

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM**

THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL,
a Michigan nonprofit corporation,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 1178 -CZ

vs.

Hon. CLINTON CANADY III

JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3,
and JOHN DOE 4, unknown individuals,

Defendants.

**JURY TRIAL
DEMANDED**

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COMPLAINT

There is no other pending or resolved civil action
arising out of the transaction or occurrences alleged in this Complaint.

NOW COMES Plaintiff Thomas M. Cooley Law School, by and through its attorneys,
Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC, and for its Complaint against Defendants John Doe 1,
John Doe 2, John Doe 3, and John Doe 4 states as follows:

THE PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

1. Thomas M. Cooley Law School ("Cooley") is a Michigan nonprofit corporation
with its principal place of business in Lansing, Michigan. Cooley is the largest American Bar

Association accredited law school in the United States by total enrollment, with campuses in Lansing, Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

2. As detailed below, Defendant John Doe 1 has posted tortious and defamatory statements about Cooley on internet weblogs and message boards under the pseudonym "Rockstar05." John Doe 1's identity, residence, and citizenship are unknown at this time. Cooley intends to seek immediate discovery from the website host, Weebly, Inc., to determine the identity of John Doe 1.

3. As detailed below, Defendant John Doe 2 has posted tortious and defamatory statements about Cooley on internet weblogs and message boards under the pseudonym "Informant." John Doe 2's identity, residence, and citizenship are unknown at this time. Cooley intends to seek immediate discovery from the website host, Weebly, Inc., to determine the identity of John Doe 2.

4. As detailed below, Defendant John Doe 3 has posted tortious and defamatory statements about Cooley on internet weblogs and message boards under the pseudonym "Anonymous." John Doe 3's identity, residence, and citizenship are unknown at this time. Cooley intends to seek immediate discovery from the website host, Weebly, Inc., to determine the identity of John Doe 3.

5. As detailed below, Defendant John Doe 4 has posted tortious and defamatory statements about Cooley on internet weblogs and message boards under the pseudonym "Ch Burns." John Doe 4's identity, residence, and citizenship are unknown at this time. Cooley intends to seek immediate discovery from the website host, The Huffington Post/AOL, Inc., to determine the identity of John Doe 4.

6. As detailed in the attached affidavit of James B. Thelen, Esq., Cooley's associate dean for legal affairs and general counsel, Cooley has made diligent inquiry and efforts to

identify and locate John Doe 1, John Doe 2, John Doe 3, and John Doe 4, including by seeking their names, addresses, email addresses, IP addresses, and other identifying information from the website hosts potentially holding that information, and requesting that the website hosts maintain that information. The website hosts to date have declined to provide identifying information without a court subpoena or order. Cooley has also performed various internet searches relating to Defendants' internet usernames/aliases/pseudonyms in an effort to identify and locate Defendants. Despite Cooley's diligent efforts, Cooley has not yet identified or located John Doe 1, John Doe 2, John Doe 3, or John Doe 4. Cooley intends to seek immediate discovery from the website hosts, Weebly, Inc., and The Huffington Post/AOL, Inc. to identify and locate Defendants. (Exhibit A, Affidavit of Jim Thelen.)

7. Cooley's cause of action arose in Ingham County; Cooley has suffered, is suffering, and will continue to suffer harm and original injury from Defendants' tortious conduct in Ingham County and elsewhere; and Cooley and has a place of business and/or conducts business in Ingham County. Venue is proper under MCL 600.1627 and MCL 600.1629.

8. The amount in controversy exceeds \$25,000 exclusive of interest and costs, and jurisdiction is otherwise proper in this Court.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

John Doe 1

9. On or about February 14, 2011, John Doe 1 created an internet weblog titled, "THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL SCAM," at <http://thomas-cooley-law-school-scam.weebly.com/index.html>.

10. The blog is hosted by Weebly, Inc., an internet weblog host.

11. John Doe 1 created the blog under the pseudonym, "Rockstar05."

12. John Doe 1 identifies him/herself on the blog as a former Cooley student.

13. John Doe 1 states on the blog that he/she created the blog “to bring truth and awareness” about Cooley, and claims his statements are based on his personal knowledge and “research.”

14. On or about February 14, 2011, John Doe 1 under the pseudonym “Rockstar05” authored a post on the blog titled “THE THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL SCAM.” (A true and accurate printout of the post and comments to the post as of July 14, 2011 is attached as Exhibit B.)

15. John Doe 1’s blog post is false and defamatory.

16. John Doe 1 made false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley in the blog post and in the comments forum associated with the blog post. (Exhibit B.)

17. Among the false and defamatory statements about Cooley in John Doe 1’s blog post and John Doe 1’s comments to the blog post are the false, defamatory, and/or per se defamatory accusations that Cooley and its representatives are “criminals” and have committed “fraud.” (Exhibit B.) John Doe 1 also falsely states that Cooley has deceived and provided false information to Cooley’s current and prospective students in order to “lure” them to Cooley or to induce them to remain at Cooley rather than transfer to another school. (*Id.*) John Doe 1 further falsely states that Cooley is the highest tax payer in Lansing and “essentially a multi-million dollar business” that uses its clout to “prey” on current and prospective students, stealing their tuition money to “become more rich.” (*Id.*)

18. As expressed in Exhibit B, John Doe 1 made the false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley for the purpose of convincing current Cooley students to leave Cooley and to convince prospective Cooley students not to apply to and/or enroll at Cooley. John Doe 1 instructs prospective students: “DO NOT ATTEND THIS SCHOOL” and “avoid Cooley at all costs” because it “WILL RUIN YOUR LIFE[.]” (Exhibit B.)

John Doe 2

19. On or about February 17, 2011, John Doe 2 posted a comment to John Doe 1's weblog post in Exhibit B. (*See* Exhibit B at p. 17.)

20. John Doe 2 posted the comment in Exhibit B under the pseudonym, "Informant."

21. John Doe 2 made false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley in the comment in Exhibit B.

22. Among the false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley in John Doe 2's comments in Exhibit B are the false, defamatory, and/or per se defamatory statements that Cooley is a "sham Corporation" whose "sole operational goal is using their students to make and create . . . securities that they can offer and sell to banks, student loan servicers, guaranty agencies, investment banks, and institutional investors." John Doe 2 further falsely states that "a good portion of Cooley's Administrators and 'Executive Officers' are actually full time employees at banks, investment firms, private equity firms and securities dealers" and that "Cooley has been able to get away with this for years by misspelling names, omitting letters from names, and/or using maiden names on their website, literature, etc." (Exhibit B at 17.)

John Doe 3

23. On or about April 21, 2011, John Doe 3 posted comments to John Doe 1's weblog post in Exhibit B. (*See* Exhibit B at pp. 23-24.)

24. John Doe 3 posted the comments under the pseudonym, "Anonymous."

25. John Doe 3 made false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley in the comments in Exhibit B.

26. Among the false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley in John Doe 3's comments in Exhibit B are the false, defamatory, and/or per se defamatory statements that a "two-year multi-agency undercover investigation/sting operation" revealed that "Cooley.

withholds grades and information to conceal their federal student loan fraud”; that Cooley “withholds [sic] grades and information to conceal their federal student loan fraud”; that “Cooley administrators also operate the Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority’s student secondary market program” to commit “fraud”; and that a “good portion of Cooley’s ‘Administrators’ and ‘Executive Officers’ are actually full time employees at banks, investment firms, private equity firms and securities dealers” and “Cooley misspell [sic] names, omits letters from names, and/or uses maiden names for the Administrators on their website, literature, etc. to conceal their true employment because many of their names are also listed in their banks’ SEC filings.” (Exhibit B at 23-24.)

John Doe 4

27. On or about April 23 and 26, 2011, John Doe 4 posted comments on the Huffington Post website. (A true and accurate printout of the comments as of July 14, 2011 is attached as Exhibit C.)

28. The website is hosted by The Huffington Post/AOL, Inc.

29. John Doe 4 posted the comments under the pseudonym, “Ch Burns.”

30. John Doe 4 made false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley in Exhibit C.

31. Among the false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley in John Doe 4’s comments in Exhibit C are the false, defamatory, and/or per se defamatory statements that Cooley is “under investigation for serious Title IV violations and helping student loan companies bilk students, taxpayers, and the government out of billions of dollars”; that “Cooley has been secretly operating their state’s student secondary market program” to commit student-loan fraud; and that “[i]nvestigators also discovered that a good portion of Cooley’s ‘Administrators’ and

'Executive Officers' are really employees/-officers [sic] at banks, investment firms, private equity firms and securities dealers." (Exhibit C.)

32. Upon information and belief, John Doe 4 communicated defamatory statements substantively similar to the defamatory statements in Exhibit C to other internet weblogs, which then reposted them.

COUNT I – DEFAMATION

Against John Doe 1

33. Cooley reasserts and incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth here.

34. John Doe 1 made false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley in Exhibit B.

35. John Doe 1 published and communicated those false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley to third parties without privilege or authorization.

36. John Doe 1 acted with fault amounting at least to negligence in publishing the false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley.

37. John Doe 1's statements concerning Cooley are defamatory per se, including because John Doe 1 accuses Cooley of violating criminal laws, and/or caused Cooley special harm.

38. As a result of John Doe 1's false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley, Cooley has suffered and will continue to suffer damage, including economic damages, damages to its reputation, and/or damage to its current and prospective business relations.

WHEREFORE, Cooley respectfully requests that this Court enter a judgment against John Doe 1, award Cooley damages in excess of \$25,000, plus interest, attorneys' fees, and costs, order Defendant to remove and retract all defamatory statements concerning Cooley, order

that Defendant must cease and desist and is enjoined from publishing the defamatory statements concerning Cooley, and order such other and further legal or equitable relief deemed appropriate.

Against John Doe 2

39. Cooley reasserts and incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth here.

40. John Doe 2 made false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley in Exhibit B.

41. John Doe 2 published and communicated those false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley to third parties without privilege or authorization.

42. John Doe 2 acted with fault amounting at least to negligence in publishing the false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley.

43. John Doe 2's statements concerning Cooley are defamatory per se, including because John Doe 2 accuses Cooley of violating federal student-loan and other criminal laws, and/or caused Cooley special harm.

44. As a result of John Doe 2's false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley, Cooley has suffered and will continue to suffer damage, including economic damages, damages to its reputation, and/or damage to its current and prospective business relations.

WHEREFORE, Cooley respectfully requests that this Court enter a judgment against John Doe 2, award Cooley damages in excess of \$25,000, plus interest, attorneys' fees, and costs, order Defendant to remove and retract all defamatory statements concerning Cooley, order that Defendant must cease and desist and is enjoined from publishing the defamatory statements concerning Cooley, and order such other and further legal or equitable relief deemed appropriate.

Against John Doe 3

45. Cooley reasserts and incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth here.

46. John Doe 3 made false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley in Exhibit B.

47. John Doe 3 published and communicated those false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley to third parties without privilege or authorization.

48. John Doe 3 acted with fault amounting at least to negligence in publishing the false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley.

49. John Doe 3's statements concerning Cooley are defamatory per se, including because John Doe 3 accuses Cooley of violating federal student-loan and other criminal laws, and/or caused Cooley special harm.

50. As a result of John Doe 3's false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley, Cooley has suffered and will continue to suffer damage, including economic damages, damages to its reputation, and/or damage to its current and prospective business relations.

WHEREFORE, Cooley respectfully requests that this Court enter a judgment against John Doe 3, award Cooley damages in excess of \$25,000, plus interest, attorneys' fees, and costs, order Defendant to remove and retract all defamatory statements concerning Cooley, order that Defendant must cease and desist and is enjoined from publishing the defamatory statements concerning Cooley, and order such other and further legal or equitable relief deemed appropriate.

Against John Doe 4

51. Cooley reasserts and incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth here.

52. John Doe 4 made false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley in Exhibit C.

53. John Doe 4 published and communicated those false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley to third parties without privilege or authorization.

54. John Doe 4 acted with fault amounting at least to negligence in publishing the false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley.

55. John Doe 4's statements concerning Cooley are defamatory per se, including because John Doe 4 accuses Cooley of violating federal student-loan and other criminal laws, and/or caused Cooley special harm.

56. As a result of John Doe 4's false and defamatory statements concerning Cooley, Cooley has suffered and will continue to suffer damage, including economic damages, damages to its reputation, and/or damage to its current and prospective business relations.

57. WHEREFORE, Cooley respectfully requests that this Court enter a judgment against John Doe 4, award Cooley damages in excess of \$25,000, plus interest, attorneys' fees, and costs, order Defendant to remove and retract all defamatory statements concerning Cooley, order that Defendant must cease and desist and is enjoined from publishing the defamatory statements concerning Cooley, and order such other and further legal or equitable relief deemed appropriate.

COUNT II – TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH BUSINESS RELATIONS

Against John Doe 1

58. Cooley reasserts and incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth here.

59. Cooley has valid business relationships and business expectancies with its current and prospective students, donors and prospective donors, faculty members, and employers and student externship site hosts, among others.

60. John Doe 1 knew of Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies at all relevant times hereto.

61. John Doe 1 intentionally interfered with Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies by intentionally making defamatory statements concerning Cooley and/or by intentionally making statements unjustified in law with malice for the purpose of invading Cooley's business relationships and business expectancies, inducing or causing a breach or termination of Cooley's business relationships and business expectancies.

62. As a result of John Doe 1's intentional interference with Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies, Cooley has suffered and will continue to suffer damage, including economic damages, damages to its reputation, and/or damage to its current and prospective business relations.

WHEREFORE, Cooley respectfully requests that this Court enter a judgment against John Doe 1, award Cooley damages in excess of \$25,000, plus interest, attorneys' fees, and costs, order Defendant to remove and retract all defamatory statements concerning Cooley, order that Defendant must cease and desist and is enjoined from publishing the defamatory statements concerning Cooley, and order such other and further legal or equitable relief deemed appropriate.

Against John Doe 2

63. Cooley reasserts and incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth here.

64. Cooley has valid business relationships and business expectancies with its current and prospective students, donors and prospective donors, faculty members, and employers and student externship site hosts, among others.

65. John Doe 2 knew of Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies at all relevant times hereto.

66. John Doe 2 intentionally interfered with Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies by intentionally making defamatory statements concerning Cooley and/or by intentionally making statements unjustified in law with malice for the purpose of invading Cooley's business relationships and business expectancies, inducing or causing a breach or termination of Cooley's business relationships and business expectancies.

67. As a result of John Doe 2's intentional interference with Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies, Cooley has suffered and will continue to suffer damage, including economic damages, damages to its reputation, and/or damage to its current and prospective business relations.

WHEREFORE, Cooley respectfully requests that this Court enter a judgment against John Doe 2, award Cooley damages in excess of \$25,000, plus interest, attorneys' fees, and costs, order Defendant to remove and retract all defamatory statements concerning Cooley, order that Defendant must cease and desist and is enjoined from publishing the defamatory statements concerning Cooley, and order such other and further legal or equitable relief deemed appropriate.

Against John Doe 3

68. Cooley reasserts and incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth here.

69. Cooley has valid business relationships and business expectancies with its current and prospective students, donors and prospective donors, faculty members, and employers and student externship site hosts, among others.

70. John Doe 3 knew of Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies at all relevant times hereto.

71. John Doe 3 intentionally interfered with Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies by intentionally making defamatory statements concerning Cooley and/or by intentionally making statements unjustified in law with malice for the purpose of invading Cooley's business relationships and business expectancies, inducing or causing a breach or termination of Cooley's business relationships and business expectancies.

72. As a result of John Doe 3's intentional interference with Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies, Cooley has suffered and will continue to suffer damage, including economic damages, damages to its reputation, and/or damage to its current and prospective business relations.

WHEREFORE, Cooley respectfully requests that this Court enter a judgment against John Doe 3, award Cooley damages in excess of \$25,000, plus interest, attorneys' fees, and costs, order Defendant to remove and retract all defamatory statements concerning Cooley, order that Defendant must cease and desist and is enjoined from publishing the defamatory statements concerning Cooley, and order such other and further legal or equitable relief deemed appropriate.

Against John Doe 4

73. Cooley reasserts and incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth here.

74. Cooley has valid business relationships and business expectancies with its current and prospective students, donors and prospective donors, faculty members, and employers and student externship site hosts, among others.

75. John Doe 4 knew of Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies at all relevant times hereto.

76. John Doe 4 intentionally interfered with Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies by intentionally making defamatory statements concerning Cooley and/or by intentionally making statements unjustified in law with malice for the purpose of invading Cooley's business relationships and business expectancies, inducing or causing a breach or termination of Cooley's business relationships and business expectancies.

77. As a result of John Doe 4's intentional interference with Cooley's valid business relationships and business expectancies, Cooley has suffered and will continue to suffer damage, including economic damages, damages to its reputation, and/or damage to its current and prospective business relations.

WHEREFORE, Cooley respectfully requests that this Court enter a judgment against John Doe 4, award Cooley damages in excess of \$25,000, plus interest, attorneys' fees, and costs, order Defendant to remove and retract all defamatory statements concerning Cooley, order that Defendant must cease and desist and is enjoined from publishing the defamatory statements concerning Cooley, and order such other and further legal or equitable relief deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 14, 2011

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all claims in this action triable by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

5. Specifically, in April and June 2011, on behalf of Cooley I contacted the website hosts that hosted the internet websites containing Defendants' defamatory statements. I informed the two website hosts, the Huffington Post/AOL and Weebly, Inc., that Defendants had posted defamatory statements concerning Cooley on websites hosted by them. I requested from the Huffington Post identifying information relating to Defendant John Doe 4, including Defendants' names, addresses, email addresses, IP addresses, and other identifying information. Huffington Post/AOL declined to provide the requested information. I also requested that Weebly, Inc. preserve the name, IP address, and other account information of the Defendants, John Does 1-3. Weebly, Inc. indicated that it was willing to produce the information if Cooley obtained a court order.

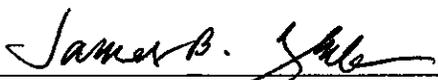
6. Cooley intends to subpoena the website hosts for identifying information relating to Defendants after the commencement of this action.

7. Cooley has also performed various internet searches relating to Defendants' internet usernames/aliases/pseudonyms in an effort to identify and locate Defendants, all to no avail.

8. Despite Cooley's diligent efforts, Cooley has not identified or located John Doe 1, John Doe 2, John Doe 3, or John Doe 4.

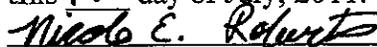
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Executed: July 14, 2011


James B. Thelen

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 14 day of July, 2011.



Notary Public, _____ County, Michigan
My commission expires:

NICOLE E. ROBERTS
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF INGHAM
My Commission Expires April 28, 2014
Acting in the County of Ingham

EXHIBIT B

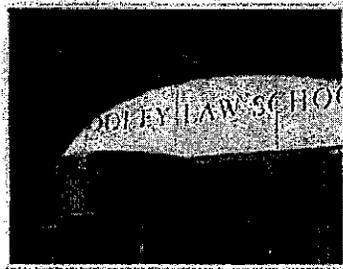
Thomas M. Cooley, Thomas Cooley, Thomas Cooley Law School, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Worst Law School, TTT Law School, Cooley, Cooley Law School, Cooley edu, Cooley portal, SCAM, LAW SCHOOL SCAM, fraud

THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL SCAM

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THE THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL SCAM
02/14/2011

73 Comments



Consider this a PUBLIC SERVICE FOR ANYONE CONSIDERING THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL. In fact, I am probably doing YOU THE BIGGEST FAVOR OF YOUR LIFE by raising public awareness and offering you this advice....all free of charge! As a prior student who was fortunate enough to GET OUT OF COOLEY let me lay a SMACKDOWN on this PIECE OF SHIT (POS) TTTT (Third Tier Toilet Trash) school.

Sorry to say there are little to no job prospects graduating from this school. Most graduates or people planning to attend do not have a shot in hell of actually practicing law, unless they either have GUARANTEED EMPLOYMENT, or believe that hanging a shingle in a dingy rented office post-graduation will provide the returns necessary to justify the 50k cost per year for attendance at this joke of a law school.

Cooley is without a doubt one of the three worst law schools in the United States. Given that there are 193 ABA Approved Law Schools, this is QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT. In addition to the horrendous ranking of this commode, Cooley is also a "punching bag" favorite in legal forums and ridiculed and considered THE BIGGEST JOKE of all law schools amongst other law students and the legal community at large. There are multiple reasons for this:

- 1) AN OPEN DOOR POLICY- They accept just about anybody. Go write the LSAT without studying, send Cooley a free application with no recent Felony convictions, and YOU WILL GET ACCEPTED
- 2) ATTRITION RATE AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES- The first year attrition rate is about 26%. On your WAY OUT Cooley thanks you for your first year tuition payment, now have a nice life!
- 3) THE "COOLEY RANKINGS"- Contrary to the US NEWS that ranks the school amongst the fourth-tier trash of America, Cooley begs to differ as they publish their own "Cooley Rankings" on their website ranking it as the SECOND BEST school in

Author

I am Rockstar05, a former student of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Scam who was smart and fortunate enough to GET OUT to a better law school. I am here to bring truth and awareness to the students getting suckered in by this despicable excuse for a law school.

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America (no words to describe this deceptive scam)

4) THE COOLEY "BUSINESS SCHOOL" IS A DIPLOMA MILL- A day and evening program, approximately 84% of enrolment on a part-time basis, a full-time weekend law program... basically creating ANY WAY you can think of to earn a degree from their school EXCEPT AN ONLINE J.D. PROGRAM (an honor that until this point I believe only Florida Coastal has achieved- still awaiting a formal announcement from Thomas M. Cooley regarding a new online program).

5) THE NON-EMPLOYMENT OF ITS GRADS- I can say I knew no one who 1) was about to graduate and had found any employment prior to graduation OR 2) anyone who had graduated and eventually found a job

I will elaborate and address each of these in order, backed by statistics and facts, painting a real picture of what Cooley really is, and what your career prospects will likely be post-Cooley.

I. AN "OPEN DOOR POLICY"

From Top Law Schools:

<http://www.top-law-schools.com/thomas-cooley-school-of-law.html>

"...with an acceptance rate of nearly 80%, admissions at Cooley are hardly selective – last year, 4,570 out of 5,775 received acceptance letters. The admissions office is very forthcoming about its use of an index to streamline their decision-making process: a candidate is scored via the formula (LSDAS GPA*15) + LSAT. The full-time JD class of 2012's middle 50th percentile LSAT scores ranged from 146-152, with a median of 148; Cooley's official policy is to accept only the applicant's highest LSAT score. LSDAS GPA scores varied from a 25th percentile of 2.60 to a 75th of 3.42. The part-time program was less competitive with an LSAT range of 143 to 149, with a median of 145. Its GPA range was 2.58 to 3.34, with a median of 2.97."

What the fuck???? Are these stats real you might ask yourself? 4570 acceptance letters? It's a shame that the American Bar Association (ABA) doesn't require GPA or LSAT minimum scores for law schools. Generally speaking someone with an LSAT score or GPA that low should NOT be attending law school. However, there are some of us who just do not do well on standardized tests and may have been more focused on partying and state football in our undergrad years. I for believe that an LSAT score DOES NOT accurately reflect on one's intelligence or is a good indicator or predictor of law school performance. THAT BEING SAID, someone who scores lower than a 145 is still probably not anyone you would want representing you or adding prestige to your law school. OK, so I guess Cooley does give a SELECT FEW an opportunity to attempt law school that are potentially more worthy of law school and the profession than those in more prestigious law schools with higher entrance credentials. I will give Cooley credit on this point, and this point alone.

Let's face it, law school is very elitist. Any school that strips the profession of the elitism is bound to get ragged on. Thomas M. Cooley is the biggest offender. By defying this law school norm they have taken a huge beating to their reputation. Also, it is very difficult for firms to take a law school like this which accepts some students with absolutely pathetic entrance credentials very seriously.

Don't worry.... you WILL GET ACCEPTED...but that should not be your biggest concern if you read on. If you get rejected by this school you should probably a) either kill yourself or b) settle for sweeping the hallways at a REAL LAW SCHOOL.

II. ATTRITION RATE

From Top Law Schools

"The curve at Cooley is very tough - so much so that 22.4% of 1Ls and 14.5% of 2Ls either choose to leave or flunk out. Even 3Ls are not safe, as 14 of them were forced to leave last year."

<http://www.top-law-schools.com/thomas-cooley-school-of-law.html>

"I would suggest adding another category "Attrition rate" where Cooley would surely be number "1": 1st Year – 26%; 2nd Year – 10.4%. Cooley wants people to believe that it can accept a host of people with the worst statistics (independent indicators) and come out thinking they are a top law school."

<http://politicalcartel.org/2010/03/03/thomas-cooley-law-school-is-an-embarrassment/>

What makes Cooley so bad is not the fact that it is a horrible fourth-tier school, but the fact that it is a fourth ranked school that acts like it is 1st tier school. The window is absolutely HUGE to get in but STAYING INRDIRICULOUSLY HARD....not to mention the BULLSHIT ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES at Cooley which are UNHEARD OF AT REAL LAW SCHOOLS:

- The GPA grading curve is amongst the worst in the country. Making it virtually IMPOSSIBLE TO TRANSFER OUT.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_law_school_GPA_curves

The above website lists the law school GPA curve at 2.00-2.40. This GPA at any other school would put you at the DEAD BOTTOM of the class and probably suggest that you did not open a book all term. For Cooley you would still need to work for this disgusting GPA. Therefore DONT EXPECT YOUR GRADES AT COOLEY to be attractive to any law schools in your goals to transfer out if that's your reason for attending. Here is a typical admission office response to your transfer application "Not only did you attend the worst law school in the country but say what????!!!! You couldn't even get a 3.0 at that POS law school?" with the individual immediately proceeding to throw your transfer application (which can cost upward of \$100 per school) in the trash bin, next to all the other poor Cooley students trying to get out. They don't give a shit that a 3.0 or above at this shitty school would put you in the top 25% of your class. The only marks that will get you to transfer out or will be respectable to any employer coming outta Cooley are As... and unfortunately out of 100 people in your class maybe only 7-9 will get them! Oh and there are no +'s at this school either... Just the letter or a minus. So best of luck getting good grades!

All it takes is a little bit of research to establish that at the majority of other better ranked law schools, a 3.0 is a mediocre mark whereas that is an all-star mark at Cooley. So hey, you might be "the shit" at Cooley... but how does this all play out in reality??? Employers not familiar with Cooley's grading policies will see this and be like "WHATTT ARE U SERIOUS THIS KD IS AJOKE, 2.85 FROM COOLEY AND HE WANTS TO WORK HERE???" . You will be forced to put your class rank instead of your GPA on your resume out of fear of embarrassment or going directly to the trash. This will also limit your applications as most law jobs that accept applications through their website ask you for your GPA, NOT YOUR CLASS RANK. In other words, this school makes sure your fucked. Kind of works against you don't you think? You pay all this money just to have your own school limit your potential? But hey this is THOMAS COOLEY... nothing really makes sense here.

Believe it or not a SEXY 3.0 will put you on the Dean's List if you got it for the term and the Honor Roll if your cumulative is a 3.0 or above. Try explaining that to an employer... how your mediocre GPA sounding number put you on the honor roll at a bullshit school???!!!!!

- Part time and full time students are ranked together

Yep, so when you see your class rank out of 1000 students and think HEY I know people from all the sections in 1L... add em all up and there is no more than 300 people, this should explain why there are such a large number of students ranked. Also from the link below we can see that 84% of the students are part time students:

<http://thisisreality.blogspot.com/2010/03/smoldering-steaming-pile-of-excrement.html#links>

The website above also offers a realistic picture at the very top of what your career prospects will look like. So that rich spoiled son of a bitch who was too stupid to get in anywhere else can afford to take 1-2 classes a term and live off daddy's money or a trust fund and just coast through life can FOCUS ALL HIS EFFORTS ON TWO CLASSES and get straight As while simultaneously degrading your legitimate efforts at 5 courses to a mediocre class rank!!!! Such are the just policies of this prestigious 2nd BEST law school.

- Up to two-three weeks prior to the beginning of the term one may not add or change courses

So your only option if you want to change professors or courses when the year starts is to DROP. This is HARDLY the type of policies you would expect at the LARGEST LAW SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY with by far the most students and largest selection of courses and sections for those courses. This policy is in effect to make sure it takes you longer and is more difficult to obtain a degree from this poor excuse of a law school

- IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GRADUATE ON TIME

This school requires a mandatory externship that firms take as free labor then byebye! Cooley has four campuses that supply graduates endlessly, do you really think firms give a shit? Additionally after your core required courses almost ALL courses are worth only 2 credits... meaning you will have to stack up 6-7 classes a term to graduate without spending longer at Cooley than you want to. This is clearly not realistic.

- In some cases students must wait SEVEN WEEKS FOR THEIR MARKS!!

Marks are due on the fourth Monday of the following term plus add the three weeks off! Further proof the professors get paid to do fuck all. To make matters worse this joke of a law school couldn't even follow through on this promise for the Fall 2010 marks, with some marks taking an additional 48 hours past the deadline to be posted. Guess the school allots additional time for the professors

to get trashed over the holidays and celebrate their high paid salaries all the while laughing at the students dumb enough to attend this waste site.

- Cooley does NOT let you pick your own courses

Other law schools allow a lot of latitude in choosing courses and specializing. Not Cooley- your first three terms are PRE-SET and almost 2/3 of your entire degree is composed of REQUIRED COURSES. So much for taking courses you want to. But hell, COOLEY KNOWS BEST. After all, they did build this STELLAR REPUTATION in the legal community that keeps employers RACING TO EMPLOY COOLEY GRADS.

- Exams are all closed book

Other schools have open-book exams, meaning you can bring your textbooks and ANY NOTES you please. Cooley reinforces its reputation as a hard-core law school by not allowing this under the pretext that "hey, the bar exam is not open book". Correct Cooley, I'll give you that. But what about fucking courses like Tax which are not tested at all on the bar. How do you justify that? Further proof the faculty, staff, executive committee, and administration are all morons including the students for putting up with this shit. How do you expect someone who is not well versed in tax (which is REQUIRED at this school by the way....which makes no sense at all) to memorize all of that? I have a business background so that is just as good as giving me a 4.0 by closing the books for other students....but boy do I feel bad for the people who find tax challenging. Also in real life, what tax lawyer is not allowed to use a handbook in conducting their practice?

- There is no Spring Break

Hey other schools get breaks. Cooley? NO WAY- hey this is a top school, we don't take breaks. You want the BigLaw experience right? Well the hard work ethic and no-life part you will DEFINITELY GET...in fact this is the closest you will ever get to the BigLaw experience with a degree from this shithole.

- There is no reading week prior to exams

That's right. You go straight from Week 14 of classes to Week 15 of exams. Class on Friday where you are REQUIRED TO ATTEND and exam on Monday. No room to breathe. You are still studying and doing readings to be prepared for class so you don't get verbally annihilated by your professor in front of the class and you must simultaneously balance studying for your finals while completing your weekly course readings. Exactly what you'd expect from a fourth-tier school right? Other law school students at different schools would scream over policies such as these.

- All Exams Must be Completed in one week

Most exams are so CRAMMED IN so you will be at the library until 4 am having panic attacks a few weeks before exams and entering cardiac arrest each night before an exam. Yeah, it is not uncommon for most 1L students taking 5 courses to write all 5 in 5 days. Pretty crazy don't you think? Considering the exams are all worth 100% that would probably give anyone a panic attack. Exam schedules are a nightmare to anyone who attends this school. You will be lucky if you are taking 5 exams in 5 days....or 4 exams in 5 days. At other law schools this is unheard of!

- Unfriendly transfer policies

At this garbage school they frequently encourage students NOT to take a full course load. They encourage taking 3-4 classes a term. But seeing as schools like to see 24-30 credits over your first year (meaning two semesters) to transfer, by taking fewer courses it will likely take 3-4 semesters before you reach this number of credits making it IMPOSSIBLE to transfer! NO SCHOOL WILL TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY.

Also, this did not happen with me but I have heard of it happening to "friends of friends" and the internet is flooded with reports of the registrar's office at Cooley fucking them over. Examples are not sending required items by the deadline required at other schools and sending letters saying students are in bad standing when in fact they are not. Good luck getting into a different school when your own school is going out of its way to fuck you over.

III. THE COOLEY RANKINGS

HEY GUESS WHAT???? DID YOU KNOW THAT ALMOST 5000 STUDENTS GOT ACCEPTED INTO THE SECOND BEST LAW SCHOOL IN THE STATES???? ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS APPLY....80% OF APPLICATIONS WERE ACCEPTED!!!

Did you know this? Neither did I. In its NEW RANKINGS, Cooley ranks itself the 2nd best school in the United States, RIGHT AFTER HARVARD. WOW, are you surprised? FUCK, I CAN'T BELIEVE I TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE SECOND BEST LAW

SCHOOL IN AMERICA!! I'm such a dumbass! Bet you didn't think that a 143 on the LSAT and a 2.6 GPA (low ranges from their open door policy from above) from undergrad would get you into the second best law school in the country!!

THE LINK TO THE SHAM:

<http://www.cooley.edu/rankings/varsity/2010.html>

HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR YOU UNDERGRADS WANTING TO GET INTO THE 2ND BEST SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY. DO the following and make your parents PROUD BY getting accepted into the SECOND BEST LAW SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY:

- 1) Do not attend class, ever.
- 2) Blow all your money on women and booze! Try developing an addiction to crack while you are at it... if you can pull it all off and get into the best law school with the best job prospects and have it all, why not?? Charlie Sheen does it right? Look how rich he is! He's the highest paid actor on TV!! And damn is he cool.....all that money and the finest women....dam!!!
- 3) Drink every night, literally every night during undergrad.
- 4) Midterm exam tomorrow? Make sure you drink even more the night before and attend the exam with a hangover. Throw in some unprotected drunken sex just to be even more reckless....also you will have something to think about while drawing doodles on your midterm exam the next day.
- 5) Literally do nothing for the LSAT. Walk in and shade in any letter you want. Go "A,B,C,D" then start from the beginning for the entire 100 question multiple choice exam. This is to ensure you don't get any freebies by using any decent strategy such as shading in "B" for all responses (you may actually receive a 146 on the LSAT... and who wants to work harder than you should to get into the second best law school in the country right????)

THIS IS THE MOST PATHETIC THING I HAVE SEEN IN MY LIFE!!! YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT MISREPRESENTATION AND LIABILITY FOR RECKLESS REPORTING IN YOUR TORTS CLASS. I am shocked and dumbfounded the school has not been sued for its misrepresentation on its website as the SECOND BEST LAW SCHOOL IN THE NATION BEHIND HARVARD.

I have no fucking words to describe how angry this makes me. Proof that the executive committee and administration at this school do not have a shred of integrity or decency. We should ask them if they would send their kids to the prestigious Thomas M. Cooley Law School! I do not know how they can sleep at night publishing this shit. The audacity of these people just leaves me speechless. Whoever is responsible for this atrocity and public deception should be executed IMMEDIATELY.

In addition to being addressed and ridiculed in several law school forums as well as legal professional communities the "Cooley Rankings" are also referenced to in the following:

- 1) The Top Law Schools website

The Cooley Rankings

Each year, Judge Thomas E. Brennan (who, by pure coincidence, happens to be dean of Cooley Law School) publishes his own rankings in response to the *USNWR*, which he sees as flawed. Also by pure coincidence, Cooley tends to land in the top 20 law schools in the country in these rankings, ahead of notables such as Duke, UC Berkeley, and Stanford. These rankings are often critiqued as being highly biased due to the importance they place on factors such as student body size (a third coincidence: Cooley is the nation's largest law school) and law library square footage. Though the *USNWR* rankings have received their fair share of criticism over the years, and alternative rankings (such as the Leiter report) can often be credible alternatives, Judge Brennan's rankings are generally considered (at best) to be little more than a marketing tool for Cooley Law.

<http://www.top-law-schools.com/thomas-cooley-school-of-law.html>

- 2) This intelligent Blogger who devoted an ENTIRE PAGE to the ranking system

<http://politicalcartel.org/2010/03/03/thomas-cooley-law-school-is-an-embarrassment/>

- 3) Third Tier Reality

<http://thirdtierreality.blogspot.com/2010/03/smoldering-steamng-pile-of-excrement.html#links>

- 4) Wikipedia

"In the twelfth edition of *Judging the Law Schools*, a publication authored by Cooley Law, Cooley ranks itself second (above law schools such as Yale Law School, Stanford Law School, University of Chicago Law School, and Duke University School of Law). The ranking system advocated by the school has come under heavy criticism for the methodology used to determine placement. The school maintains that judging a legal education by what caliber of students enter will not adequately address the quality of lawyers which come out. However, the Cooley ranking system has been criticized for never actually mathematically addressing this issue. Instead, a host of less determinative criteria, like volumes in library, total applications, total law school square footage, total minority faculty (notably ignoring ratio), total enrollment, total titles in library, and total serial subscriptions."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_M._Cooley_Law_School

I find it EXTREMELY FUNNY AND WEIRD THAT investors in the stock market require audited financial statements before investing in companies that must be validated and attested to by public accountants working all those long hours to verify the internal data meanwhile no one cares to audit or check these self-reported statistics from law schools that generate BILLIONS IN REVENUE EACH YEAR! HOW DO U THINK THE PRICE OF STOCKS ARE MEASURED? THE PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE RETURNS. THE PRICE IS REFLECTIVE OF THE EARNINGS POTENTIAL OF THE STOCK. If the stock market provides shitty returns, negative returns, or NO returns there will be negative publicity, the stock will become less desirable, and no one will buy till it shrivels up and the company dissolves! The average investor lets say has 10-20k invested in stocks. What about the young, innocent, and ambitious law school student who is about to invest 3 years of his life including 150k+ in non-dischargeable debt into a future that could have NO RETURN in this shitty job market????!!! There is no one to audit or verify where all this money is going, or to verify there will be any return at all. The ABA does not regulate or verify ANYTHING the law school reports. How the fuck can you justify attending this POS law school when graduating with 150k+ in debt may not even get you a job paying 35k!!!!

IV. COOLEY BUSINESS SCHOOL - A.K.A "DEGREE MILL"

"... in the most recent USNWR rankings, the school received a peer-review score of 1.4, and a lawyers/judges-review score of 1.8 (both out of 5). The school also has one of the highest student-to-faculty ratios in the country, at 23.5. This last statistic contributes to the idea of Cooley as a "degree mill".

At \$28,740 per year for a full-time student, Cooley is actually one of the country's cheaper private law schools. The school also offers generous LSAT-based scholarships – any candidate who scores 163+ is eligible for a 100% honors scholarship, with correspondingly lower dollar amounts offered for lower scores. Michigan residents are automatically eligible to receive a 10% increase on an honors scholarship.

<http://www.top-law-schools.com/thomas-cooley-school-of-law.html>

I checked the Cooley website as I was ABSOLUTELY SURE regular tuition is NOT that low and found this:

<http://www.cooley.edu/overview/tuition.html>

OUCH. \$28,740... damn so I was wrong... right? NOPE. In fact it turns out I'm almost 100% right when it comes to almost everything...most women who have had the pleasure of meeting my acquaintance would disagree but HEY all men know we cannot win arguments there. So I'll settle for this...besides my decision to attend this trash pit which was by far the worst decision in my life, and all my dealings with women, I am always right. I dug a little further (in fact just clicked on a link on the same page) to uncover this:

<http://www.cooley.edu/prospective/expenses.html>

Well..... and YES I AM RIGHT!!! 32k in tuition aloneTHIRTY TWO THOUSAND \$\$\$ IS ALL YOU NEED TO ATTEND THE SECOND BEST LAW SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY!!! Why go to those 40k+ top ranked law schools called Stanford and Yale when you can go to this prestigious institute of higher learning??

Nice deal it once again. Just 4k. When your students receive their tuition bill after rejecting all other acceptance letters and it is too late to turn back I am sure they won't figure \$4000 which is 1/7 of the entire advertised tuition is that big of a deal. Plus you are getting a FIRST RATE tuition...you do realize it is a PRIVILEGE to attend Cooley right? There are 20% of the other original applicants who would KILL TO BE IN YOUR POSITION. Way to prey on the trusting yet less-than-smart candidates for your prestigious law schools you fucking bloodsuckers!

So this is more of a summary of the whole "open door" and attrition rate combination. This private law school is essentially a multi-million dollar business. In fact, in Lansing Michigan where the school is located they are the HIGHEST TAXPAYER....I'm sure the City of Lansing would do ANYTHING for this disgusting mess. HERE IS HOW IT WORKS IN LAYMANS TERMS IN CASE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE DYNAMICS:

- Cooley take lotsa students, any student with \$\$, Cooley take
- Cooley fail out lotta students
- BUT Cooley keep first year money, become more rich
- By flunking out dumber of dumb students; Cooley only keep smarter ones
- half "smarter" students either get out 2 better law school
- other half stay at Cooley and improve Cooleys bar passage rate
- This make Cooley look good
- Cooley get 2 keep its ABA accreditation and still operate as an ABA law school to make more \$\$
- Cooley bar pass rate is semi-decent not reflective of the horrible reputation and the horrible school it really is becuz they kick out all dumber suckers that accept admission
- This keep Cooley look good and as lucrative investment to new gullable kiddies
- Cooley lure more kids and get more money
- More, more, money

The whole process is just sickening. Most of these students should not have been in law school in the first place. Sure Cooley, you are giving them a shot...but at what cost? Those without scholarships will waste a year of their life at your school and total estimated expenses of 48K according to your site!!! What says being ethical or having integrity than taking 50k from a poor debt-ridden kid who doesn't have a shot in hell at practicing law??? The website above provides the 2010-2011 figures...so it is likely that COSTS HAVE ONLY GONE UP to attend this prestigious "business school". Congrats you criminals, you have accomplished robbery!

100% scholarships to attract students to give your school more credibility and tuition-paying dumbasses who have nowhere else to go in addition to the caveman breakdown above...GREAT BUSINESS MODEL!!! If John Dillinger were alive he would probably quit robbing banks and just decide to run Thomas M. Cooley Law School...seeing as both are essentially same things...only difference is that no one is going after these criminals over at Cooley!!!!

V. THE NON-EMPLOYMENT OF COOLEY GRADS

Yes you read it right. Not unemployment, not under-employment, NON-EMPLOYMENT.

From: TOP LAW SCHOOLS:

Life After Graduation

Like many who earn degrees from Tier 4 schools, Cooley graduates do not tend to finish school with job offers falling into their laps, especially after the recent economic downturn. Graduates are prepared for the Michigan bar only slightly worse than at other schools, passing at a rate of 60%, compared with the state average of 82%. Graduates do not fare well on other bar exams, however. Other popular choices were New York (28 percentage points below average), Illinois (18 below), and California (44 below). Nine months after graduation, only 77.8% of Cooley alumni responding to a school survey have managed to find employment – meaning nearly a quarter remains unemployed; this statistic does not factor in the number of graduates responding to the school's employment survey, so the real employment figures may be lower. The majority of graduates remain in Michigan to practice law, and go into the private sector – thus putting to good use the hard skills Cooley considers so important.

I am SURPRISED that Cooley publishes its private sector starting salary for at 51k on their site...which seems relatively honest in comparison to publishing their own rankings putting them at the top of the law school pack. Let me also remind you that PRIVATE PRACTICE IS GENERALLY THE BEST PAYING...WOW SO YOU CAN PAY 50K/YEAR FOR THREE YEARS TO HAVE AN AVERAGE STARTING SALARY OF 50K???? WHAT AN AMAZING INVESTMENT!!! I was making more than that figure PRIOR to attending law school. Also, Cooley's response rate is extremely extremely low so it is likely that grads working at McDonalds and Walmart are not responding or the average salary of a "grad" would be much much lower...but hey even they are still employed RIGHT?? All it took was thousands upon thousands of dollars and years of time, effort, and hard-work.

DO NOT ATTEND THIS SCHOOL unless you have guaranteed employment, such as through family or very close friends. Beware

the current job market- a job that is promised to you prior to law school may NOT BE THERE after three years through no fault of the promisor. At that point you will be in the same pool of Cooley grads that were 1) intelligent but too dumb to do their research before accepting an offer an admission from Cooley or 2) smart enough that Thomas Cooley was the only school willing to admit them. The value of a Cooley J.D. is virtually worthless. Additionally, the opportunities of even being UNDER-EMPLOYED are very slim. Any diligent employer would be wary of hiring someone for under \$15 an hour knowing that individual is being severely under-employed for their "training" as a lawyer. Nothing screams FLIGHT RISK like a J.D. of Law making \$11.50. You are kidding yourself and must not take either yourself or the possibility of actually practicing law for a firm very seriously at all if you plan on attending this institution.

THE WORST OF THE LOT are people who come from all over the US come to Cooley to get a law degree. This include LOTS of people from California, Illinois, and the good state of New York. I would go as far to say that approximately 70% of the students at Cooley's main Lansing campus are from out of state. If you ever are unfortunate enough to ever be in Lansing, Michigan and take a stroll around you will see that virtually EVERY license plate you see in the downtown area immediately surrounding Cooley is filled with out of state plates (By the way living in LANSING felt like I was doing time in the state pen). These are the "rejects" from almost each and every state who could not get into law school in their own state so all the rejects seek refuge from the harsh reality that they should not be practicing law at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School...which SLOGAN SHOULD BE "WHERE DEGENERATES UNITE". The idea for these ass-clowns is to attend out of state with the intention of taking their prized Cooley J.D. back to their home state, write the bar, and find employment. I need to ask these people, ARE YOU RETARDED? When mediocre law schools in your own state are having trouble finding jobs for their grads or even paid internships do you think your out of state TTTT degree from one of the worst schools in the country will do any better? NO. NYLS grads are finding things tough and Touro grads literally can't do shit in New York...you think a TTTT Cooley degree in one of the most saturated markets in America will do you any good at all??? If you think any differently you are in denial. You probably won't show me your face in four years post-graduation when reality kicks in and all my warnings come true in so I can tell you I TOLD YOU SO.

FINAL WORDS

If you are attending due to a scholarship or affordable tuition, or even a FREE EDUCATION I would not attend here. When applying to firms after graduation would you really say in an interview (assuming you actually get one), "ya they gave me a 100% scholarship, I really am a genius and scored over a 163 on the LSAT"???? Do you think the employer could or will verify any of these statistics to give you any credibility???? ABSOLUTELY NOT. Also the Cooley name is just toxic in the legal community, if they see Cooley anywhere on an app it is likely it is going straight into the garbage. I would not be surprised if partners or hiring managers advise their secretary, HR person, or whoever is screening applications to just dump all the Cooley apps in the trash bin! If you are like me, use your better marks that got you a scholarship for at Cooley and pay full tuition at reputable regional T1 or T2 school...you will not regret it!

If you are attending with the intention of transferring out ASAP please rethink this option. Yes, top students DO TRANSFER OUT. However, it seems every student enters thinking they will be a part of these top students. If you think you will transfer and be in the top 20% of a class, keep in mind that everyone else is thinking that too...that means 80% of students who think this way will be disappointed. Law school is NOT LIKE UNDERGRAD...In fact it makes undergrad look like a joke! If you didn't apply yourself then and think you will step it up now...based on no prior law school performance HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY GAUGE your future law school performance???? Do yourself a favor and do not attend with this mentality. In fact do not attend any law school where you would not want to graduate from...other law schools are also difficult to transfer from. However, the stigma associated with Cooley along with the NASTY GRADE CURVE discussed above will make it virtuously impossible to transfer.

If this is your ONLY OPTION to attend law school I would probably re-consider law school as a whole. Either retake the LSAT and do better or find a different career altogether. Imagine life as a straight male with your goal of attending law school being analogized to a goal of being rich without working for a living or doing anything remotely notable or worthwhile ala Paris Hilton. Your options are to create a sex tape with Snooki from the Jersey Shore, Screech from Saved by the Bell, or to choose to actually work for a living. Now if this was a reality, and I was DEADSET on being famous I would probably re-consider my sexual orientation and go with Screech or choose death as an option. Jokes aside, I know you would like to be a lawyer- but hell, it isn't for all of us. If everyone could be a doctor or lawyer, don't you think everyone would be? You want to spend years of your life that you cannot get back, likely get into 150K or more of non-dischargeable debt, for a degree with a ZERO RETURN ON INVESTMENT????!!! LISTEN TO ME, YOU WILL RUIN YOUR LIFE BY ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL. You can work at Wal-Mart without the Cooley J.D....take my word for it. Listen to my advice, it is the best return on your investment for reading this and quite possibly the best return on investment in your life if you are considering attending the Thomas M. Cooley Law School!

RockStar05

P.S. Cooley considers almost 6000 applications a year, so I am certain that at least 6000 people a year do consider this as an option or look into it. I have done the research and experienced most of this for you, providing the lowdown and exposing one of the

biggest scams in modern American history. I tell it EXACTLY HOW IT IS. I will be accepting thanks for devoting my entire day to this 12 page paper creating public awareness while ignoring my studies at my new law school to do the public a service that is LONG OVERDUE! Your welcome.

This is your new blog post. Click here and start typing, or drag in elements from the top bar.

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Comments

Rockstar05

Tue, 15 Feb 2011 12:53:31 am

Thanks for the comment John. Generally, the definition of a FRAUD is an 1) intentional 2) misrepresentation of material fact 3) to induce another 4) actual reliance, and 5) damages.

It's only a matter of time I HOPE before an unemployed Cooley grad uses their Cooley Education to certify a class of these poor unemployed bastards and sue those criminals at Cooley to get their money back PLUS interest and hopefully enough punitive damages to strut this shit hole down! Again, LONG OVERDUE.

Nando

Tue, 15 Feb 2011 2:45:00 pm

That was an EPIC post. I posted the link to this entry, over on JD Underground.

<http://thomas-cooley-law-school-scam.weebly.com/1/post/2011/02/the-thomas-m-cooley-law-school-scam3.html>

Here is a follow-up post on Cooley. It is directed toward shill Nelson P. Miller. This patently dishonest academic had the gall to write the following piece:

<http://www.michbar.org/journal/pdf/pdf4article1751.pdf>

"In the October 2010 edition of the Michigan Bar Journal, associate dean at TTTT homa\$ M. Cooley Law \$chool, Nelson P. Miller wrote a piece entitled, "Legal Education as a Pie-Maker: Why Michigan Benefits from Accessible Law Schools."

Thank you for DECIMATING this foul and rank pile of excrement. I have visited the economic dead zone known as Michigan. Congratulations on transferring out of the 2nd best law school in the land.

Nando, graduate of Third Tier Drake

jdpa interguy

Tue, 15 Feb 2011 5:26:55 pm

I started my second semester at Touro Law School paid in full with Federally backed Student Loans.

I had to pay that tuition for the second semester in advance, or I would not have been allowed to attend classes.

However, I still did not have all of my grades from the first semester.

The grades I did have already were terrible, and I walked around for two weeks wondering if I had in fact flunked out.

It turned out I had a GPA that was around 1.8 or 1.9, which placed me on academic probation.

It wasn't until after the third semester, and after taking some 2nd year "joke" elective classes for an essay A or B+ that I was able to pull my gpa above 2.0 (passing).

How stressful and miserable those first two weeks of my second semester were. Looking back, I think I almost had a nervous breakdown over it all.

I checked for my grades by telephone every day, and at the same time was terrified of being called on in class, to see if I had briefed a case that was among a 100 page reading assignment for the night before. The same scenario for some of my other

classes.

How bitterly do I resent the way I was forced to pay my tuition in full with Federally Backed loans, without even the courtesy of having all of my grades, and knowing where I stood academically.

Surely that was illegal.

You say a lot about Cooley, and I identify with a lot of it because I experienced very similar things at Touro.

I could go on and on.

Rockstar05

Tue, 15 Feb 2011 5:28:10 pm

Thank you Nando for your kind words. Coming from the creator and author of the Third Tier Reality blog which I have referred to several times in my post above, in addition to being an inspiration for me to expose the reality of this fraud of a law school, it does truly mean a lot.

For those who don't know, Nando is one of the most famous bloggers who is leading the movement against law schools in America which have nothing to provide Americans besides J.D.'s that will never be put toward their intended use and SIX DIGITS OF DEBT to be by your side FOR LIFE. He has profiled SEVERAL other schools in a much more concise fashion on his general blog which also contains links to several other useful sites.

Since I can only speak from experience at this shithole, if you are considering any law school I would suggest taking a look at Mr. Nando's site to see if any of your "potential" law schools are profiled there. I am certain that you will find the authors down to earth, fact-based, realistic, no-nonsense approach to the law school game incredibly informative. Here is the link

<http://thirdtierreality.blogspot.com/>

Additionally, the NY Times has also quoted Nando in the article above addressing the law school pandemic in America:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/09/business/09law.html>

The truth is out there folks!!! The NY TIMES article addressing this issue is hopefully just the beginning of the war against these bloodsucking money making scam machines. Cooley is still BY FAR the WORST culprit, but there are still others that are not too far behind.

Rockstar05

Tue, 15 Feb 2011 5:42:59 pm

@JDPainterGuy

I am sorry to hear your story. I am aware of similar occurrences and the same policy at Cooley.

Perhaps I did not adequately address the implications of wastebuckets like COOLEY giving back your grades so late.

1) You could find out that you've been kicked out in week 4 of the following semester. Say bye bye tuition. Yes, you will blindly pay funds and carry on without any feedback of where you stand academically. Seeing as the attrition rate is SO LARGE and the grade curve so low I can imagine that a HUGE amount of students are stuck awaiting their financial and academic fate for weeks, with no other option to wait like sitting ducks. FROM YOUR FRIENDS @THOMAS COOLEY AND SHITHOLES LIKE TOURO: Enjoy the post-exam break kiddies!!

2) If you are like every other Cooley student and are attempting to transfer to a legitimate school you will have to wait until WEEK 4 for your grades (IF YOUR LUCKY AND THESE JERKOFFS ACTUALLY COME THROUGH ON ONE OF THEIR EMPTY PROMISES) and until WEEK 7 or WEEK 8 of the next semester for your class rank due to grade appeals...this leaves the total anticipation for grades for a transfer app at 11 weeks!!! With them bragging about the largest student body, why doesn't the largest administrative body try to do their fucking jobs properly? Yes this will set you back TREMENDOUSLY in determining where it is worth it to apply and getting your applications out before deadlines. Additionally, this will all be conveniently happening during the middle of the term crunch where everyone is starting to study for finals again while doing weekly readings to try to have a shot at getting out of Cooley.

How on earth can any shithole justify doing this to their ambitious, tuition paying students? It is still beyond me.

jdpainter05

Tue, 15 Feb 2011 5:51:00 pm

If practices like these are illegal, and Schools like Cooley and Touro are, all the while, playing around with Federally backed Student Loan money (in whole or in part),

then doesn't that make it a Federal Offense?

Rockstar05

Tue, 15 Feb 2011 6:14:04 pm

While I cannot speak from experience or knowledge, as I am not well-versed in the laws regarding Federal loans and the public and private institutions such as Cooley and Touro that administer them, I can speak from common sense, logic, and what intuitively seems reasonable.

I would imagine that the availability of federally backed student loan funds is dependent solely on your registration at an academic institute and a confirmation of that enrollment and corresponding fees to the federal government. As far as the institutions go, what happened to you at Touro and what happens at Cooley seems to be more of a administrative and academic policies that are screwing students over. Unfortunately, as far as the federal government goes, they advanced the funds in good-faith of your continuing education, fulfilling their obligation to providing the means to education for America.

The decision of when funds are due to stay enrolled in classes is ONLY set by the private (or public I guess) institutions. The government has done its job and provided the funds by that point assuming your timely application and fulfillment of their requirements. When tuition is due and when grades are distributed are purely academic and administrative decisions of the school you are attending. So unfortunately I see these as totally different and unrelated issues, and unfortunately, as far as the federal government goes you WILL OWE THOSE FUNDS. As far as the "educational institute" goes they will have THOSE FUNDS FOR PROMDING YOU WITH ABSOLUTELY NOTHING but a lot of sorrow and regret for attending schools of such character.

A school that actually gave a shit about its students would likely take these factors into consideration and may postpone payment of fees to coincide with the release of grades. This again would be assuming that these schools have a shred of dignity. Hope this helps. Anyone else who is more educated or more knowledgeable on the issues JDPainter speaks of, please feel free to help out our friend (and another victim of trash receptacles like Cooley and Toro) by posting. Thanks.

J-dog

Tue, 15 Feb 2011 6:55:20 pm

I didn't even know some of the stuff about the grading curve, lack of breaks, 1-week exam period, no reading time off, etc.

That's absurd and surely mentally taxing.

What a ridiculous monster our system has created.

Rockstar05

Tue, 15 Feb 2011 7:10:36 pm

Yes, the fourth tier monster that approaches law school like the first tier monster that never was.

I have also heard of HORRIBLE GRADE CURVES at the other shitholes of America such as Touro, and the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in California. This is all very surprising since these schools listed are the shittiest of the shitty. You would think in return for footing students out of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and actually having students ATTEND THESE COCKROACH SITES, they would AT LEAST GRADE NORMALLY, let alone go all out and inflate their graduates marks so they actually have a shot in the job market of getting employed also boosting the prestige of their business institutions!!! This is the only thing of the fourth tier trash business model I have yet to figure out. AND I HOPE THAT BY POSTING THIS I HAVE NOT GIVEN ANY COOLEY EXECUTIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSON THE FINAL KEY TO PERFECTING THEIR BUSINESS MODEL!!!!

I'm glad that this is creating awareness that people in Cooley do have it REALLY REALLY BAD. That's why I can't say ONLY morons graduate from there besides being morons for sticking around to graduate from an unethical pathetic school. Otherwise I just feel really SORRY for them. Yes they do have the work-ethic, they have survived an atrocious attrition rate and have worked hard to excel under the policies and system outlined above.

However, I pity them because no-one will ever acknowledge or appreciate this fact. Hence I have started this to attack the root of the problem, don't attend BLOOD SUCKING PARASITE CAMPS like this school or YOU WILL RUIN YOUR LIFE DESPITE YOUR BEST EFFORTS TO EMERGE A WINNER.

Rockstar05*Wed, 16 Feb 2011 12:58:44 am*

Here is a link to an established blog for a similar cause that was appreciative enough of my work on this blog exposing the truth and reality of this sham of a law school to create a link to my site. They also have included a link to their own public broadcast weighing-in on the Thomas M. Cooley Law School and their ranking system. Listening to this should give you some input and perspective on the OUTSIDE IMPRESSION OF THE COOLEY AND ITS STELLAR REPUTATION (just in case you doubt what I am telling you or think for even a millisecond that I am some disgruntled student telling lies about the 2nd best law school in America).

<http://shillingmesoftly.blogspot.com/2011/02/attention-cooley-you-got-serve.html>

After their audio broadcast loads skip to 27:57 as they instruct to hear the Cooley stuff.

EscapedCooleyStudent*Wed, 16 Feb 2011 1:22:58 am*

I did a year at this trash School! They did exactly what you said they do, they failed out a large portion of us!

I had a property Prof even tells us the admin told her she was passing too many students, and to warn us the curve was going to be even worse that year. Surprise that was lowest grade by far!

I ended up getting C's in most of my classes, but they were C-s. So that means under 2.0. I almost managed to get a B in one class, but I missed it by 1 point! There is no C+ so lowered it to C so that means a 2.0. Like I said, scam!

End of the day I ended with slightly below a 2.0 and was killing myself for this. At this point I was up the creek, no ABA school would touch me. I had another ABA school pre-accepted me as a transfer, but when they found out I wound up with under a 2.0 it was over. Cooley Scammed me again!

Thankfully I found an unaccredited law school out west. I am doing well there now. Having to repeat my 1st year was horrid, and taking a test called the baby bar almost killed me. (That's another rant, 82% failure rate on that test) but I made it.

End of story I am doing fine. But no thanks to Cooley. Run, Run, Run away from this school. Rock Star Thanks you for posting this, you are my hero!

Rockstar05*Wed, 16 Feb 2011 2:17:20 am*

Thank-you for sharing your experiences with us EscapedCooleyStudent.

Perhaps I should re-title the name of this blog as Cooley vs. Unaccredited but there might be too much debate.

Let's stick to the sure things in life and we should do just fine! For example, Cooley is the biggest piece of shit in North America. I would rather get a "J.D." from a culinary school in Mexico than this "law school" as at least I would be more likely to find a paying job in the American job market(sorry if I offended any culinary schools by being compared to Cooley).

I created this blog so EVERYONE could make an INFORMED DECISION with respect to this and other "scam" schools. I have made all this information publicly available to ensure future prospective students are COMPLETELY INFORMED, and therefore attend these TTTT at their own peril. It is my wish and goal that this reaches the MAXIMUM AUDIENCE and is spread TO ALL THE NAME PROSPECTIVE LAW STUDENTS OF AMERICA FROM ALL ACROSS THE WORLD. Don't say no-one told you so...

Cooley Defender*Wed, 16 Feb 2011 12:06:20 pm*

Look, I am going to make a mild defense of Cooley, just based on what I have read. I am not a lawyer and did not ever attend Cooley, so you can certainly take issue with my points.

First, the reputation of Cooley is horrible. The "Cooley rankings" are a complete joke and should be immediately discontinued.

However, as you have pointed out, Cooley operates under a different premise than other law schools, they admit more students and they fail more. This model is not going to get you points in the rankings. However, it certainly seems as reasonable as only admitting a select group of students and passing them all. I am not defending the Cooley model - it's just different.

And Cooley does a decent job in getting graduates to pass the Michigan bar. So a Cooley education does appear to be helpful

in getting the marginal law student to bar passage.

Having said that, any student should be aware that their chances of actually finding employment with a school of this reputation is virtually nil. The only reason to go would be that you can't get in anywhere else and passing the bar (but not getting a job) is useful. That shouldn't be too many people, but I suppose they exist.

Joe

Wed, 16 Feb 2011 12:21:03 pm

Ok, I'm sure I'm going to get flamed, but...

Because Cooley makes it hard to get an A on an exam by having closed-book exams, it is a shitty law school? I get the whole financial aspect of this, and I agree that the cost of Cooley (and all other law schools) is ridiculously high, but does that mean Cooley provides a bad education? It seems like the other way around. They give everyone a chance, and many don't make it, but some do.

As for the 2.0 curve - why is that bad? Shouldn't a C be average? Half above and half below?

Rockstar05

Wed, 16 Feb 2011 2:00:50 pm

STAY TUNED WHILE I FINISH MY LUNCH THEN PROCEED TO FLAME THE ABOVE TWO POSTERS FOR THEIR SILLY POSTS!

Actually you know what, MY LUNCH CAN WAIT!

In all fairness I was expecting MUCH MUCH worse from Cooley defenders. These two aren't completely clueless and sheltered from the reality of the Thomas Cooley shithole. 36 hours of being live and over 600 unique visitors... I KNEW IT WOULD ONLY BE A MATTER OF TIME before some COOLEY DEFENDERS popped up.... as they have on several other forums then get sent into oblivion for their nonsensical lame and irrational attempts to defend the school or justify their individual attendance. These posts are far less idiotic than what I expected.

First things first, I will deal with Cooley Defender. Before reading the link below that I will rely on as "accurate" and "truthful", I would like to bring to everyone's attention that these are SELF REPORTED STATISTICS from the most unethical and deceptive law school in the nation, known as the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Also keep in mind there are reports all over the internet that the true attrition rate over all three years leaves only 25% of the entering class to write the bar.

<http://www.cooley.edu/overview/barresults.html>

YOU WOULD HOPE THAT THE WORST LAW SCHOOL IN NORTH AMERICA WOULD BY ACCEPTING LITERALLY EVERY CANDIDATE THAT APPLIES TO IT AND BY FLUNKING OUT 75% (75%) OF ITS STARTING CLASS WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, THAT THE TOP 25% OF THE ENTERING CLASS INCLUDING THE 100% SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS MANAGE A BAR PASSAGE RATE ONLY A FEW POINTS BEHIND THE STATE AVERAGE!!!! Their bar passage rate is ABSOLUTELY PATHETIC when you look at it from this CORRECT perspective.

Imagine taking the top 25% writers at another school that DOESN'T have a policy of FLUNKING OUT 75% of its starting class. Their bar passage rate for those schools would probably be in the 95%+ range!!!! Cooley is pathetic for this same reason.... and THEY FLUNK PPL OUT so more people PASS THE BAR LEADING TO A HIGHER BAR PASSAGE RATE... to lead INNOCENT FOOLS LIKE YOU WHO DON'T KNOW ANY BETTER TO THINK... "WOW I DON'T KNOW WHY EVERYONE IS SO NEGATIVE ABOUT COOLEY, THEIR BAR PASS IS RIGHT AROUND AVERAGE, YOU KNOW WHAT (either because of a lucrative scholarship because you are semi-intelligent, OR because you have virtually no other options) I WILL ATTEND HERE". YOU FOOLISH LEMMING, if you read my article above properly you would see that this is THE COOLEY BUSINESS MODEL AT WORK! I broke down that business model in caveman terms and YOU PEOPLE STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND??? They do this to attract and retain more students, keeping the better, and rejecting the worse and pocketing money from 75% of the naive fools who attend, do the math lemming:

Imagine you have inelastic demand.... regardless of how many seats you have they WILL FILL, and at WHATEVER COST, because HEY, EVERYONE WANTS TO BE A LAWYER! Assuming the 75% who flunk out are the same dumbasses who couldn't get a scholarship at this waste bucket:

Yearly Cost of Attending (Tuition and Books)- \$36000

Entering Cooley Class:

Out of the 5000 acceptance letters let us assume that 4000 poor suckers actually accept an offer to go here. 3000/4000 of these guys will flunk out, meaning only 1000/4000 of these guys will actually graduate
 $3000 * 36,000 = 108,000,000$

$3000 * \text{full cost of attending to students } 50K \text{ per year} = 150,000,000$

COOLEY POCKETS \$108M/YEAR ON THIS SCAM!! ALL THEWHILE THESE POOR STUDENTS RACK UP 150M ON DEBT!!! Ok I will say that due to inaccurate attrition rates everywhere that these numbers may be inflated. But NOONE can argue with the fact that the attrition rate here is HUGE and AMONG THE WORST IN THE COUNTRY. SO NO, THIS MODEL IS NOT RESPECTABLE AT ALL COOLEY DEFENDER.

Thank you for conceding the following and giving yourself any sense of intellectual credibility:

"Having said that, any student should be aware that there chances of actually finding employment with a school of this reputation is virtually nil. The only reason to go would be that you can't get in anywhere else.... That shouldn't be too many people, but I suppose they exist."

As for your earlier comments, if you aren't considering law school or cannot understand simple business concepts or my spelling out of the Cooley scam in the lengthy blog post above please refrain from making silly comments. Just read and you might learn a few things! You can drop me a thank-you later.

LEMMING #2 Mr. JOE (clearly the bigger lemming)

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Rockstar05

Wed, 16 Feb 2011 2:15:26 pm

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I won't address WHAT MAKES COOLEY a shitty law school. I believe I have hit every point in a persuasive manner, as well as provided links and insight into the "Cooley factor" to the outside world. The difficulty of achieving good grades at this school does play a part. Graduating from this school is bad enough....the grades come into play because on a 4.0 scale, NO EMPLOYER WILL TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY given the grade curve. This is Cooley's last laugh going all the way to the bank while making sure they fuck you over for the rest of your life: all that debt, and literally no means to a job to pay it off. There are MUCH BETTER SCHOOLS were 3.00 is the "average"....at Cooley I would estimate that is around a 2.50....NOW THINK ABOUT A SCHOOL WITH A REPUTATION AS THE WORST LAW SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE AVERAGE GRAD HAS A 2.5????? YOU WOULD KICK THAT JOB APPLICANT OUT OF YOUR OFFICE. Who would hire someone like that? That GPA is not reflective of law school performance. Hence, PART of the reason why Cooley is a bad school.

And no, think about it, in this depressed legal job market do u think the bottom 50% of the class, C- and below will actually get hired, especially from this fourth-rate TTTT????!!!

Finally, further proof you either a) did not read my blog or b) have HORRIBLE reading comprehension, you have missed the point of my blog. I never insulted the quality of education. Just expressed my empathy and pity for the grads who do work hard and graduate from this school to never get a job, any respect, recognition, or a salary that matches the level of effort they put into law school.

Next time you post please read carefully and THINK BEFORE POSTING Mr. Joe. I will not be so nice to repeat offenders.

Cooley Defender

Wed, 16 Feb 2011 2:43:22 pm

Okay, I already hate my name because I'm not really defending Cooley.

Rockstar05 (much better choice) you have a logical problem in your argument. You say:

1. Cooley is a money making machine.
2. Cooley fails 75% of the students.

Which is it? You can't be both, they would obviously make more money if they didn't fail everyone.

I remember my grandfather telling me that when he went to law school after WWI (yes WWI - my grandpappy was old) they took everyone and failed a bunch out. Or at least I think he did. So maybe Cooley is just old school.

Rockstar05

Wed, 16 Feb 2011 3:31:37 pm

When you look for logic, look no further than my posts.

Your post is CLEARLY INDICATIVE of AGAIN, NOT UNDERSTANDING THE BUSINESS MODEL.

Think about it this way...LOGICALLY THROUGH SHEER NUMBERS, COOLEY ACCOMPLISHES BOTH. They send out almost 5000 acceptance letters!!! THIS WAY THEY CAN AFFORD TO BANK FIRST YEAR TUITION FOR 75% OF THOSE WHO ATTEND THE SCHOOL, FLUNK THOSE OUT, YET STILL RETAIN A STUDENT BODY THAT IS LIKELY THREE TIMES A REGULAR LAW SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT AND CONTINUE MAKING MONEY!! IN THE MEANTIME THEY RETAIN THE "BEST" STUDENTS TO INCREASE BAR PASSAGE RATES AND KEEP COOLEY LOOKING LIKE A GOOD INVESTMENT!!!

I DONT KNOW HOW MUCH MORE SIMPLER I CAN EXPLAIN THE ABOVE.

They advertise themselves as one of the private schools with the LOWEST tuition. Sure we can give them that...but due to the volume of students and multiple campuses (currently 4), I would not be suprised if they were in the MOST WEALTHIEST law school school as well....if not, then certainly in the top ten I would assume.

Fetch

Wed, 16 Feb 2011 3:47:50 pm

I know three kids from NY who recently uprooted, and traveled to Lansing to attend this 4T dump. These kids are graduates from 4T UGC toilets and performed miserably on the LSAT. Cooley was the "only" law school they would get accepted into.

But here's the deal...these kids think they could transfer to a better ranked law school after one year at Cooley. Why the ABA does not do the responsible thing in pulling the plug in accrediting Cooley is beyond me. This school is really doing a great disservice to these kids. Some of these kids didn't perform that well in UGC. What makes this school administration think that these kids have what it takes in being an attorney?

Most of the student body is not there because they want to go to Cooley; they are there because they can't get accepted into any other law school. And it's egregious that the ABA allows this low ranked school to accept applicants and charge such an outrageous amount of tuition. There has to be some cut off point in which people should not be admitted into law school. Not everyone is cut out to be an attorney, just as not everyone is cut out to be a doctor. It's shocking that the ABA is more concerned about generating money from school accreditation than being concerned about upholding standards and integrity in this field, and that sickens me.

Rockstar05

Wed, 16 Feb 2011 3:54:09 pm

Excellent post Fetch. You reinforced what I said and added additional constructive insight.

This blog post/article now serves MULTIPLE PURPOSES:

- 1) Prospective Law School Students- avoid Cooley at all costs. If this is your ONLY option, retake the LSAT or find a different career.
- 2) The intervention of the ABA and regulation of reporting standards to uphold the integrity of "law schools" as institutions and the profession itself

Looking forward to more posts like the above.

EscapedCooleyStudent

Wed, 16 Feb 2011 4:12:50 pm

Yes the unaccredited law school experience has definitely been a hard road. Most unaccredited LS's are diploma mills that would put Cooley to shame on the % they fail out. The only difference between most unaccredited schools and Cooley is they

do their "scam" on a smaller scale. These places charge between 4-6k a year for their 4 year programs, and have smaller student bodies. So you are not left a debt slave like at Cooley, but you are left without a JD in most cases, or without any real chance of ever passing the bar.

The Baby Bar claims most 1st year students with an 82% failure rate, it is merciless. There are people that have take the exam 10 times and never passed. It is a test designed by the state of California to fail you. For instance, having aced one class I figured my BB exam for that subject would be cake, surprise I ended up with a score in the mid 60's in it. Like I said, it's a brutal test, only by selling your soul to your law books will you have any hope. Only by the grace of God did I pass that test.

One prominent example of trash unaccredited school is Peoples College of Law. A place with its only noteworthy accomplishment is it had 1 person finally pass the bar in the last few years, that's right 1 person! Out of countless others that failed out!

Either because of failing the Baby Bar or flunking out academically you are not going to become a JD at most non ABA unaccredited schools or at Peoples. And even if they do get to take the Cali Bar, most Peoples Students fail it time and again! For instance the mayor of LA went there, and failed the bar 3 times before calling it quits!

Oh and here is a great picture of their campus, you will get a laugh out of this one. I just hope this is not one of their students!

<http://www.top-law-schools.com/forums/viewtopic.php?f=22&t=66431>

As for my unaccredited LS it is at the other end of the spectrum. It's sort of a T1 unaccredited, if such a thing exists, lol. Kind of an oxymoron I know, but I am getting a great education. Highest Baby Bar passage in the state more or less. The only negative aspect is tough curve, not as bad as Cooley's by any means, but when you have to kill yourself for 2.5ish you know your in trouble, especially when a lot ABA LS' have a B+ curve. If I am lucky employers will just assume my school is accredited when I apply for a job, and not ask about my GPA. If I have passed the bar, they don't need to know my school isn't accredited why does it matter even matter at the end of the day if I have passed the bar anyway?

Did I mention closed book exams, that's standard for the Baby Bar and every unaccredited LS I have ever heard of. But in the end I will be able to take the bar in a few years, and practice. And at only 4-5k a year its a deal, compared to Cooley's 30k+!

As for the Cooley Defender, do you have no shame!? The place took my 30k, didn't give me any credit hours, kept me from transferring to a real ABA school because of the curve. Then sent me a we are sorry but you can't come back next year because you got a C- in a few classes, and thus have below a 2.0 letter! Thankfully I had already been accepted to my unaccredited school so I didn't go nuts.

Cooley has no shame, and neither do most of the unaccredited schools out there. Some of them are even for profit, following Cooley's business model in a lot of respects, except they get to keep the cash at the end of the day, instead of funneling it into Prof salaries and huge libraries no body really uses. But is there really that big of a difference? A scam is a scam!

Cooley Defender

Wed, 16 Feb 2011 5:38:00 pm

Okay, this is my last post because the argument I was trying to make (and I think is still valid) is pretty limited. I was just saying that Cooley has a different model. And that different model is the main reason it is ranked so poorly. It is not because of the GPA curve, large library or pathetic administration. Cooley would be right up there in the rankings with the right LSAT/GPA mix and we all know it.

But if you're thinking of going to Cooley, don't use my posts as justification. As we have seen, you will probably either fail out or be an unemployed lawyer with debt. Not so great, eh? Also read Nando's entry where he talks about a Cooley graduate who was forced into solo and is now facing malpractice complaints - this is a real problem for new attorneys forced to be solos.

Even with these dubious stats, the claimed starting salary is only 50K. Look, I busted out of law school myself many years ago and I make 200K and don't even work that hard. You don't have to be a lawyer to make money.

Rockstar05

Thu, 17 Feb 2011 4:31:44 pm

ATTENTION COOLEY DEFENDER:

"Cooley would be right up there in the rankings with the right LSAT/GPA mix and we all know it."

Doubtful. That is a very bold statement. Alas, I am tired and do not feel like addressing it or tearing your logic to shreds. If Cooley ever becomes "right up there" and out of the fourth tier trash of America even if it COMPLETELY OVERHAULS its

model, I will provide a handgun and my personal address and let you do the honors good sir.

Congrats on the 200k/year. Mind sharing what you did post law school to achieve that?

You can give any potential Cooley student and Cooley grad hope that there are options beyond a "useless Cooley J.D." and plus I am also personally curious.

jdpainterguy

Thu, 17 Feb 2011 5:18:49 pm

Rockstar 05:

I am no match for your analytical abilities, but even so, I feel you have done an excellent job here.

My experience, though short, with blogging is that the very first page and most recent post gets all of the views by far.

Also, there is a need to repeat the blogger's messages, and be redundant, because prior posts get buried and read much less often.

I would love to possibly refer to this post on my blog in a future post, and compare Touro to Cooley.

You have made, and brought to light some very keen observations about a very cunning industry that has been ripping many people off, and very badly, for far too long.

Informant

Thu, 17 Feb 2011 10:59:09 pm

Great Great Great Post! So great that I'd like to solve the Cooley enigma for everyone, Thomas M. Cooley is a sham Corporation. Their sole operational goal is using their students to make and create (pay close attention to my use of the word 'creating') securities that they can offer, and sell to banks, student loan servicers, guaranty agencies, investment banks, and institutional investors. In fact, a good portion of Cooley's 'Administrators' and 'Executive Officers' are actually full time employees at banks, investment firms, private equity firms and securities dealers. Cooley has been able to get away with this for years by misspelling names, omitting letters from names, and/or using maiden names on their website, literature, etc. Hopefully, when you add this information to RockStar05's brilliant explanation the Cooley scheme will make more and more sense. I will post more when I get more info from my insider at Cooley!

You know who

Thu, 17 Feb 2011 11:24:07 pm

Just Started my own law school scam blog, its got to be a first. Its dedicated to exposing the scam that is the ABA law school system, centering on places like the trash bin that is Thomas Cooley. Also it highlights the alternative unaccredited law schools.

Believe it or not you can go to law school for 4k or less a year! Take that Cooley, and you ABA chumps!

<http://abanoway.wordpress.com/>

guest

Wed, 02 Mar 2011 1:34:12 am

<http://erinmpitcher.blogspot.com/2011/02/jobs-blogs-and-other-things.html>

Check out this idiot's blog. The girl writes at an 8th grade level. And she has the nerve to attack a scamblogger who backs up his case with the facts? Have fun at Florida Coastal Law.

Running Shoes

Wed, 02 Mar 2011 2:48:08 am

Art is much less important than life, but what a poor life without it!

Hit e Duck Shoes

Fri, 04 Mar 2011 3:25:52 am

your website is so great that i love it very much. thank you for sharing it with us.

Rockstar05

Mon, 07 Mar 2011 3:03:09 pm

@JD Painter Guy- thank you for your kind words. Feel free to refer to my post as you wish. I look forward to reading your post on Touro. Please be sure to post a link here so I can take a look!

@Informant- anything new??

@You Know Who- instead of spending 100-200k on a JD from an ABA approved school (such as Cooley) to start at 35K or spend 15k-20k on a non-ABA approved school to start at 30-35k the non-aba route SURE SEEMS SOLID. Unlikely that most will take that route as it is inherently risky and ppl in TTTT tend to be optimists

@guest- looks like nando ripped her accordingly followed up by a supporting thrashing from J-Dog

@Running Shoes and @Nike Duck Shoes

what the fuck? are you spamming on my blog post? Get lost motherfuckers.

Jay Danlels

Wed, 09 Mar 2011 12:57:07 pm

Cooley is the worst dump of life. I went there thinking the 75% scholarship was worth it. Luckily I was able to survive and now I'm a 2L at Seton Hall. FUCK THAT PLACE!!

guest

Sun, 13 Mar 2011 6:16:08 pm

<http://ahirdierreality.blogspot.com/2010/03/smoldering-steaming-pile-of-excrement.html>

Good entry over here. Why does this guy attract so many Cooley defenders?? Do you suspect the school hires cocksuckers to defend it on the internet?

yiwu cinema

Wed, 16 Mar 2011 11:13:04 pm

It's a nice post! Thanks for your good work, it helps me a lot! I will come back again! Blogging is spreading its wings rapidly. Your write up is often a fine example of it.

Informant

Fri, 25 Mar 2011 2:42:54 am

Rockstar05,

As of right now, I'm unable to share the most recent events. Hopefully, I'll be able to spill the beans soon.

Asset Protection

Fri, 26 Mar 2011 3:33:49 am

Asset protection refers to a set of legal techniques that protect a person's property from creditors and judgments. While there have always been protective measures available to persons to protect their assets, there has never been as great an interest in asset protection until recent years.

MSULawSpartan

Mon, 28 Mar 2011 8:27:06 pm

As a student at MSU Law, located 5 miles east of Cooley Law, it is frustrating as fuck to have this diploma mill so close by. Michigan has a real shitty economy to begin with, and with Cooley and its 4 campuses, the market here is completely flooded. Not to mention there is University of Detroit Mercy (which isn't that much better) that isn't far behind Cooley. I realize MSU isn't that highly ranked (at least we are top 100 woohool), but our curve isn't that harsh, our attrition rate is low, and although the tuition is high, there are generous scholarships being handed out. Cooley is the butt of many jokes here on campus, both with the students and the professors. I think we had one professor teaching here from Cooley, but she was an adjunct writing prof.

A Cooley degree is like a scarlet letter in the legal world: you have whored yourself out to the school that lets everyone in. If you had a bad LSAT/JGPA, then maybe you just weren't cut out for law school. Don't give me this bullshit about being a bad test taker or partying too much. If you can't hack it in undergrad, you shouldn't go to law school. A lawyer is a professional, not a recovering fuck-up. If you can't score above a 155 on your LSAT, just give up and go back to watching Judge Judy.

Unfortunately, being from Michigan, Cooley is well known throughout the state with laymen, and in a good way. They associate the name with the legal community (in fact, when I tell people I go to MSU Law, many laymen say "Oh, so you go to Cooley?"). Some of my former classmates from high school are enrolled at that piece of crap school, and let's just say they weren't the kids who were spending time in debate club or pushing themselves to score 5's on their AP tests. And whenever I have to go downtown to the courthouse (located a block away from Cooley) to file something for work, I always see the shadiest motherfuckers with backpacks making their way to Cooley Law School. High caliber of students they let in there.

And lastly, who the heck comes up with an arbitrary rankings system and doesn't even place themselves first?

jdpaInterguy@gmail.com

Thu, 31 Mar 2011 7:26:34 am

Hey Rockstar05:

Would you mind if I put a link to this article on my most recent post?

I mention the way in which Touro withheld grades into the second semester, and I want to indicate that Touro is not the only school to do this, and then mention where you state that Cooley has done so.

I'll check back later tonight after work, or you can e-mail me at jdpaInterguy@gmail.com

In my mind, after everything else gets said by the scambloggers, the most damning thing is the withholding of the grades, which nobody can deny.

And it is rendered more egregious because of the source of the funds (Federally backed Student Loans)

Rock star05

Thu, 31 Mar 2011 9:51:14 am

Hey JD Painter Guy,

I did reply to you about seven posts up. Feel free to post a link to this article. The truth about these scam schools needs to be spread. Also, post a link here to your blog post. Would like to check it out.

Good day,

Rockstar05

Rock star05

Thu, 31 Mar 2011 10:27:16 am

<http://lawschooltuitionbubble.wordpress.com/2011/03/29/law-graduate-overproduction-by-state-aka-%e2%80%9cthe-holy-grail-%e2%80%9d/>

This site is absolutely incredible. It uses practical hard numbers (through raw data and projections) to illustrate the state of the U.S. legal job market. Note that Cooley is probably single handedly accounting for 50% of Michigan's lawyer production....leading to the flooded market in what is already an ECONOMICALLY DECIMATED state to begin with. Again, fuck you Cooley.

Former Top Student at Cooley

Thu, 31 Mar 2011 3:12:27 pm

Here are some more comments about transferring:

1. Cooley will hinder you from transferring by refusing to provide documents to schools that request them. Cooley will say it cannot release information it received from third parties because it cannot verify its accuracy. A: Cooley thought it was accurate enough to base its admission decisions on it, and B: The schools requesting information obviously aren't concerned about its accuracy, otherwise they wouldn't request LSDAS info.

2. I was the top student at Cooley and had incoming an incoming LSAT score that was in the 80th percentile. My first semester at Cooley, I was ranked no. 1 overall and received the top score (book award) on every exam I wrote.

I wanted to transfer to schools in Florida. I got in at 1st-tier schools there, but University of Miami tabled my admission decision

and requested an extra letter of recommendation--despite having incoming credentials that would have placed me easily within the top 20% of Miami law 1Ls.

3. It may be tough to get a letter of recommendation. Many Cooley professors refuse to give them and take it as an insult that you want to leave their school. My response to them was, what more do I have to prove here?

jdpaInterguy@gmail.com

Thu, 31 Mar 2011 5:24:01 pm

Rocksta05:

Thanks. Here is the link to my recent Post where I likewise link to this Post.

<http://esquirepainting.blogspot.com/2011/03/here-is-my-law-school-transcript.html>

A lot of hits today, and hopefully a lot more to come, so maybe you will see it reflected in the # of views on your blog.

Cooley Pride

Thu, 31 Mar 2011 5:34:04 pm

I scored low on the LSAT (142,) and only had a 2.4 from the University of Kansas. Cooley was the only school to accept me, and thus offered me a spot in their AAMPLE program. If I pass, I am admitted into their school! Although the AAMPLE program is costly, I believe it is well worth it. Cooley sees through the numbers, and realizes that the LSAT is racially biased. They know that LSAT and GPA are in no way good predictors of law school success.

I have learned a lot about Cooley through their website, which is the only source of information one should use when choosing a law school due to the fact that the law school knows itself better than anyone else.

If Cooley is so horrible, why would the ABA accredit them? Furthermore, if it is so bad, why are they ranked 2nd in another objective but more obscure set of rankings?

My goal is to be a lawyer, and Cooley will give me the skills I need to be successful. At the end of the day, law school is law school, and a degree is a degree. No one cares where you went. As long as you pass the bar, you will be in demand. This blog is full of lies. I am going to be a lawyer, naysayers be damned! Cooley has a superb reputation in the state of Michigan, and once I graduate, it should be quite easy to find a job.

Anna Sanchez

Fri, 01 Apr 2011 1:26:29 am

HAHAHA, thank you for a good laugh...nothing I enjoy more than hearing about students that couldn't hack it at Cooley, getting pissed off and talking trash about the school. If Cooley was sooo easy for you then you should have been booking every class right??? and I promise you, you don't even have one book award. If it was sooo easy the fail out rate wouldn't be as high as it is now right???? If you know the law inside and out then you are going to pass. Cooley does not fail you because you know the material, they fail you because you DON'T!!!! Which is exactly the reason why Cooley is a great law school. At Cooley the standards and requirements are much much higher than other schools. We have to take exams with time restraints, they are all closed books, we don't get a "reading week" to study, we have classes all the way up to exams. The final grade is based on our final exam. So yes, if you want to do well at Cooley then you better know the law inside and out or you will fail out...isn't that what you want in a lawyer??? someone that knows the law???? and just to point out the obvious, Cooley grads have to take AND PASS the exact same BAR exam as everyone else. And only someone who is failing out or has failed out is concerned about the 4 weeks until grades get posted to know if you're allowed back the next term, if you know your law you won't be facing that problem. So the day you can come back to this school and succeed will be the day! Listen to your ignorant and inaccurate accusations...and it's very sad to see someone that I have to share a profession with, sit behind a computer screen like a big badass and talk trash about a school they failed out of. Clearly you learned nothing at Cooley because at Cooley they stress ethics and class, and carrying yourself as a cut above. So it's very clear to see you just couldn't cut it at Cooley. Don't beat yourself up, it's not for everyone. Just the best of the best.

Anna Sanchez is an idiot

Fri, 01 Apr 2011 3:15:11 pm

Let me address this moronic post.

First off, Cooley fails out so many people because these people had NO business being in law school to begin with. Think about it. Do you really think that someone who earned a 2.5 ugpa in, and an LSAT of 143 has any chance in hell at passing the

bar? Undergrad is a cakewalk compared to law school, and if you cannot excel there, then you stand no chance in law school.

Cooley realizes that they accept morons such as yourself. To compensate for that, they flunk most of them in order to keep their bar rate respectable. Law school is certainly not for everybody, regardless of what Cooley would have you think. Cooley is by far the biggest laughing stock in the country, and no employer in their right mind would hire a Cooley grad.

Anna, you are on your high horse right now, but talk to me a year after you graduate when you are making \$8.45 an hour greeting people at WAL-MART. You are obviously an idiot, because you were unable to get into any other school besides Cooley. Doesn't that tell you something? If no respectable law school wants you, do you really have the aptitude needed to be a successful lawyer?

Cooley preys on idiots like Sanchez, takes their money, then flunks them after a year. Cooley knows these kids do not belong in law school, but it takes them anyway. You want to talk ethics Anna? Tell me, what is so ethical about taking \$5 grand from someone who is not qualified for law school, and then flunking them out after a year?

You and your school are both pathetic. Have fun finding ANY law firm ANYWHERE that will hire you.

Anna Sanchez

Fri, 01 Apr 2011 11:26:01 pm

so clearly you didnt get into any place either to begin with, which is exactly why you went to Cooley in the first place. Because im sure you would have done your research before choosing a school as your final decision and im sure if you would have looked into it you would have chosen somewhere else. Its pretty clear to see your bitter about your failures. its ok, like you said; Cooley isnt for everyone, and that include d you. Best of Luck to you!!!!!!

Anna Sanchez is an idiot

Fri, 01 Apr 2011 11:55:48 pm

I didn't go to Cooley, you dumb bitch. I attend a tier school, because unlike you, I had a decent LSAT score and ugpa. My school is far from Harvard, but it is a respectable regional school that will hopefully help land me a decent job. Have fun finding employment with your Cooley degree!!

Anna Sanchez is an idiot

Fri, 01 Apr 2011 11:57:18 pm

Had a typo in the above post. I attend a tier two school.

anna sanchez

Mon, 04 Apr 2011 12:55:13 am

so you didnt go to Cooley, then you have no grounds to stand on. I refuse to visit this page any more. Ive clearly defeated your arguments.

Rockstar05

Wed, 06 Apr 2011 10:58:34 pm

@CooleyPride

"I have learned a lot about Cooley through their website, which is the only source of information one should use when choosing a law school due to the fact that the law school knows itself better than anyone else."

"If Cooley is so horrible, why would the ABA accredit them? Furthermore, if it is so bad, why are they ranked 2nd in another objective but more obscure set of rankings?"

Have you not read any of the blog before leaving your comments? Cooley is nationally ridiculed for providing their own rankings! These rankings in addition to their website are used as marketing tools! Law schools are run as businesses, especially low-ranked private schools.

Additionally, did you claim my blog is full of lies? Such a generalized claim has ZERO CREDIBILITY. Especially when you have not identified ONE PART of my blog that remotely distorts the truth. Your unsubstantiated claims are a clear indication of your foolishness, and likely, your poor LSAT score. All the best with Cooley chump, and finding "easy employment" in the state of Michigan. Don't say you weren't warned lemming.

Rockstar05

Wed, 06 Apr 2011 11:25:21 pm

@Anna Sanchez

Congratulations, you seem to have the reading comprehension skills of a 4th grader. Is that why you did poorly on the LSAT and no option BUT Cooley? I'm surprised it took over 6 weeks for a retarded moron such as yourself to post something stupid on here. It was inevitable I admit, but I expected something a bit more credible or worthwhile. Most Pro-Cooley bloggers have avoided leaving comments on my blog after I have TRUTHFULLY ANNIHILATED the school for what it is on every level imaginable....all using first hand knowledge and experience. But anyways, I'll just provide a summary of why you are an idiot.

- Couldn't hack it? You clearly cannot read...I state several times in the blog post that I transferred to a school that is MUCH BETTER than Cooley

- Never said Cooley was easy, in fact, I said it was the exact opposite. This makes it more difficult to transfer out (which is what 95% of 1L's are trying to do), and for graduates who rank in the top 25% but only have a 3.0 GPA to show from one of the ABA law schools with the WORST REPUTATION in the country which does very little to help the employability of Cooley Grads

- You claim I do not have a book award? How can you substantiate this claim? Do you know my name? Or did you personally know everyone who has booked a class AT EACH OF THE FOUR COOLEY CAMPUSES? I never did claim that I "owned" Cooley...but I did do well enough to transfer out

- "We have to take exams with time restraints, they are all closed books, we dont get a "reading week" to study, we have classes all the way up to exams. The final grade is based on our final exam."

You clearly cannot read because I have pointed out everything you have stated above WITHIN THE BLOG.

- You claim I am "taking trash" about the school....but you have not pointed out one mistake, fallacy, or inaccuracy in my the scam that is the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.. UNSUBSTANTIATED CLAIMS ARE FOR MORONS LIKE YOURSELF ONLY, NO WONDER YOU'RE STILL AT COOLEY

- I never stated Cooley students who passed the bar were more or less qualified than other law students....THIS MUST BE YOUR INFERIORITY COMPLEX LASHING OUT... its okay, several Cooley students tend to react like this, completely off-topic , trying to put any irrelevant point into play to give their school any credibility

- "And only someone who is failing out or has failed out is concerned about the 4 weeks until grades get posted to know if you're allowed back the next term, if you know your law you wont be facing that problem."

WHAT ABOUT TRANSFER APPLICATIONS YOU DUMBASS? That was the reason why I pointed out the delay in grades. But yes, as JD PainterGuy has pointed out, for students on the brink of academic dismissal this can also pose significant issues.

- "So the day you can come back to this school and succeed will be the day I listen to your ignorant and inaccurate accusations...and its very sad to see someone that I have to share a profession with, sit behind a computer screen like a big badass...."

AGAIN UNSUBSTANTIATED CLAIMS.....calling my claims ignorant and inaccurate when you have not pointed out ANYTHING that is remotely inaccurate or untrue. You deserve a moron of the year award! Also, me come back to Cooley??? Couldn't pay me to do it. Even if my new law school failed me out, I would rather change careers than come back to Cooley! As for sitting behind a computer, I've verbally shredded illiterate morons like to the extent they have cried themselves to sleep. Want to meet for coffee sometime?

- The truly ethically bankrupt BUSINESS that is the Thomas M. Cooley Law School has been aptly described by myself, followed up by a concise run through by "Anna Sanchez is an idiot" (thanks btw), please refer above.

- A school I failed out of? Couldn't cut it at Cooley? OK Superstar, why don't I post my offer letter and registration at MY NEWER HIGHER RANKED SCHOOL so you can eat ALL YOUR WORDS? I'll do ALL THIS just to show that unlike you and your disgusting school, I am honest and do have both ETHICS AND INTEGRITY. But I would also like to expose you for the stupid moronic bitch that you are. Please post your Cooley photo ID card as well as a personal statement saying that "COOLEY IS THE WORST LAW SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY AS EXPOSED BY THIS TRUTHFUL REVOLUTIONARY BLOG, AND I AM ONE OF THE IDIOTS WHO HAS BOUGHT INTO AND BELIEVED THIS SCAM: AVOID COOLEY AT ALL COSTS". Do we have a deal????

Rockstar05

Wed, 06 Apr 2011 11:26:35 pm

@Anna Sanchez

I SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST, QUOTE ANNASANCHEZ "....[Cooley]its not for everyone. just the best of the best."

I will not even bother to address the absurdity of that comment or on how delusional you really are. Go say that in ANY legal forum, in front of ANY other law student attending a different school, or in front of ANYONE in the legal community and witness their response for yourself.

jdpainterguy

Mon, 11 Apr 2011 8:01:35 am

Hey Rockstar05:

My Post has had a huge swell in traffic (for my blog anyway) so you might see more views this week, since I linked to here.

Keep up the good work! I can only wish I had your analytical skills.

<http://esquirepainting.blogspot.com/2011/03/here-is-my-law-school-transcript.html>

Rockstar05

Mon, 11 Apr 2011 2:36:27 pm

Thanks for the comment JDPainterguy. Seems like there was also a spike of multiple posters lately who all "happened" to be from the same IP address leaving stupid and irrelevant comments on this blog. So henceforth comments will be filtered and any stupid or irrelevant comments or personal attacks which add nothing insightful to the topic of this blog will be deleted.

I also just skimmed through the postings and wanted to correct my post above in my quickly typed but lengthy response to Anna Sanchez. I spelled TRUTHFULLY* wrong.

Carlbea

Tue, 19 Apr 2011 9:58:14 pm

In defense of the People's College of Law, it is not your typical school. It is intended to provide a legal education to the disadvantaged for the express purpose of doing public interest law. (PCL's goals are to advocate people before property, human rights, women's rights, tenants' rights, consumer rights, workers' rights; to fight discrimination, economic and political oppression; and to enable and empower those who have been historically denied legal resources and protections.) It charges almost nothing to attend (currently \$223 per credit). Its faculty and staff are primarily volunteers. I don't go there, have never been there, and have nothing to do with it, but do know that it is a unique place. To compare it to any other law school is just unfair. It's almost like the old Mickey Rooney/Judy Garland movies where a bunch of kids get together and put on a show. Here, a bunch of community organizers got together and created a law school.

Anonymous

Thu, 21 Apr 2011 2:21:04 am

@Anna Sanchez I respectfully disagree with your posts and the assertions made therein. An acquaintance of mine has been involved in an undercover investigation of Cooley for the past two years and here's what he and his team uncovered:

1. Cooley with holds grades and information to conceal their federal student loan fraud. Cooley administrators also operate the Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority's student secondary market program, a student loan program that exists solely for the purpose of purchasing secondary market student loans for securitization.

2. Cooley, through the student secondary market program it operates purchases the college loans of incoming students. Cooley then uses your personal information to execute consolidation loans for the undergrad loans and the loans you take out to pay for Cooley's law program. Cooley then changes your 'Anticipated Completion Date' to match the maturity date on the fraudulent consolidation loan; thus the reason COOLEY'S ATTRITION RATE IS RIDICULOUSLY AND CRIMINALLY HIGH! (BTW this is FRAUD so ALL of the LOANS they consolidated are FRAUDULENT)

3. The 'consolidation' or FRAUD loans are then packaged into pre-1993 or pre-2004 student loan revenue bonds and represented as being eligible for the 9.5 percent special allowance payment. The MI Student Loan Authority municipal revenue bonds are sold to bank/servicer created special purpose entities. The revenue bonds are then sold as Student Loan Auction Rate Securities to investment firms, investors, banks, servicers the special purpose entities, and guaranty agencies. Guess:

what Cooley flunks/fails you because they change your 'Anticipated Completion Date' to match the fraudulent consolidation loan they created and sold was sold!

Oh it gets MUCH MUCH BETTER

4. The entities that purchase the student loan auction rated securities then illegally and repeatedly access students' by representing that our reports were being accessed for 'Promotional Purposes'. (Check your credit reports from 2007-present I bet you have 3 pages of 'Promotional Inquiries') However, they're really verifying the personal information listed on the fraudulent consolidation loan promissory note that Cooley created (the Dept of Education req. verification of personal information). They verify the info/access your credit report every time the student loan auction rate securities were purchased by a new investment bank, bank, or servicer through its' special purpose entity. After the information is verified they re-secureitize the loans and sell them as SLABS or enter into SLARS swap agreements with other banks, investment firms, and servicer/guaranty agencies. However in both cases the loans are misrepresented as being 9.5 percent eligible.

5. A good portion of Cooley's 'Administrators' and 'Executive Officers' are actually full time employees at banks, investment firms, private equity firms and securities dealers. Cooley misspell names, omits letters from names, and/or uses maiden names for the Administrators on their website, literature, etc. to conceal their true employment because many of their names are also listed in their banks' SEC filings. As a consequence, the School makes it look as though those students' whose loans were manipulated and used to collect special interest were dismissed for academic reasons, 'honor code violations', or suffer from a 'learning disability diagnosed by their specified psychologists who only accept cash payments and pay the School a patient referral fee, thus, extending their 'Anticipated Completion Date' to the date the lender changed it to in order to collect the 9.5% SAP.

AND THIS IS WHY COOLEY IS A SCAM!

Rockstar05

Thu, 21 Apr 2011 2:14:01 pm

**** This is even over my head. Buddy you got enough there to start your own blog posting on Cooley LOLLLL.

Anonymous

Fri, 22 Apr 2011 12:33:14 am

LOL...well from what I understand it's been a two-year multi-agency undercover investigation/sting operation...that's about over. The big guys involved are pleading out one by one so I hear some of the Cooley folks are trying to turn state evidence to get immunity; but that could just be hearsay :-)

He also said that they're going to push for a civil penalty or settlement that will include loan forgiveness/discharge of the Cooley fraud loans. If that happens the student loan debt bubble is gonna shrink by a few hundred million.

Here's the most recent indictment and plea deal.

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2011/March/11-at-398.html>

@jpzinterguy Heard that they're doing the same thing at Touro, and a few other 'un-ranked' TTTT law schools.

Ghost Face

Fri, 22 Apr 2011 3:29:01 am

What is the actual numbers of people going on academic probation at this school? Has to be crazy high?

xAVIER

Wed, 27 Apr 2011 10:47:19 pm

you prob flunked out and are sweeping fucking floors urself u hostile LOSER

E.L. Adkins

Fri, 29 Apr 2011 1:01:17 am

Went to cooley. The tuition was actually much lower than other schools. Got an llm which cost waayy too much. Had no trouble getting a job first with a firm then onto a nonprofit policy organization where I now supervise columbia and nyu and other top school grads. I work hard am thoughtful of others and learned enough at coolio to figure out the answers to what I don't know. I am ethical. Make 6 figures. You rockstar have dedicated alot of time and effort to your "cause"...cheers I guess but I feel you are bitter and angry..your life is what you made it. Blame blame crazy man rant...boring and pathetic. Best of luck to you. Really being a lawyer kinda sucks whether from coolio or yale. But hey! live up to my choices.

lawschoolexperience

Wed, 04 May 2011 2:02:34 am

Law School Experience – An Oswego based leading law education experience provide you legal education, law courses, law degree and online law programs with Socratic method. We bring the unique challenges – challenges you've never encountered.

considering law school

ryan

Fri, 06 May 2011 11:00:26 am

I want out. What school accepted you??

Curious2011

Tue, 17 May 2011 3:38:32 pm

I loved your original blog post. I could literally feel the bitterness and anger just seeping out of you. Its the kind of unrelenting hate and unabashed vengeful attitude that brings out the mentally unstable of the virtual-world. You have created quite the hate site, my friend, and my hat is off to you. Any future plans/targets? You have a talent, and can definitely use it to spread "the right" kind of information. What law school did you attend?

HumbleMe

Wed, 18 May 2011 11:50:26 am

Well, I am one of those who flunked this school. I only had two miserable years in my entire life, and those were in Cooley. Still paying my student loans unfortunately. May be Cooley should repay it. Administration was terrible. Talked to NYU students and was shocked that they had open book exams. And Cooley did not. I did not even dare to mention Cooley. What do I do with two years down the drain and load of loans on my shoulders. None of my credits will be counted towards anything. Have to start from scratch all over again. Will do Ivy League Just to prove Cooley wrong.

Lucky you, you transferred, I could not do it. School made it too complicated. Perhaps that's why the grading was too tough. Every time I wanted to appeal my grade, all other professors did not recommend doing it, told us it was waste of time. What a scam. Should have appealed all grades.

Na-Cter

Wed, 18 May 2011 11:52:44 am

You all are ridiculous! The curriculum is the same regardless of what law school you attend. It's not hard to figure out where the author of this blog went (and failed out of). Funny stuff...

Rockstar05

Wed, 18 May 2011 1:50:16 pm

@Ghost Face- no idea. The schools administration would probably never let the real figure out anyway.

@Xavier- LOL you are a funny guy. There is more of a chance of me sweeping floors if I had graduated with a JD from this piece of shit school. So I am a loser for spreading facts and awareness? You sound like more of a loser defending this trash pit with NO facts or insight whatsoever and leaving a stupid comment implying that I flunked out....what exactly are your motives posting an irrelevant comment on here u hostile fucking faggot? Did you get bitter because you're sweeping floors with your prized Cooley J.D.???

@E.L. Adkins- I am actually pretty happy guy u moron. I was bitter when I posted this after realizing I wasted over 20k on 3 terms at this school and an entire year of my life. At my new school people when people found out I went to Cooley they were shocked and looked at me as though I was retarded. Time has passed now I could give a fuck less about people who go there or whatever. I was bitter because I didn't know any better when I started and fell people should know the facts before they started....I was lucky enough to transfer out of that hell-hole that made it so difficult to do so...but I am quite happy and doing well in life. All the best to you as a lawyer....although you feel it sucks you should live up to your choice...hey at least you are

one cooley grad who actually has a job right?

@Ryan- I still know a lot of people at cooley and if I give the name of the school I transferred to I am pretty sure it would identify who I am. Seeing as a lot of Cooley kids feel undermined by this blog post as I am exposing the scam of their already hopeless J.D. and legitimate 3 years of hard work they probably would not react very well with me...thousands of dollars and hard work and effort being downgraded...despite everything I said being true. Go look up ABA approved schools there are 193... which means there are 192 better options. Best of luck.

@Curious2011- yes. For the reasons I posted above in my response to E.L. Adkins I was bitter and pissed I wasted a year of my life and my good money at that shithole. Plus at my new school I could not apply for internships without putting that my GPA was IMPORTED FROM COOLEY which truly fucked me over at my new school because Cooley is the laughing stock of the nation.

Nando of third tier reality has a very similar tone and knack for telling it how is in a hilarious and convincing fashion backed entirely by facts... he has done a write-up on almost every trashpit law school in America and I have referenced him and his work throughout this post but I prefer to bash targets where I have first-hand experience so this will likely be my only post in terms of law schools.

I am content at my new law school and currently working on another accreditation simultaneously. I use my facebook to blast out people, day-to-day bullshit, and as a platform to spread the right kind of information but obviously will not share that here...

@Humble Me- sorry to hear. You are not alone...I'm sure one day when this school is exposed there will be thousands of others who stand up as well.

@Na-Cler- You are an idiot. First, the curriculum is NOT the same at every law school. First year is pretty standard but otherwise you are incorrect. As for me failing out of it...even if I did what is it to you? Did I lie about your precious school? At times I'm tempted to post my credentials up here just to shut haters like u the fuck up...but for some idiot who comes here making unsubstantiated claims that I've failed out of this shithole (which is completely untrue and even if it was true it would be irrelevant)...and that the "curriculum is the same everywhere" without knowing any better I strongly doubt it is worth it. Hope your time at Cooley is paying off for you buddy. Next time post something with facts or something that is remotely relevant or worthwhile you fucking moronic douchebag.

I see your point ...

Sat, 28 May 2011 10:46:28 pm

I wouldn't necessarily say that I am a "Cooley defender" but I went to Cooley, graduated in two years, and never got below a B. Most importantly, I got a great job right after graduation. With that being said, Cooley has its fair share of problems. While I am sure there are exceptions, anyone who goes to Cooley and believes they are going to work at a top firm out of law school needs a reality check. Also, it is beyond me why people would move to Michigan to come to Cooley.

Before starting Cooley, I liked that Cooley "let anyone in" and then would kick them out after a semester or two if they couldn't get the grades. However, my view on that has changed. The reality is, if you have a poor LSAT score, a bad undergrad GPA, and can only get in at Cooley, you shouldn't be going to law school.

Cooley Grad

Fri, 03 Jun 2011 3:44:42 pm

I don't understand why people want to ridicule Cooley - especially those that never attended.

I went to Cooley, not because I wasn't able to get accepted to another school, but because I was offered a Scholarship and it provide what I was looking for in a law school. I was a traditional student - I did not go part time.

During my time at Cooley I did well in class and participated in Law Review and Moot Court. I volunteered at many Law Offices and externed at a large firm. Comments from all my supervisors were positive. In fact, contrary to what people on this blog state, Cooley grads, particularly in the Mid-West, are highly sought. I have many Cooley grad friends who are now employed at firms in Detroit and Chicago.

The only thing that concerned me about attending Cooley, is that it is a regional school. I am from the west coast, and everyone I spoke to would ask "Where is Cooley?"

However, I've found that there are many Cooley grads on the west coast who are either partners or associates at large-to-mid-sized firms. I am not too worried about finding employment because I graduated from Cooley. I'm worried however, because of the current market trend.

Nonetheless, I agree that Cooley's "ranking" system is a joke. Students do not take these rankings seriously- nor should they. My friends and I would joke about this all the time. But, that is irrelevant. Everyone knows that Cooley is a Tier 3 borderline 4 Law School. All schools have their way of proclaiming "We are the best, attend our school."

Also, Cooley does have its share of idiot students - students who should never have attended. But those students are not the majority. Nonetheless, all schools have these types of students. The only difference is, Cooley will flunk them out, as opposed to them staying and finishing their J.D. Friends of mine at other law school tell me all the time there are kids in their classes that should not be there.

People who have not attended Cooley really have no basis to ridicule it. Granted you are looking at it objectively, but again, no one cares about Cooley's Judging the Law Schools Ranking system.

To those who attended, and flunked out. Stop blaming your short-comings on others. You all knew, before attending, that Cooley demanded a lot. It is your fault, and only yours for not meeting the requirements.

A Cooley degree is not going to prevent you from finding employment. In my experience with interviews, employers look at the substance not where you graduated from. It is obvious that those who graduated from Harvard will have an easier time, and I am dumbfounded by those who attempt to compare Cooley with Harvard. Harvard is one of the best institutions in the world. Compare Cooley with the likes of Michigan State, Oregon, Seattle-Pacific, or Willamette Law Schools.

Today the market for the legal profession is in a downswing - so don't come in thinking you'll get that high-paying attorney job. But, if you put in the work, and your resume reflects that, I am certain you will find meaningful employment as a Cooley grad.

Tired of Whiners

Tue, 07 Jun 2011 6:58:13 am

You guys really need a reality check. The curriculum is the same no matter what school you go to. Duh!! The test is whether or not you can pass the bar exam. To go along with rankings based on arbitrary nonsense is silly. If you take the time to actually research Michigan's top law firms you will see that Cooley grads are represented in ALL of them. How about you check out Martindale Hubbell to see where the grads are and how many of them are actually working. Do some thinking on your own, don't just keep regurgitating the same nonsense you heard from somebody else.

Cooley (like ALL other schools) has its share of issues. Don't however, make the mistake of thinking that all the people who attend the school do so because they couldn't go anywhere else. Unlike some people, others have lives and need flexibility in scheduling.

I will remind you that the Detroit College of Law was also a low ranked, part-time/evening law school back in the day. Today, some of the most prestigious and successful people (including those running some of those BIG LAW firms) graduated from the 'shameful' last resort law school.

At the end of the day, the LAW is what matters and your subjective emotions as the result of your obviously unpleasant experience with the school is irrelevant.

Tired of Whiners

Tue, 07 Jun 2011 7:11:03 am

Oh yeah. Did I neglect to mention that only 68% OF ALL law grads ACROSS THE NATION are working between 1 and 9 months after graduation? Did I also neglect to mention that quite a few of those out of work are from Ivy League schools as well as 3rd and 4th tier schools?

Address the bigger issue---law schools IN GENERAL are pumping out too many lawyers for the market to employ.

Rock star05

Tue, 07 Jun 2011 12:55:11 pm

There are several blogs devoted to the fact that law schools IN GENERAL are pumping out way too many lawyers. That is not my job here, but I have alluded to the problem several times within my post. It was my duty to slam the biggest culprit and morally bankrupt institution of all charging exorbitant amounts for the one of the most toxic law degrees on the market!

It seems only I had the first-hand experience and the intelligence to see Cooley for what it is and give it the bashing it deserved. Certainly other Cooley students see it too but what sets me apart is having the integrity and balls to stand up and call someone out. In fact Cooley has continued to haunt me as I've had extreme difficulty applying for jobs, externships, and in general at my new transfer school due to the "Cooley Stigma".

When I chose to attend this shithole completely naive to the U.S. law school game I just viewed it as another unranked school according to US news. Little did I know this putrid waste site was the worst school in the entire goddamn country. Good job Cooley for suckering in students by marketing your website and ranking system advertised on your website solely as published by a "Justice Brennan" with a seemingly unbiased title "Judging the Law Schools" as if it is an alternative authoritative ranking

system.

This blog post is to COMPLETELY inform everyone regarding the dead honest truth about attending this manure site in addition to probable job prospects (almost none) and the ridicule and stigma that comes with attending Thomas Cooley in addition to the crushing debt.

SEEING AS THIS BLOG POST IS NOW ON THE FIRST PAGE OF GOOGLE WHEN YOU TYPE "THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL" I AM OFFICIALLY PROUD AND FEEL ACCOMPLISHED AS THE ENTIRE TRUTH CAN BE REACHED BY AMERE AND SIMPLE GOOGLE SEARCH.

I would like to personally thank everyone that has made this possible and would really appreciate anyone who has changed their mind from attending Cooley because of this blog to drop a line here.

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Sat, 11 Jun 2011 4:49:47 am

Thank you for taking this opportunity to talk about this, I feel strongly about it and I benefit from learning about this topic.

Bangbus

Fri, 17 Jun 2011 7:33:52 pm

Good work.

Not sure if the scambloggers have already done this, but have you considered editing the law school's wiki page to include the sky-high tuition costs, excessive forced drop-out rates, and the current dismal employment statistics for recent grads? Then place that information right next to the unbelievable compensation packages these cronies get?

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For-Profit Colleges Mount Unprecedented Battle For Influence In Washington

Commented Apr 26, 2011 at 00:52:10 in Business

“Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Michigan is under investigation for serious Title IV violations and helping student loan companies bilk students, taxpayers, and the government out of billions of dollars. According to a person involved in the multi-agency investigation who spoke on the condition of anonymity, the probe is part of the Dept of Ed's for profit crackdown and the feds crackdown on the 9.5 percent student loan scheme that's causing graduates student loan debt to double and triple to astronomical rates. Cooley has been secretly operating their state's student secondary market program and helping lenders grow their 9.5 percent loan portfolios. Investigators discovered that the school has been purchasing the college loans of their incoming students then using their students' personal information to execute federal consolidation loans for the loans they purchased and the federal loans the students' take out to pay Cooley's tuition. Cooley, then changes those students' graduation date to match the maturity date on the fraudulent consolidation loan. The fraudulent loans are packaged as 9.5 percent eligible student loan revenue bonds and sold as Student Loan

Auction Rate Securities. Once the SLARS are sold, swapped, or traded on the muni bond market, those students' whose loans were sold etc are either 'dismissed' for academic reasons, 'honor code violations' or diagnosed with a 'learning disability'. Investigators also discovered that a good portion of Cooley's 'Administrators' and 'Executive Officers' are really employees/officers at banks, investment firms, private equity firms and securities dealers."

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"Agreed. Cooley is a total scam. It's among the worst-kept secrets in town. They accept anyone with a pulse, let them in for a few semesters to rack up 6 figures in debt, and every year half the new admits get dropped from the program because they had absolutely no business being in law school in the first place.

Even among the students who graduate, the only people with any job prospects are the ones who were brought in and given full rides to keep the rankings up."

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JacksonAndy78 on Apr 23, 2011 at 05:36:24

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“Hopefully, if they’re going after a law school then it’s only a matter of time before they investigate the rest. I’m sure this scenario isn’t an anomaly because investigators also found that a good portion of Cooley’s ‘Administrators’ and ‘Executive Officers’ are really employees/officers at banks, investment firms, private equity firms and securities dealers. The School misspells their names, omits letters from their names, and/or uses maiden names for the Administrators/bank officers to conceal the fact that many of their names are listed in their employers SEC filings. Safe to say this is the M.O. of +85% of the for-profit colleges”

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“Note: This year the combined indebtedness for student loans now exceeds the combined mortgage debt in the US.

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“this has got to end.”

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“Glad that they are investigating this one, but there are plenty out there that should be investigated.”

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