

## **Application and Selection Standards for the University of Maryland Carey School of Law-University of Cape Town Student Exchange Program**

The University of Maryland School of Law has established a student exchange program with the University of Cape Town in Cape Town, South Africa (“Cape Town Exchange Program”). Under the Cape Town Exchange Program up to two University of Maryland law students per year may study in the spring semester at the University of Cape Town and transfer up to 14 credits toward their J.D. degree.

### **Application Requirements**

University of Maryland law students who have completed one year of study and are in good standing may apply for the Cape Town Exchange Program. Students may not participate in the Cape Town Exchange Program during their final semester at the School of Law. Under the rules of the program, the University of Maryland may not send more than two students per year. Students interested in participating in the program for the spring semester must submit an application to Crystal Edwards (Suite 260), by **September 15**. The application must contain:

1. A completed Application Form for Participation by School by J.D. students in the Cape Town Exchange Program including the name of a reference from a member of the faculty of the law school. The application form is available at the School of Law’s webpage for the International and Comparative Law Program (<http://www.law.umaryland.edu/specialty/international/externships.asp>);
2. A University of Maryland School of Law transcript/grade report;
3. A current resume; and
4. A statement of up to 500 words describing your educational objectives and reasons for wanting to participate in the Cape Town Exchange Program.

### **Selection Standards**

Each fall members of the International Law Program Committee (the “Committee”) responsible for overseeing the Exchange Program will select students from among the eligible applicants to participate in the program during the following spring semester. The Committee will exercise its discretion to select the overall best academic and ambassadorial representative of the School of Law based upon each applicant’s academic and other record at the law school, the strength of the personal statement, and any information from the faculty reference. The Committee will in general give preference to second-year day and third-year evening applicants in making its selection. After selection by the Committee, the selected student(s) will have the responsibility to complete and forward in a timely manner to the University of Cape Town all required application materials for acceptance by the University of Cape Town. Participation in the Cape Town Exchange Program does not exempt students from any requirements for the J.D. degree at the School of Law.