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Dear Cooley Alumni and Friends,

Like people, organizations develop a persona of their own, a manner of being, a way of acting, a nature. That nature is determined by the spirit and culture of the people within the organization, as influenced by the physical environment in which they work, teach, and learn.

Cooley's nature is to be hard working, diligent, practical, resourceful, innovative, involved, welcoming, spirited, professional, productive, and competent. It is grounded on the most diverse student body in legal education, a faculty and staff dedicated to students' success, outstanding facilities, unparalleled community involvement, and a keen sense of the school's role in providing educational opportunity. Cooley's nature is greatly affected by the physical beauty of our surroundings - from the strength and character of our buildings to the glorious wildlife that grace our campuses. Each of these elements combine to make Cooley unique in legal education - a school with students from literally around the world who study together in a beautiful environment - all in pursuit of their dreams of becoming lawyers.

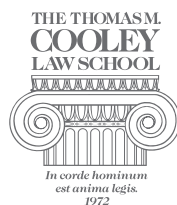
This calendar is my brief report to you about the nature of Cooley. As you browse it by month, you will see many important facts that set Cooley apart from other law schools. And its photographs - all taken on our campuses in Lansing, Auburn Hills, Grand Rapids, and Ann Arbor - illustrate the unparalleled beauty of Cooley's natural surroundings.

I hope that my report convinces you that Cooley is worthy of your philanthropic support this year. Your gift allows Cooley to do even more of the things we do best - educate our students to be practicing lawyers - at an affordable cost. Our students need and deserve your support. I urge you to give generously to Cooley.

With warmest wishes for a happy, healthy, and successful 2010, a year in which I hope you will be able to stop and smell the roses.



Don LeDuc
President and Dean

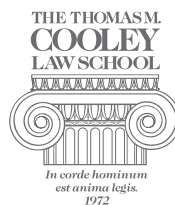


Four Great Campuses

- Lansing: 2,205 students in 4 buildings in the state's capital
- Auburn Hills: 816 students on 67 beautiful wooded suburban acres
- Grand Rapids: 680 students in a trendy urban setting
- Ann Arbor: 82 students in our newest facility in the desirable "city of trees"

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 Weekday Classes Begin	5	6	7	8	9 Weekend Classes Begin
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23 Woodward Class Graduation
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30



3,783 Students Bring Great Diversity

- 64% are from outside Michigan, from every state and many foreign nations
- 84% are enrolled part time
- Many have previous professional experience
- Age range is 21 to 68
- 33% are members of minority groups
- 48% are female

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day	Presidents' Day		Ash Wednesday			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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121 Full-time Faculty Members

- Leaders in practical legal scholarship
- Commitment to public service
- Vast practical experience
- Devoted to teaching

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Savings Time Begins			St. Patrick's Day			Spring Begins
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
Palm Sunday		Passover Begins				

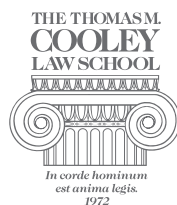


Nearly 14,000 Alumni and Growing

- In all 50 states, 5 U.S. territories, 13 foreign nations
- In private practice, government, business, public interest, academia, and the military
- Active in community service and alumni activities

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					Good Friday	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter Sunday						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Federal Income Taxes Due		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Earth Day		
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Numerous Practical Opportunities

- More than 2,000 approved externship sites
- Family Law Assistance Project in Auburn Hills
- Sixty Plus Elderlaw Clinic in Lansing
- Access to Justice Clinic in Grand Rapids
- Cooley Innocence Project in Lansing
- Public Defender Clinic in Ann Arbor
- Estate Planning Clinic in Lansing and Auburn Hills

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Law Day
2 Weekday Classes Begin	3	4	5	6	7	8 Weekend Classes Begin
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Witherell Class Graduation
23/30	24/31* *Memorial Day	25	26	27	28	29

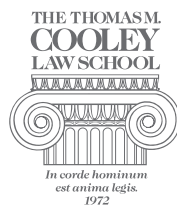


Focus on Ethics and Professionalism

- ABA award-winning Professionalism Program
- Nation's largest one-day Professionalism Orientation
- Student Professionalism Portfolio
- Student Mentoring Program
- Continuing lecture series on Ethics and Professionalism
- Cooley is committed year round to pro bono service and community involvement.

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Cooley 5K Race for Education	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21 Alumni Golf Benefit Summer Begins	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

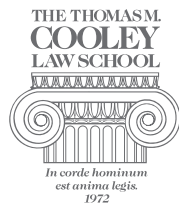


Climbing Bar Results

- 88% of Cooley's first-time takers passed the February 2009 bar exam. We were second among the Michigan Law Schools.

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 <small>Independence Day</small>	5 <small>(Independence Day Observed)</small>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Outstanding Libraries

- 600,000+ volumes
- 52 full-time staff and 27 professional librarians
- Reference Desk staffed 86 hours per week by reference librarians

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Ramadan Begins	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

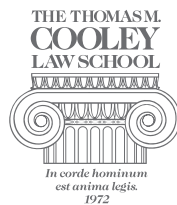


Choice of Programs

- J.D. with concentrations in Business Transactions, General Practice, Litigation, Public & International Law
- LL.M. in Taxation, Intellectual Property, Corporate Law & Finance, Self-Directed
- Shared J.D./M.B.A and J.D./M.P.A. programs with Oakland University and Western Michigan University

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7 Weekday Classes Begin	8	9 Rosh Hashanah Begins	10	11 Weekend Classes Begin
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Yom Kippur Begins
19	20	21	22 Autumn Begins	23	24	25 Woodbridge Class Graduation
26	27	28	29	30		

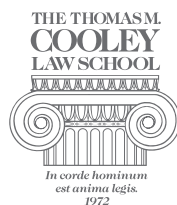


Flexible Scheduling Options

- Year-round, full time, part time, weekdays, weeknights, and weekends
- Start in September, January, or May
- Lansing, Auburn Hills, Grand Rapids, and Ann Arbor

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31* *Halloween	25	26	27	28	29 Cooley Society Gala	30



State-of-the-Art Facilities

- Most advanced classroom technology available
- Beautiful, comfortable surroundings for students
- Appellate and trial courtrooms
- Distance education classrooms

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28	29	30				



High Quality Education + Low Cost = Great Value

- 9th lowest tuition rate of the 100 private, unsubsidized law schools in the 50 states
- Generous scholarship program: 56% of J.D. students receive scholarships
- Honors Scholarships range from 25 to 100% of tuition

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Hanukkah Begins	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Winter Begins	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	



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