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# Law School Report

## The buzz is good

*Students tell all for a grass-roots reference book*

The forthcoming second edition of *The Law School Buzz Book* (Vault Publishing) – an in-the-trenches look at the “real” student experience in dozens of law schools nationwide – has good things to say about UB Law. The comments are those of current students and alumni, and the reference book is intended to be a grass-roots look at admissions, academics, employment prospects, quality of life and social life at each school. “We expect that prospective students would use this guide as much as any other resource for choosing a law school,” said Michelle Collotta, editor of this second edition of the book. “It depends on the person and what resources are available to them.”

The company gathers student and alumni responses to surveys through proprietary networks that it has created. After the surveys are collected, compiled and edited, school officials are invited to add their own comments in response. The company publishes similar guides for undergraduate programs and business graduate schools.

What students are saying about UB Law School, as reported in the 2005 *Law School Buzz Book*:

### On admissions:

“UB was very careful in selecting a broad range of people with diverse backgrounds, ethnicities and experiences. Each of my classmates are capable students with a really remarkable degree of individual intelligence and proactivity. The pre-entry tours and optional interviews were excellent, as UB provided both current students, alumni and leading professionals from the Buffalo area to answer questions. I can’t emphasize enough the clear professionalism and student-friendly atmosphere.”

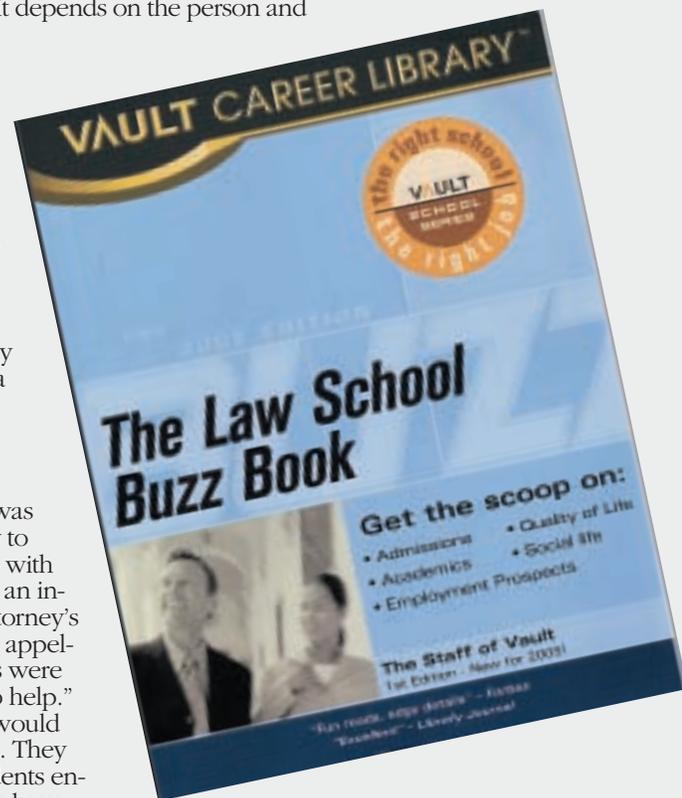
“A very face-friendly school. Take

the time to visit and meet with the dean of admissions, although there is no formal interview requirement. Two essays: the first is your pretty standard law school essay; the second wants you to discuss two books you have read that were not assigned reading. I thought this showed they really wanted to get to know me as a person beyond my LSAT and GPA.”

### On academics:

“The quality of the classes was great; there was a wide variety to choose from. I was also set up with practical experience including an internship with a local district attorney’s office and a clerkship with the appellate division. All the professors were easily accessible and willing to help.”

“The classes are what you would expect of a top-tier law school. They are demanding, and most students endure an adjustment period. We have some fantastic professors who really care about their students. It’s surpris-



ingly warm and receptive for a law school.”

“Professors are very student-focused and accessible. For the most part, if you are having difficulty with a concept, professors are more than willing to go out of their way to meet with you and help you to understand it. All of the professors have given me a lot of feedback and constructive criticism both on exams and papers.”

**On employment prospects after law school:**

“UB enjoys a great reputation in Western New York, and students typically can expect job offers from NYC and other satellite regions. UB provides comprehensive help in seeking summer internships and employment opportunities. The UB alumni are really active nationwide and love to help students! It’s an amazing thing that has to be experienced to be believed.”

“Public service is UB’s strong suit, and it plays its hand well. Students looking for public service internships, clerkships, contacts and placements will not be disappointed. Academic achievers will have no trouble finding work with some of the country’s best firms, particularly in state administrative law, education law and other areas where UB’s faculty really shines.”

**On quality of life:**

“The quality of life in Buffalo cannot be measured. The campus sits right in the middle of the town of Amherst, which for years has been ranked one of the safest cities in America. Further, the University at Buffalo has built townhouses for graduate students right on campus. The townhouses have skylights, large kitchens and bathrooms, as

well as cable TV and wireless Internet.”

“The housing was great. I lived in on-campus graduate student housing. I loved it! The campus is pretty ugly, but they have made improvements in the Law School that make things more comfortable, especially in the library!”

**On social life:**

“WOW! There is ALWAYS something to do. There are restaurants galore in Amherst – from your common fast food to your friendly neighborhood restaurants and bars (sports bars, too), to the ritzy ones. The school events are numerous and popular. I don’t know too much about the dating scene, but the clubs are great.”

“The social scene in Buffalo is excellent. As an older student, I wasn’t so much interested in the bar scene, and Buffalo has so many wonderful cultural opportunities. There’s the Philharmonic, the theater scene, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, various art galleries in Allentown, Niagara-on-the-Lake, in addition to some of the best restaurants of any city I’ve ever been to.”

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