

## Admission to Joint Programs between CDM and the Law School

Admission to this joint program requires: (1) completion with a 3.0 grade point average or better of the first-year required courses in the JD program at the DePaul University College of Law (part-time students must have completed three semesters) and (2) acceptance to CDM.

Application to the joint degree program should be made to Assistant Dean Maria Vertuno at the College of Law after the above requirements have been met. Applicants should submit a letter indicating their intent to apply for the joint degree program along with a copy of their first year (or first three semesters for part-time students) law grades demonstrating compliance with the 3.0 grade point average requirement. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with Dean Vertuno to discuss their joint degree applications and plans for pursuing the joint degree.

Application to CDM should be made after receiving first-year law grades (ordinarily in early July following the first year.) Students must declare a specific MS degree upon application to CDM and complete all required coursework. Students may require more than four years from admission to law school for completion of the joint degree. It is highly recommended that law students interested in the joint degree program contact Prof. Karen Heart at CDM to discuss their individual circumstances before applying to CDM.

Transfer students or students who have enrolled in CDM before applying to the College of Law should consult with the joint degree program advisors to determine how their special circumstances may affect their qualifications for the joint degree.

Further information about admission requirements and procedures may be found in the general description of Admission Requirements for Joint Degrees found on the College of Law website under Academic Programs.

### Financial Considerations:

- Joint degree students will pay on a per-credit-hour basis in both the College of Law and CDM
- Because the joint degree program doublecounts coursework, the total cost for the two degrees will be significantly lower under the joint degree program
- Admission to the joint degree program will ordinarily not affect College of Law scholarship awards. However, students should consult with Dean Vertuno about their specific scholarships
- Financial aid recipients must consult with Clare Timm at the financial aid office to obtain a revised (often increased) financial aid award based on their participation in the joint degree program