

offers dramatic views of Lincoln Center and Manhattan. Attractive features of the new, furnished dorm include fully equipped kitchens, game rooms, and a health and exercise facility. Dockery comments, "My housing is great. I live in the 50s and pay only \$380 for my own room." The students unanimously agree that The Juilliard School and Lincoln Center, home to the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic, and the New York City Ballet and Opera, are desirable neighbors.

Fordham also maintains an active Career Planning and Placement Office that has an on-campus interview program, consortium job fairs, an active job search file, and many useful career planning and placement guides. The center provides mock interviews with attorneys and consultants as well as an overnight resume and cover letter critiquing service. Statistics concerning placement following graduation reveal that 91.8% of the class of 1995 reported employment with a median starting salary of \$60,000. In addition, Fordham students practice in all different areas of law, with 62.8% going into private practice, 16.0% into government, 17.5% into business, 0.6% into public interest, and 0.9% into academics. Cicia contends that the job prospects are "excellent in NYC for Fordham students. Outside of NYC, however, prospects are dim."

On the whole, Fordham students seem very content with their school and especially with their peers. Concerning her fellow students, Pitaro remarked that they are "of the highest intellectual caliber I have ever met. Coming from Cornell Undergrad I thought I had seen it all, but Fordham makes Cornell look like high school."

Fordham Law School is a friendly and supportive place that consistently produces some of the best graduates in the country. A first hand visit to the small campus conveys an aura of vitality, camaraderie, and intellectual vigor. Cicia describes it best when he says, "Fordham is a first rate institution."

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

By Sharon Chase

Located in the heart of Greenwich Village, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, a division of Yeshiva University, has distinguished itself as one of New York's finest law schools. Not only can Cardozo boast of a renowned faculty and dedicated administration, its students have access to unparalleled cultural and social opportunities.

Academically, Cardozo students are at the head of their classes. The average grade point average of incoming freshmen is 3.310, and the median L.S.A.T. score is 159. Twenty-six states and twelve countries are represented in this fall's entering class; Columbia graduates make up roughly six percent of the class of 1997. Once admitted, students have the opportunity to matriculate at one of several times during the year: September, January, and May. For those who cannot wait to enter the real world, Cardozo offers May and January entrants the opportunity to complete their studies in two and a half rather than the traditional three years.

Cardozo's unique practice of dividing first years into sections of fifty-five students helps ease social and academic tensions inherent in a city school. This program receives high marks from students, because it allows students to form study groups within their sections and also facilitates friendships. With his or her section, a first-year student takes both traditional courses as well as a legal writings and moot court requirement. Courses beyond the first year are essentially electives, allowing students the opportunity to specialize in their particular fields of interest. Moreover, this is supplemented by a great number of internships, externships, and summer and clinical programs.

Due to Cardozo's metropolitan location, many students choose to study entertainment law. Meanwhile, those who have the opportunity to participate in the Intellectual Property Externship Program, have a chance to combine appropriate courses with hands-on work at a firm specializing in intellectual law. In addition, students interested in becoming international mediators have ample opportunity to travel abroad. Of special interest is the Uri and Caroline Bauer Israel Program, which allows students to study for a summer at the Law School of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem.

Currently, the field of law that has attracted a great deal of interest, particularly from Cardozo, involves the role of genetic evidence in the court. Those who participate in the Innocence Project under Professor Barry Scheck, who gained prominence as a member of O.J. Simpson's legal defense, deal with both the constitutional and practical aspects of DNA testing. Through their efforts, students have helped exonerate, on the basis of DNA evidence, over a dozen wrongly convicted criminals.

Students at Cardozo stress the importance of their education that stems from both classroom and city. Located in Greenwich Village, Cardozo is not for the faint of heart. As Director of Admissions Robert Schwartz admitted, "Every year there are one or two students who leave for personal reasons; they aren't able to adjust to New York." The majority of students, however, are from the tri-state area and apply to Cardozo with a desire to learn in and from the city. Ironically, the attractiveness of its location may also be one of Cardozo's greatest drawbacks. Space is a limiting factor anywhere in New York, and this rapidly growing school is naturally in need of more. Accordingly the administration is taking action by making plans to expand the library and office of admissions. However, housing remains a pressing issue for most students. While Cardozo does not provide it, an on-campus publication, "Roommates Wanted," offers roommate and apartment listings. Furthermore, Cardozo's location allows those who choose not to live in the

city a short commute from New Jersey and Connecticut.

According to Schwartz, "There is no typical Cardozo student." Yet, one trend common to most Cardozo students is their heavy involvement in extracurricular activities. For those with a literary bent, Cardozo has eight publications, covering such diverse topics as women's issues, international and comparative law, and arts and entertainment. Additionally, Cardozo is an innovator in the field of job placement. With the help of students and faculty, it established the nation's first Mediation Clinic, where students gain experience in third-party regulation, specifically by lawyers, of personal conflicts through open communication. Furthermore, legal experience and community service are integrated in the Bet Tzedek Legal Service Clinic. In this unique program, students represent elderly and disabled clients in civil government cases, under the supervision of the clinical faculty.

In the past twenty years, Cardozo Law School has gained prominence in the legal community and has established itself as an enticing choice to those interested in a career in law. The appeal of such a school has been expressed by those who have settled in at Cardozo and claim that their school offers the best of both worlds: a dedicated institution located in the cultural center of the world.

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