

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW
AND
NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY

DUAL DEGREE LAW PROGRAM

AUGUST 2017

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The University of Baltimore School of Law (“UB”) and Notre Dame of Maryland University (“NDMU”) agree to collaborate on the offering of a dual degree program in law, leading to the award of a Bachelor of Arts degree and the Juris Doctor degree.

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) sets forth a clear set of responsibilities and expectations for both institutions. The parties agree to work collaboratively to meet the academic needs of students at NDMU.

I. PROVISIONS

This agreement creates the parameters for a dual-degree law program, effective August 21, 2017, for students enrolled at Notre Dame of Maryland University (NDMU) who have successfully completed 90 semester hours. The students, if accepted to the University of Baltimore School of Law, will attend law school for three years as a full-time student or for four years as a part-time student.

After successfully completing all academic requirements at NDMU (including all general education and program requirements) and completing at least 30 semester hours at the University of Baltimore School of Law, the student, upon application for graduation from NDMU, will be awarded a bachelor’s degree in their major.

After completing all the requirements for graduation at the University of Baltimore School of Law, the student will be awarded the Juris Doctor degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

II. OBJECTIVES

The objective of the dual-degree law program is to permit highly qualified NDMU students the opportunity for early entry into the University of Baltimore School of Law whereby the first 30 semester hours of law study would also qualify as the final 30 semester hours of baccalaureate study.

III. CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

Notre Dame of Maryland University students seeking admission to the University of Baltimore School of Law through the dual-degree law program must meet the following criteria:

- A. Successful completion of at least 90 undergraduate semester hours (at least 30 of these from NDMU), including the completion of all NDMU general education requirements.
- B. While no specific areas of study or disciplines are required for the dual-degree law program, students must choose a major and obtain at least 18 semester hours with a C or better contributing toward that major, with at least 6 of those semester hours at the 300-400 level.
- C. Provide written approval from the appropriate NDMU official indicating that the applicant will meet all NDMU graduation requirements for early entry to the School of Law prior to enrolling in law school.
- D. Be accepted to University of Baltimore School of Law through its established rolling admissions process or through the school of law's established Early Automatic Admission process.

IV. PROCEDURES

Notre Dame of Maryland University students who meet these criteria must apply to the University of Baltimore School of Law, including submission of LSAT scores, through its normal application process by April 1st. The decision to accept a qualified student into the dual-degree law program will be made by the University of Baltimore School of Law. The University of Baltimore School of Law will review the student's application under one of two existing application review processes.

- A. Early Automatic Admissions Process: Students who meet the Early Automatic Admission criteria published on the University of Baltimore School of Law website will be automatically admitted to the University of Baltimore School of Law. Early Automatic Admissions criteria are updated annually by the School of Law.
- B. Rolling Admission Process: Students who do not meet the criteria for Early Automatic Admission will be reviewed by the School of Law in the same manner as any applicant applying for regular admission.

Upon admission by the University of Baltimore School of Law, the student must submit a copy of the letter of acceptance to the NDMU. Prior to the student's matriculation to the Law School, NDMU will provide documentation to the University of Baltimore School of Law acknowledging that the student has completed all NDMU requirements necessary for participation in the dual-degree program.

A Notre Dame of Maryland University student accepted into the dual-degree program may count 30 University of Baltimore School of Law semester hours toward completion of the NDMU baccalaureate degree. Award of baccalaureate degree by NDMU requires completion

of all NDMU graduation requirements. A student accepted into the dual-degree program by the University of Baltimore School of Law must complete all University of Baltimore School of Law requirements in order to receive the J.D. degree. Despite the fact that the last 30 semester hours of the baccalaureate degree are also the first 30 semester hours of the J.D. course of study, the award of the baccalaureate degree is entirely separate from the award of the J.D. degree. Upon completion of the 30 law school semester hours, students must submit a University of Baltimore School of Law transcript to NDMU and apply for graduation at NDMU. The student is required to submit an official transcript from NDMU indicating that a bachelor's degree was conferred to the School of Law.

V. REVISIONS TO EARLY AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The University of Baltimore School of Law will review the criteria for Early Automatic Admissions every year to ensure that the criteria are appropriate for admission and to assure they are aligned with current admission practices allowed under standards approved by the American Bar Association. Updated criteria will be posted on the School of Law's website.

VI. TUITION

Students will pay the University of Baltimore School of Law tuition rates for all courses taken at the School of Law. This includes semester hours used to complete the undergraduate degree at NDMU. Students will pay the Notre Dame of Maryland University tuition for all courses taken at NDMU.

VII. TERM

This agreement shall be effective with the date of the last signature on this agreement and shall be reviewed every 5 years for currency. Either party may terminate the agreement with or without cause with 90 days of notice. Students who are already accepted and registered, as well as those who are matriculated, will be allowed to continue with the dual degree.

VIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Any notice or communication permitted or required between the parties under this MOU shall be made to:

If to the University of Baltimore School of Law:

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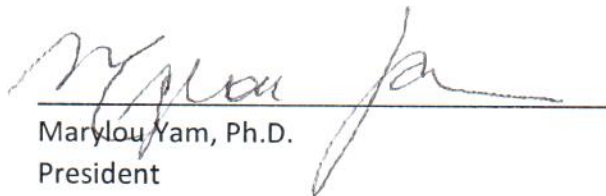
- B. With respect to the matters set forth in this MOU, this MOU: i) sets forth the complete agreement and understanding of the parties; and ii) supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto for themselves, their successors and assigns have set their hand and seal on the day and year first above written.

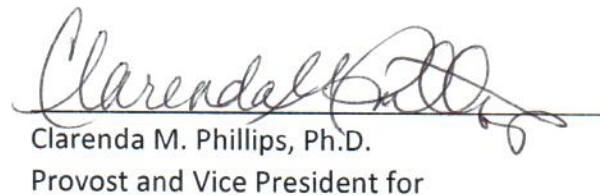
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