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Loyola Law School Ranked 75th in 2016 *U.S. News* Law School Rankings

Top 10 for Tax Law & Trial Advocacy; Part-Time Program Ranked No. 11

LOS ANGELES – Loyola Law School, Los Angeles was ranked No. 75 out of 194 law schools in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2016 edition of “America’s Best Graduate Schools.” The Law School was ranked in the top 10 in two specialty categories: No. 6 for Trial Advocacy and No. 10 for Tax Law. Loyola’s Evening Division Program was ranked No. 11 out of 85 part-time programs, and the school was ranked 20th on the Most Diverse Law Schools list.

“We climbed 12 spots in this year’s rankings, and we will continue that momentum,” said Dean Victor Gold. “Our Career Development Center has launched an unprecedented number of programs to help students secure the jobs they want. We are very proud that our curriculum gives an increasing number of our students experiential opportunities to help them excel in practice. And we maintain our focus on preparing our students to pass the California Bar Exam on their first try.”

Loyola had the third-highest pass rate among first-time takers of the California Bar Exam, after Stanford Law School and UCLA School of Law, for the summer 2013 exam. Loyola also achieved the second-highest job placement increase among California ABA-accredited law schools from 2012-2013, the period on which this year’s *U.S. News* rankings are based. Since then, the Law School has seen further improvement in the 2014 placement numbers that will factor into next year’s ranking. Recent placement gains are attributable in part to new programs like the Resident Associate Program and Justice Entrepreneur Initiative, which provide recent graduates with more opportunities to enter practice.

This year’s specialty rankings again reflect some of Loyola’s historic strengths. Loyola’s Tax Law program has been ranked in the top 10 for six of the last seven years. The school’s Trial Advocacy program has been ranked in the top 10 for eight of the last 10 years. And the Evening Division Program remains the top-ranked part-time law program in California for the third year in a row.

About the *U.S. News* rankings

The rankings include 194 American Bar Association-accredited law schools. *U.S. News* ranked the schools based on data collected in the fall of 2014 and early 2015. The rankings are based on a weighted average of a series of quality measures, including peer assessment score, assessment score by lawyers/judges, median LSAT scores, median undergrad GPA, acceptance rate, employment rates for graduates, bar-passage rate, expenditures per student, student/faculty ratio and library resources. The part-time rankings evaluate the 85 law schools offering part-time programs and are based on a weighted average of four areas: quality assessment, selectivity, part-time focus and overall rank. Rankings of specialty areas are based on evaluations from professors in the field. The Diversity Index analyzed the total proportion of full- and part-time minority students at law schools. More information about the rankings is available at www.usnews.com.

About Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

Located on a Frank Gehry-designed campus in downtown Los Angeles, Loyola Law School is home to prominent faculty, dedicated students and cutting-edge programs. The Law School strives to instill in students the knowledge they need to excel on their chosen paths. It dedicates itself to preparing students for the rigors of practice with an extensive portfolio of practical-training opportunities, a 16,000-strong alumni network and a focus on social justice. Learn more at www.lls.edu.

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