WHAT’S NEXT BEGINS RIGHT HERE

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL IS WHERE PEOPLE COME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THE INTELLECTUAL RIGOR, UNWAVERING FACULTY SUPPORT, AND UNMATCHED EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES CREATE A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT LAUNCHES STUDENTS INTO LEADERS. OUR GRADUATES JOIN THE RANKS OF LAWYERS RESHAPING THE FUTURE OF LAW. BE PART OF THE BADGER LEGACY.

JOIN A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY. LEAVE A WORLD-CLASS LAWYER.
WELCOME TO UW LAW

I’m thrilled you are interested in University of Wisconsin Law School — a remarkable and leading place to begin your legal career.

UW Law’s outstanding teaching and learning opportunities are grounded in our renowned Law-in-Action approach to legal education. Any law school can teach you the legal rules set forth in statutes and judicial opinions, but we’re proud to go above and beyond. At UW Law, students learn how the rules evolved to address real-world problems — and how they might be improved to make our society more just.

Whether you choose to practice law or make a difference through another avenue, Law in Action also provides multiple opportunities to develop hands-on skills integral to your career success. One avenue is through our first-rate clinical programs, which are outstanding in the breadth and depth of experiential learning. We offer 23 clinics and externship programs, providing firsthand instruction in several areas of law: immigration, housing, consumer, entrepreneurial/start-up, business, criminal, family, health, Native American law, and more.

It is our privilege to educate the next generation of leaders who will advance justice for all. At UW Law, diversity, equity, and inclusion are at the heart of everything we do. We have a strong tradition of living our commitment to racial and gender equality — values at the core of our mission.

We are excited you are considering UW Law School and look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant community.

Dean Dan Tokaji
LEARN WHERE LAW IS LEGENDARY

Our distinctive Law-in-Action teaching is the hallmark of a UW Law education. Here, our faculty have always been innovators who put student learning first. You will be equipped with the tools to analyze sophisticated legal problems and craft creative solutions. Your courses will focus on not only learning legal rules, but also how to put those rules into action in the real world.

MAKE AN IMPACT

The UW Law School experience is rooted in public service. From their first year, students take pride in using their individual interests and skills to meet community needs. Through service, students gain experience, learn to lead, and advance the public good. Our students change lives, and their lives are transformed by their work here.

“At UW Law, we don’t just learn about the law as it is; we also learn about the law as it should or shouldn’t be. I have no interest in being a black-and-white lawyer, and luckily, UW Law has no interest in making me one.”

NEELA LASHARIE
CLASS OF 2024

1848
The University of Wisconsin is founded, making it one of the oldest universities in the U.S.

1868
UW Law School is founded

1870
First class of law students graduate

2018
UW Law School celebrates 150th anniversary

16,000+
LIVING ALUMNI

1 DOT = 10 ALUMNI

FOR PRACTICAL TRAINING
BY NATIONAL JURIST

A- BEST VALUE LAW SCHOOL
BY PRELAW MAGAZINE

OVER 150 YEARS

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DIPLOMA PRIVILEGE

UW Law graduates who have completed specific courses and grade requirements, and meet character and fitness standards, are admitted to practice in Wisconsin without sitting for a bar exam.

DESIGN YOUR LAW DEGREE

Our curriculum emphasizes the dynamics of law and how it relates to the world around us. As such, we wanted our UW Law education to be just as dynamic. Customize your curricular path with a concentration or a dual degree, taking advantage of the great university around us. Or, set your focus on our innovative curriculum — and the opportunity to lead, serve, and grow by staffing a journal or participating on a moot court, mock trial, or transactional competition team.

LEARN FROM DIVERSE LEADERS

Our faculty members are gifted lawyers, scholars, and teachers. Many have advanced degrees in areas other than law, which brings unique perspectives to their teaching and research. They are at the forefront of teaching excellence and are committed to your success. We have an extensive curriculum, small classes, and a wealth of opportunities to work closely with faculty members who are leaders in their fields.
REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE.  
WORLD-CLASS OPPORTUNITIES.

At UW Law School, experiential learning is an integral part of legal education. With one of the country’s largest and most diverse clinical programs, UW Law offers a wide variety of hands-on lawyering experiences with real clients, and under the supervision of practicing attorneys. Students represent low-income clients in civil and criminal cases, collaborate with medical students as advocates for terminally ill patients, and assist start-up companies with entity formation and intellectual property issues. Many students also take advantage of judicial internships, international opportunities, externships, and our innovative lawyering skills program during their UW Law education.

ACCESS TO ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSE CLINICAL PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY

Our experiential learning opportunities include:

- The Center for Patient Partnerships
- Constitutional Litigation, Appeals, and Sentencing Project
- Consumer Law Clinic
- Criminal Appeals Project
- Eviction Defense Clinic
- Family Court Clinic
- Family Law Advocacy and Support Clinic
- Federal Appeals Project
- Government and Legislative Clinic
- Immigrant Justice Clinic
- Judicial Internship Program
- Law Technology Externship
- Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Legal Assistance to Institutionalized Persons Project
- Native Nations Externship
- Neighborhood Law Clinic
- Oxford Federal Project
- Prosecution Project
- Public Defender Project
- Restorative Justice Project
- Restraining Order and Survivor Advocacy Clinic
- Wisconsin Innocence Project

HANDS-ON PRACTICE AND PERFECTING OF LEGAL SKILLS

In our clinics and externship placements, our students learn to:

- Interact with and advise clients
- Research legal issues
- Perform factual investigations
- Evaluate legal strategy
- Interview experts
- Draft legal documents
- Try cases
- Handle appeals

"Being a student associate at the Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic has been one of my favorite parts of Law School. I was able to work directly with clients on matters related to trademarks, copyrights, business licenses, and contract drafting – and further develop my research, communication, and time-management skills."

MORGAN BLOCH,  
CLASS OF 2024
At UW Law, we are committed to empowering students to not only excel academically but also thrive in their chosen profession. We understand that earning a J.D. degree is only a portion of your goal and that you aspire to find a fulfilling career that reflects your skills and passions. Employers seek out UW Law School graduates because they are known to be change agents in their communities. You can truly go in many directions after your time at UW Law. That is the power of a J.D. from Wisconsin.

CAREER GUIDANCE AT EVERY STEP

From your first semester of Law School to graduation and beyond, the Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD) provides expert resources to help you achieve your professional goals.

- Receive individual career counseling, from self-assessments to salary negotiations.
- Learn effective resume and cover letter writing, interviewing techniques, and social media etiquette.
- Participate in on-campus and remote interview programs.
- Network with potential employers.

NETWORK WITH NOTEWORTHY ALUMNI

With a robust community of more than 16,000 graduates living worldwide, our alumni are very committed to the next generation of UW lawyers. The UW Law alumni listed below illustrate our graduates’ breadth of experience and accomplishment.

- DYLAN AHN ’07, V.P. of Business Affairs, Warner Bros. Discovery
- TAMMY BALDWIN ’89, U.S. Senator, Wisconsin
- BRIDGET BRENNAN ’83, New York City’s Special Narcotics Prosecutor
- SCOTT COLOM ’09, District Attorney, 16th Circuit Court of Mississippi
- CAMILLE GRANVILLE ’06, Lead Counsel, Airbnb
- DEBRA KATZ ’84, Katz, Marshall & Banks, LLP
- SHELOON LUBAR ’53, Founder and Chairman, Lubar & Co.
- ASHLEY NELSON ’10, Senior Corporate Counsel, Amazon
- LAUREN SEEGER ’96, Chief Legal Officer of American Express Company
- JAMES SENSENBRENNER ’68, Former U.S. Congressman from Wisconsin
- Leticia Smith-Evans ’03, Vice President for Institutional Diversity and Equity, Williams College
- Bryan Steil ’07, U.S. Representative from Wisconsin
- Nan Wang ’12, Executive Director of Global Privileged Investigations, Eli Lilly and Company
- Marti Wronski ’97, Chief Operating Officer, Milwaukee Brewers

2022 GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT BY JOB SECTOR

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BIG TEN UNIVERSITY.
BIGGER EXPERIENCE.

UW Law School offers the best of both worlds: a small and supportive law school community within a major university. The Law School is situated on historic Bascom Hill, located in the heart of the beautiful University of Wisconsin–Madison campus. As a UW Law student, you have access to the resources of a world-class research university. UW–Madison combines nine schools and three colleges on a single campus and enrolls over 45,000 students from more than 100 countries and every state in the Union. Boasting national and international reputations for excellence shared by few other universities, UW–Madison offers extensive intellectual, social, cultural, and recreational opportunities.
LAUNCH YOUR LEGAL CAREER IN THE CAPITAL CITY

Madison is a wonderful place to live, learn, and work, providing amazing access to outdoor recreation, the arts, sports, and a thriving intellectual community. Madison is a vibrant and affordable city that regularly makes the national “Best Of” lists. As the state capital, Madison is home to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, the Dane County Circuit Court, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, and various state and federal government agencies, all within walking distance of the Law School. Just down the hill from the Law School, the waterfront Terrace at the Wisconsin Memorial Union offers a relaxing spot to connect with colleagues. In addition, the Wisconsin Union Theater, the Overture Center for the Arts, the Kohl Center, Camp Randall, and other facilities provide many opportunities to enjoy cultural and athletic events. The five lakes in Madison are an ideal backdrop for the city, further enhanced by a 1,200-acre arboretum, a free zoo, more than 200 city parks, 11 beaches, and scenic countryside.

“Madison boasts a tight-knit community invested in your success. The law firms, government offices, and courthouses are a 10-minute walk from campus, with the best bike paths, lakes, botanical gardens, diverse food scene, and cost of living. I could not be happier to have found a new home in Madison.”

FIRUZE BARIKHAI, CLASS OF 2024

IN THE TOP 100 BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN AMERICA (2022 LIVABILITY)

BEST COLLEGE TOWN (2021 ESPN)

IN THE MOST CARING CITIES IN AMERICA (2023 WALLETHUB)

BEST U.S. CITIES (2023 U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT)

BEST STATE FOR MILLENNIALS (2023 WALLETHUB)
WHERE LAW LIVES

COMMUNITY IS AT THE HEART OF UW LAW

A major indicator of the strength of any law school is its student body. The admissions policies of UW Law School are designed to enhance the experiences, vigor, social concerns, and academic ability of the student community. We are looking for students who can meet the unique challenges of law school head-on and who will ultimately make our community a better place to learn, explore, grow, and excel.

There is a special feeling of community here at UW Law. We are proud to foster an informal, supportive atmosphere, reflective of a strong commitment by faculty and staff to student learning, morale, and well-being.

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

UW Law’s diverse and intellectually rigorous curriculum, combined with its affordable tuition and Midwestern living expenses, yields a high return on student investment. We will help you minimize your debt load while maximizing your career opportunities.

VISIT UW LAW SCHOOL

Experience UW Law in person. Set up a tour or learn more at law.wisc.edu/prospective.
The University of Wisconsin Law School is approved by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association.

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