CLASS PROFILE

The 2011 Entering Class is comprised of 390 students who were selected from over 6,000 applicants. 316 students have chosen to enroll in our full-time division, while 74 of you are enrolled in the part-time division. Your class represents a desirable diversity of background and experience, as well as an exciting mix of social, geographic, and cultural characteristics.

Your birthplaces span five continents and 27 countries. You are legal residents of 27 U.S. states – the farthest is Hawaii - the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and four foreign countries. With a classwide average age of 24, the youngest among you is 21 and the oldest is 42.

You graduated from 160 colleges and universities and collectively pursued 61 different fields of major academic study. 73% of you took at least one year off between college graduation and law school entry to pursue other endeavors; 16% of you have been out of college for at least five years. 23 of you earned master's degrees in various disciplines prior

to entering law school, in fields ranging from computer science to Italian language and literature.

A wide range of experience is the rule for Brooklyn Law students, and you are very true to form.

Included among your classmates are: a Molecular Genetics Technician; a local TV show host; a Curatorial Assistant at the American Numismatic Society; a head Cheesemonger; a Records Analyst for the White House; an Associate Manager of the Siegfried Group CPA firm; and a professional model who has appeared in both New York and London's Fashion Weeks. Then, there is a line cook at an Italian Restaurant; an adjunct professor of finance; a gemologist; a Senior Cybercrime Analyst at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office; and a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps who most recently served in Afghanistan as Chief of Operations coordinating Afghan Security Forces. Among you are a 2009 Jeopardy College Championship Semi-Finalist; a graphic designer; a Junior Systems Engineer for the Department of Defense Health Information Management System; a HVAC and Plumbing Engineer; and an Investigator at the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board.

Some of you have worked for companies like Bloomberg, Apple, Simon & Schuster, Google, Harper Collins, Coach, and Louis Vuitton, while others have worked as analysts, managers and consultants for some of the nation's leading financial institutions, including JP Morgan Chase, Merrill Lynch, Citi Group, UBS Financial Services, Prudential Financial, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, and Morgan Stanley. Four of you are Certified Public Accountants. Not surprisingly, a number of you have also worked as legal interns, researchers and paralegals at some of the nation's most prestigious law firms and government agencies. These include positions at U.S. Attorney and District Attorney Offices across the country, as well as with Offices of the Public Defender; the White House; the U.S. District Court in Puerto Rico; and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

On the international front, this year's class speaks 18 languages and dialects other than English. 30 of you speak at least three languages

-- ranging from Arabic to Russian, varying Chinese dialects, and several of India's official languages.

Speaking of India, one of your classmates developed and co-owns a 47-acre residential gated community, the largest in the area, in Bangalore, India, while another classmate worked to protect women from domestic violence in India. Some of you put your language skills to the test while teaching English in India, as well as in South Korea, China, Spain, Greece, Morocco, Kenya, Germany, and Japan.

One of your classmates worked on the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, while another of you collected over 1,500 bikes that were donated to people throughout Africa. One of you worked on community health education and HIV prevention in South Africa, and another of you was a deck hand on a boat in the Virgin Islands.

Many of you were in Honors Programs at your respective colleges and many of you graduated with top honors. One of you was a Rotary Scholar at the American University in Dubai and two of you were Fulbright Scholars. Your classmates became experts in a wide range of areas, reflected in their theses on topics ranging from psychoanalysis, to

the Soviet-Afghan War, to copyright law. As writers, you have been published in on-campus publications at American, Colgate, Cornell, Dartmouth, Occidental, Williams, and Vanderbilt.

The arts have not escaped your interest either – among you are a published illustrator, a professional male ballet dancer, a bassoonist, a stand-up comedian, and an acapella singer. Several of you are dancers, ranging from Capoeira to salsa to Poi, a dance technique indigent to New Zealand involving swinging fuel-soaked flaming balls around one's body.

Within the entertainment and media realms, some of you worked at HBO, CNN, Saturday Night Live, Time Out New York, The Washingtonian, Glamour, and O Magazine. One of you was a staff writer at The Korea Times and several of you were radio broadcasters. One of you was a production assistant on Gossip Girl and a number of movies, including Doubt and Leatherheads.

Several of you are entrepreneurs, starting your own businesses such as: founding a grants cooperative to help clients apply for federal loans and grants; creating a billing solution for medical offices to

streamline medical insurance claims; and selling handmade knit items online.

In keeping with our reputation as a center for public interest, your class includes many who have demonstrated a serious commitment to serving the public. Some of you were interns for New York Legal Assistance Group, the Legal Aid Society, and the American Civil Liberties Union. Many of you have been involved with such organizations as: the American Cancer Society, ACORN, Habitat for Humanity, the Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Red Cross, Special Olympics, and Meals on Wheels. Several of you were Americorps volunteers as well. One of you is a Guardian Ad Litem advocate for abused and neglected children in court, and two of you worked at Rikers Island developing both a literacy program and nursery program. Several others have taught in elementary schools and high schools throughout the United States, including four who did so through Teach for America.

A number of you have dedicated yourselves to protecting the safety of the citizens of our country and other countries. In addition to

the aforementioned Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, included among you are a U.S. Navy Lieutenant; a reservist in the U.S. Army; a New York City Police Officer; a volunteer firefighter; and two EMTs. One of you is an Intelligence Research Specialist for the NYPD Counterterrorism Division.

On the political front, we are certain that your experiences will provide for diverse viewpoints in class discussions. Many of you were senatorial or congressional interns, including those who worked for Hillary Clinton, Charles Schumer, Edward Kennedy, Robert Menendez, Bobby Jindal, Edolphus Towns, and Maria Cantwell. Several of you have worked in state or city government - for the offices of Governor Eliot Spitzer and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and the New York State Senate and Assembly. One of you is a licensed Federal Customs Broker, while another is an Investigator for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Several of you also worked as field organizers on the presidential campaigns of Barack Obama and John McCain. One of you has been a candidate for state legislature, twice.

Others of you pushing the envelope include a corporate-sponsored fixed gear freestyle cyclist; a competitive equestrian; an outrigger canoer; a golfer ranked in the British R&A World Amateur Golf Rankings; a karate sensei; and a figure skater on a nationally ranked team. One of you served as an Achilles Athlete, guiding disabled athletes through two New York City marathons.

Many of you actively competed in varsity sports at the collegiate level, including: crew at Tufts, Williams, Washington University, Cornell, and the U.S. Naval Academy; lacrosse at Lafayette, Boston University, and Amherst; football at Amherst, Cornell and Davidson; basketball at Binghamton and Tufts; soccer at Vanderbilt and Bucknell; squash at Middlebury; cross-country and track & field at Ithaca; baseball at Gettysburg; swimming at Columbia, NYU, and University of Texas, Austin; and ice hockey at Fordham.

Some of you worked behind the cheering crowds, interning for the New York Jets and Minnesota Vikings, while others worked in sports broadcasting.

So many stories. All in all, we are enthralled with the extraordinary blend of students who have converged from many different paths to arrive at this singular point tonight. Can you guess who is who? Well, you will have the next three or four years to find out, as you join the Brooklyn Law School community and become colleagues and lifelong friends.