Housing for Law Students

Off-Campus Housing

Lexington offers a significant number of affordable apartments, condos, townhouses, and rental properties conveniently located to campus. The typical monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment can cost from $400-600, and a two-bedroom apartment can rent for $650 - $1,000.

Where do our students live? A great many of our students live in and around downtown Lexington, no more than a 10 to 15 minute walk from the law school. Other students choose to live a few miles outside of town, in the country, and there are a number of properties in the area with beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Maury River. In addition to the housing options in the Lexington area, the town of Buena Vista is located just under 10 minutes from Lexington.

As our students will tell you, if you are moving to Lexington from a major metropolitan area, your housing search will likely look a little different than those you have conducted previously. While Craigslist and other online listing have proven helpful for some students, we recommend you broaden your search and utilize a variety of local resources when looking for housing. We encourage you to consult the classified ads, utilize the local realtors (all of whom are located downtown and do not charge for their services), talk with current students throughout Open House weekend, and drive around town. Lexington is small enough that a great many landlords advertise an available rental unit by simply posting a sign in front of the property. Our admissions office will continue to post available rental properties to the Admitted Students Facebook group as we learn about them – if you have not already done so, we recommend that you join our group as it can be a helpful resource. Please note that there are a number of living spaces for rent that you may consider less than suitable; we recommend that you do not rent any property site-unseen.

You may find the following useful in your off-campus housing search. These sites are not sponsored by W&L, and neither the Law School nor the University makes any representation or warranty regarding the properties listed.

- Newspaper rental listings can be found by visiting the Classifieds webpages of our local newspaper, The News-Gazette: http://www.thenews-gazette.com/
- Property Listings can also be found using Craigslist (search under "Roanoke" and narrow your search by "Lexington"): http://roanoke.craigslist.org/
- A list of local Realtors can be found by visiting the "About Lexington/Moving Here" page of the Lexington-Rockbridge Chamber of Commerce website: http://www.lexrockchamber.com. A few of the realtors who typically handle rental properties are as follows:
  - James Wm. Moore Real Estate - http://www.jwmre.com/, 28 South Main Street, (540) 463-7080
  - The Building Management Company - http://www.generalsretreat.net/, 540.464.367, Ian@generalsretreat.net
- There are a few apartment complexes in the general Lexington area that are consistently popular with law students. The first one is Generals Retreat, overseen by the Building Management Company (listed above). Two others are Borden Commons, located on the other side of Route 60 from campus, and Magnolia Square, located just outside of the City of Lexington. Usually our in-town realtors handle rentals for these complexes.

We welcome you to ask any housing questions you have of us or of current students throughout the weekend!