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COLLEGE OF LAW FACILITIES

The College of Law is located near the center of downtown Orlando, one of the most vibrant and dynamic cities in Florida. Given the law school's mission (increasing the number of minorities in Florida's legal profession), the College of Law is appropriately located in Orlando's Parramore District, one of the earliest recorded settlements of African Americans in Orlando. From a community service perspective, Parramore's close proximity to the law school means that the school's clinical services are quite accessible to Parramore residents. The location also means that the law school has a unique opportunity to offer pro bono services to the residents of this neighborhood in transition. These services underscore and are a part of the College of Law's commitment to work with the City of Orlando Housing Department in a program of neighborhood renewal and increased minority home and business ownership.

The Orange County Courthouse, Orlando City Hall, and state and county offices are all located within walking distance of the College of Law. This ideal location facilitates the opportunity for clinical and pro-bono activities critical to students' development of practical lawyering skills and understanding. Proximity to major legal tribunals presents all members of the College of Law with invaluable access and opportunities to observe first-hand proceedings at the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, one of the busiest District Courts

in the nation. Located across the street from the College of Law, the Federal Courthouse is also a new facility with state-of-the-art technology which will enable the College of Law to create ways to further develop video/podcast conferencing opportunities with lawyers, judges and court officials. The proximity of the federal courthouse to the College of Law also presents an opportunity to plan for creative symbiotic relationships with the law school building available to provide support to lawyers preparing for their oral arguments (ex. mootings, consultation with faculty experts, and document review).

Designed and constructed specifically for the College of Law, the building's design meets the law school's current needs. The three-story atrium at the school's entrance creates an immediate first impression of institutional strength and permanence. The first-floor design allows easy separate access through the front main entrance with ADA approved ramps with push button access and through the north entrance for clients of the varied and active community service clinics. Full-time private security personnel staff the reception desk in the main lobby when the school is open and the Law School has four full-time University police officers so that there is an officer on duty at all times when the law school is open. Access to the building after hours is controlled through an electronic security system that regulates entrance through the use of coded security cards for both main entrance and internal space access.

All general student services are located on the first floor, including admissions, security, law library, student services, financial aid, placement, student mailboxes and student lounge/snack area. Also easily accessible behind the atrium is the modern, state-of-the art large moot courtroom that offers an ideal setting for trial skills development in a realistic setting. The moot court facility has made it possible for students to conveniently view official legal proceedings. Both the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and Florida's Fifth District Court of Appeals have held arguments that were attended by students, faculty and local bar members.

The building is located on 3.77 acres and contains approximately 164,000 square feet of building space. Space at the law school is allocated according to the current needs of the College of Law, yet reconfiguration is possible to accommodate future needs as well. Space within the laws school is currently apportioned as follows:

Classrooms	39,000 square feet
Student spaces	7500 square feet
Library	42,000 square feet
Administration	9100 square feet
Faculty and Clinic	13,000 square feet

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