous grounding in the law for students who do not want to become lawyers, but do want to use the law to enhance their effectiveness and marketability in a primarily non-legal career. Combining this degree with their professional experiences, M.S.J. graduates find success in a broad spectrum of positions — compliance officers, contract analysts, health care administrators, nurse managers, patent/trademark assistants, pharmaceutical financial analysts, quality assurance managers, supervisors, clinical operations directors and risk managers.

M.S.J. degree candidates learn to think and write like lawyers. They take courses with Seton Hall Law’s renowned faculty, often alongside students studying to be attorneys. M.S.J. classes are held in the evenings to accommodate the work schedules of busy professionals.
**M.S.J. Track in Health Law**

Emerging health care technologies and medical breakthroughs raise a host of legal, ethical, policy and practical questions for health care providers, businesses, patients and regulators.

Seton Hall Law offers one of the nation’s top-ranked Health Law programs in which students explore the complex and rapidly changing legal issues that affect the finance and delivery of health care. The M.S.J. degree in Health Law is offered through the Seton Hall Law Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy, a leading center for research and scholarship.

**M.S.J. Track in Intellectual Property Law**

There is a persistent demand for intellectual property (IP) law expertise in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, telecommunications, cybersecurity and information technology industries. IP law has grown increasingly complex as advances in science and technology have changed our lives and how we do business. An M.S.J. degree with a specialization in IP law can give professionals the tools and knowledge they need to anticipate and respond to these challenges effectively.

Seton Hall Law is dedicated to IP law and offers one of the broadest selections of IP courses in the entire country. The M.S.J. degree in IP Law is administered under the auspices of the Gibbons Institute of Law, Science & Technology, a center of excellence within the Law School.
The M.S.J. Academic Program

The M.S.J. degree comprises 30 credits. Students have up to six years in which to complete their course work. Full-time M.S.J. students complete the program in one year; part-time students typically complete the program in two years. M.S.J. students do not take the Bar Exam.

M.S.J. students are required to begin their studies during summer session, typically June 1 to July 20. (Please visit law.shu.edu to verify the academic calendar.) Courses are offered in the evenings for the convenience of working professionals. The number of students in the M.S.J. program varies, with 25 to 35 students enrolling each year.

M.S.J. Curriculum

All M.S.J. students are required to take:
1. The Legal System, Research and Writing I
2. The Legal System, Research and Writing II
3. Business Law Survey

Dual Track Health Law and Intellectual Property Law Requirements:
1. Health Law for M.S.J.’s: Health Care Organizations
2. Health Law for M.S.J.’s: Patient Rights & Public Health
3. Intellectual Property Law
4. Copyright Law, or Trademark Law, or Patent Law
5. Constitutional Law

Intellectual Property Law Track Requirements:
1. Intellectual Property Law
2. Copyright Law or Trademark Law or Patent Law
3. Constitutional Law or Health Law for M.S.J.’s: Health Care Organizations

Health Law Track Requirements:
1. Health Law for M.S.J.’s: Health Care Organizations
2. Health Law for M.S.J.’s: Patient Rights & Public Health
3. Constitutional Law or Intellectual Property Law

Remaining credits are satisfied through a rotating series of advanced courses and seminars.
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HEALTH LAW COURSES:
- Administrative Law
- Antitrust and the Life Sciences
- Biotechnology and the Law
- Disability Law
- Drug & Device Liability
  Law & Policy
- Food and Drug Law
- Global Public Health and
  Intellectual Property Law
- Health Care Finance
- Health Care Fraud and Abuse
- Health Law Governance
- HIPAA and Health Privacy
- Information Privacy Law
- Law and Genetics
- The Law of Death & Dying
- The Law of Emerging Technologies
- Medical Malpractice
- Mental Health Law
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Pharmaceutical and Medical
  Device Marketing and Compliance
- Products Liability
- Public Health Law
- Regulating Research
  with Human Subjects

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW COURSES:
- Administrative Law
- Antitrust and the Life Sciences
- Biotechnology and the Law
- Communications Law and Policy
- Copyright
- Cybersecurity
- Electronic Commerce
- Global Public Health and
  Intellectual Property Law
- Information Privacy Law
- Intellectual Property Licensing
- Internet Law
- Law and Genetics
- The Law of Emerging Technologies
- Mass Media Law
- Patent Application Preparation and Prosecution
- Patent Claim Drafting
- Patent Law
- Second Life: Law and Practice in Virtual Communities
- Technology, Human Rights & Equality
- Trademark Registration
- Trademark and Unfair Competition

“Seton Hall Law School’s M.S.J. program was a natural fit given my areas of responsibility in risk management, regulatory compliance, bioethics and other areas that involve health law.”

— Mary Lund, M.S.J. ’09
Vice President of Risk Management and Quality Services
Somerset Medical Center
**The Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy**

Government officials, doctors, hospitals and scientists rely on Seton Hall Law’s Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy for its expertise in health care finance, corporate compliance, and corporate governance and ethics. The Center educates lawyers and health care industry professionals regarding the intricate and multifaceted set of laws that govern patients, health care providers, manufacturers and suppliers.

Center faculty and researchers produce scholarship and policy recommendations that detail what the law is, as well as what it should be. As part of its educational mission, the Center is also a leader in providing domestic and international compliance education and training. These programs address the wide-ranging state, federal and international mandates that apply to the development, safety, use and promotion of, and reimbursement for, drugs and devices throughout the world.


For more information about the Center visit [law.shu.edu/CenterforHealth](http://law.shu.edu/CenterforHealth).

**M.S.J. Application Information**

Candidates seeking admission to the M.S.J. Program must have at least a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university, or the foreign equivalent. The admissions committee prefers candidates who have professional experience in the health, technology, pharmaceutical or biotechnology industries. Decisions are based on quality of undergraduate performance, ability to do superior work and above-average writing skills. Candidates are not required to take pre-admission tests such as the LSAT, GRE or GMAT.

Enrollment commences with a summer class, The Legal System, Research and Writing, followed by two courses in the fall semester. Students who do not successfully complete the summer course may not continue in the program.

Candidates interested in applying to the M.S.J. program may fill out the M.S.J. Application online at [law.shu.edu/MSJ](http://law.shu.edu/MSJ). Candidates may contact the Office of Graduate Programs at 973-642-8871 to request additional information and current tuition rates.

The application deadline for the M.S.J. class is April 1 with late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis. Orientation is held at the end of May. A non-refundable application fee of $60 is required with the application.

For more information visit [law.shu.edu/MSJ](http://law.shu.edu/MSJ)
The Gibbons Institute of Law, Science & Technology

The Seton Hall Law Gibbons Institute of Law, Science & Technology is a leading center of learning – educating and training the next generation of attorneys and professionals for the complex issues they face as scientific and technological advances challenge business, law and legal institutions.

The Gibbons Institute is a center of excellence. Through its curriculum, faculty scholarship, symposia and continuing education programming, the Gibbons Institute provides a forum for lawyers, judges, scientists and government officials to explore the legal, political and social implications and opportunities that arise as technology transforms our lives and our livelihoods.

The Gibbons Institute draws on the expertise of global industry leaders and top intellectual property law practitioners — combining their practical experience with the scholarly expertise of Seton Hall Law’s faculty in both the classroom and a regular series of forums, colloquia and events open to all Seton Hall Law students to expand both their education and their professional networks.

For more information visit law.shu.edu/GibbonsInstitute.

“I chose Seton Hall for its great IP program but when my career shifted to health care, I was able to take advantage of the Law School’s fantastic health law curriculum as well. My courses prepared me well for this career which straddles the fields of law, technology and health care.”

— Gregory Michaels, M.S.J. ’08
Director, Security and Compliance
BluePrint Healthcare IT
Tuition and Financial Assistance

Tuition information for the M.S.J. degree may be found at law.shu.edu/MSJ. Financial aid assistance is available through the Federal Stafford Loan Program and/or private loans.

To be considered for financial aid, individuals who have been accepted into the M.S.J. program must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), found online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Upon receipt of the FAFSA information, Seton Hall Law’s Office of Financial Resource Management will review the student’s eligibility and send an award notice. Part-time students need to take at least six credits a semester (five in the summer semester) to be eligible for financial aid assistance. For more information, please call the Office of Financial Resource Management at 973-642-8744.

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Seton Hall Law faculty are among the world’s leading legal scholars, bringing perspectives and insights shaped by their own real-world experiences gained as advisors to global policymakers and national legislators, as leaders in business and the legal profession, and as academicians in a variety of disciplines. They bring that experience to the classroom, supplementing legal doctrine with hands-on, skills-based training. More important, they are dedicated to the individual success of each Seton Hall Law student. Classmates, administrators and alumni will extend your current professional network, enabling you to draw on those relationships throughout your career.

David Barnes
Seton Hall University Distinguished Research Professor of Law

Professor David “Jake” Barnes’ research and scholarship is multifaceted: he has published casebooks, treatises and articles in a wide array of legal disciplines, but often combines his doctoral study of economics with the law. Professor Barnes has authored a casebook on intellectual property and has focused on economics and trademark, misappropriation of trademark, the defense of fair use in trademark, and secondary copyright liability. He has also devoted scholarship to statistical analyses in, and of, litigation, as well as general acceptance versus scientific soundness as criteria for admissibility.

Gaia Bernstein
Professor of Law and Margaret Gilhooley Research Fellow

Professor Gaia Bernstein specializes in law and technology theory, intellectual property, law and genetics, information privacy, Internet law, reproductive technologies and family law. In 2009 her work was selected for the Stanford-Yale Junior Faculty Forum; the Junior-Senior Scholars Intellectual Property and Communications Workshop, Michigan State University School of Law; and the Junior Professors’ May Gathering, University of Virginia School of Law. Her current scholarship focuses on the interrelations among technology, law and society, examining the diffusion processes of new technologies, including both medical and communications technologies.
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Kathleen M. Boozang
Professor of Law

Dean Kathleen Boozang focuses her current research and teaching on the legal and policy issues related to the global pharmaceutical and medical technology industries. She also continues her career-long work related to nonprofit hospitals, particularly those with a Catholic affiliation. She is a Fellow to The Hastings Center and a Fellow to the American Bar Foundation. She serves on the Board of Directors of the American Health Lawyers Association and on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Health & Life Sciences Law. She is a past Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, past President of the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, and a past member of the Advisory Board of the Journal of Health Law. Dean Boozang is also a longtime member of the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law.

Carl H. Coleman
Professor of Law

Professor Carl Coleman specializes in legal and ethical issues related to medical treatment, biomedical research, and public health. He has written and lectured extensively regarding the protection of human research participants, assisted reproductive technologies, and decision-making for patients with impaired mental capacity. From 2006-07, Professor Coleman served as Bioethics and Law Adviser at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland. He is currently working with WHO to develop ethics guidelines for national tuberculosis control programs and to develop outcomes and assessment measures for research ethics committees.

Helen A. Cummings
Director of Graduate Programs

Helen Cummings oversees the Law School’s LL.M. and M.S.J. graduate programs in addition to the J.D. concentrations in Health Law and Intellectual Property Law. Ms. Cummings teaches legal research and writing to M.S.J. students and co-teaches the Law School’s Online Graduate Certificates in Health and Hospital Law and in Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Law. Prior to joining the Law School, Ms. Cummings was a Managing Partner in the law firm of Bross, Cummings & Pereira, LLC, where she represented clients in corporate transactions, commercial litigation and commercial real estate.

John V. Jacobi
Dorothea Dix Professor of Health Law & Policy
Faculty Director, Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy

Professor John Jacobi teaches, writes and speaks on health and disability law issues including the implementation of health reform, access to care for the poor and people with disabilities and chronic illness, the rights of people with psychiatric and cognitive disabilities, and the financing of health care. He has served in the Office of Counsel to the Governor of New Jersey and in the Office of the Public Advocate, and on numerous governmental advisory agencies and nonprofit boards concerned with health care access and the rights of people with disabilities.
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**E. Judson Jennings**  
Professor of Law

Professor Judson Jennings’ primary area of interest has been the impact of computer technology, the Internet, and the emergence of online social communities upon the development of law and dispute resolution procedure, and upon the practice of law itself. He has also focused on the privacy implications of life in the cybersphere, including the FBI’s Internet surveillance practices and the regulatory challenges which new media pose to existing categories as technologies converge. Professor Jennings has co-taught a joint seminar in which graduate business students formulated startup plans for ventures in Second Life, Linden Labs’ online “multiverse,” while law students reviewed the plans, identified pertinent legal issues and provided legal advice.

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**Erik Lillquist**  
Senior Associate Dean and Professor of Law

Dean Erik Lillquist, the founding director of the Gibbons Institute of Law, Science & Technology, teaches electronic commerce and intellectual property, and focuses his scholarship on the intersection of these areas with science and technology. His current research explores the interaction of theories of human decision-making and the legal process, and on understanding the implications of biology, medicine and psychology for law. Most recently, Dean Lillquist has published on the effects of government regulation on networked technologies.

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**David W. Opderbeck**  
Director of the Gibbons Institute and Professor of Law

Professor David Opderbeck’s scholarship focuses on the regulation of access to scientific and technological information. His published work has employed the tools of game theory, classical microeconomics and statistical analysis to address issues such as intellectual property restrictions on essential medicines in developing countries, open-source biotechnology, patent damages reform and the interaction of law, and social norms concerning music file sharing. In addition to his traditional legal scholarship, Professor Opderbeck is interested in the philosophical and moral foundations of information policy and other aspects of the law. He has written on a virtue ethics approach to biotechnology law, and most recently has explored the philosophical aspects of information policy in a groundbreaking essay that seeks to apply a critical realist approach to the ontology of information.

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“I was a compliance officer for Wyeth in Venezuela when I heard about the M.S.J. degree from my American colleagues. After doing some research I chose Seton Hall Law both for its curriculum and its proximity to so many pharmaceutical companies. Seton Hall Law enabled me to build my professional network and expand my knowledge of law as it relates to the pharmaceutical industry – allowing me to leverage my understanding of the link between science and the law.”

— Milky Florent, M.S.J. ’10  
*Regulatory Affairs Associate, Worldwide Regulatory Strategy - Emerging Markets*  
*Pfizer Pharmaceuticals*
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**Jordan Paradise**  
Associate Professor of Law

Professor Jordan Paradise researches and publishes on the legal, ethical and social implications of emerging science and technologies such as genetics and nanotechnology. She is actively involved in collaborative, interdisciplinary projects that examine the intersection of law, science and technology. She previously served as the Associate Director of Research & Education for the Joint Degree Program in Law, Health & the Life Sciences and the Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences at the University of Minnesota Law School.

**Frank Pasquale**  
Schering-Plough Professor in Health Care Regulation and Enforcement and Associate Director, Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy

Professor Frank Pasquale focuses his scholarship on enriching intellectual property and health law with insights from economics, philosophy and social science. Professor Pasquale is a legal advisor to the Health Impact Fund, an innovative proposal to meld incentives from patent law and health care regulation to address the lack of pharmaceutical research on the diseases of the developing world. He is also an Affiliate Fellow at Yale’s Information Society Project, focusing on the intersection of intellectual property and health care. He actively participates in the health law dialogue through his blog posts on such forums as Concurring Opinions, Madsonian.net and Seton Hall Law’s Health Reform Watch.

**About Seton Hall Law**

Seton Hall University School of Law, New Jersey’s only private law school, and a leading law school in the New York metropolitan area, is dedicated to educating students through excellence in scholarship, teaching and practical training. Seton Hall Law is located in Newark, New Jersey and offers both day and evening degree programs.

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U.S. News & World Report’s America’s Best Graduate Schools has consistently ranked Seton Hall Law School among the top 10 law schools in the nation for health care law.