The University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law is the fifth smallest law school in the country. Yet, in its 2003 survey ranking of the 183 law schools accredited by the American Bar Association, U.S. News and World Report ranked UH Law among the top 50 in all of the quantitative ranking categories, including bar passage, job placement, student to faculty ratio, LSAT, undergraduate GPA, and acceptance rate for admissions.

**KEY PROGRAMS**

An excellent juris doctorate curriculum which meets the challenges of the legal profession, with emphasis on the unique legal needs of the state of Hawaii, particularly in Native Hawaiian legal issues, environmental law, ocean policy, and Pacific and Asian legal studies.

**KEY INITIATIVES**

The Pacific and Asian Legal Studies (PALS) Certificate Program recognizes the enormous importance of the Pacific Rim to Hawaii and the United States and capitalizes on faculty members' expertise and research interests in Asian or Pacific law. The William S. Richardson School of Law is one of only a handful of U.S. law schools to offer a program in Asian law (including Chinese and Japanese law) and the only one to address Pacific Island and Native Hawaiian legal issues.

The Environmental Law Certificate Program focuses emphasis and expertise on Hawaii's native species and terrestrial ecosystems, fresh and ocean water resources, pollution problems, cultural context and land use issues.

**FUNDING**

Despite substantial tuition increases, resident tuition at the William S. Richardson School of Law is still substantially lower than its West Coast competitors.

**CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS**

The student to faculty ratio is 11 to 1, among the best in the nation.

The faculty includes three members of the exclusive and prestigious American Law Institute. Other professors are nationally and internationally recognized experts in their fields.

The school's moot court program consistently garners national and international honors:

- Native American Moot Court National Champions in 1999, 2000 and 2001
- Environmental Law Moot Court National Champion in 1999

Students provide nearly 5,000 hours of free legal services each year in fulfillment of the school's pro bono graduation requirement.

**CURRENT ENROLLMENT**

- 265 law students (600 applications for 75 openings in 2000): 105 men, 160 women
- 5 students pursuing joint degrees (MBA; MA; MS; PhD)
- 35 students pursuing PALS Certificate in addition to JD
- 28 students pursuing Environmental Law Certificate in addition to JD

**GRADUATES / EMPLOYMENT**

Since it was established in 1973, the school has produced more than 1,700 graduates. Alumni work in 16 countries and 35 states and territories, in government, law, business, education and public service.

UH law graduates represent 26 per cent of the approximately 4,000 practicing attorneys, judges and government lawyers licensed in the state of Hawaii.

**FACULTY HONORS**

Professor Eric Yamamoto received the 2000 Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book award for Interracial Justice: Conflict and Reconciliation in Post-Civil Rights America, judged to be one of the ten best books in North America in the area of human rights, civil rights and social justice.

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