A PREEMINENT LAW SCHOOL with
more than 130 years of history in the vibrant Twin Cities, Minnesota Law is an exceptional community that includes the brightest students training to become lawyer-leaders for the region, the country, and the world.

With highly influential professors, scholars, and practitioners, one of the nation’s most distinguished clinical education programs, and a culture of collaboration and respect across disciplines, the University of Minnesota Law School is waiting for you.

DEAN GARRY W. JENKINS is the 11th dean in the Law School’s history. He is an award-winning scholar in the fields of nonprofit law, global justice, and corporate law. Prior to entering academia, he clerked for a federal appellate court judge, worked for a New York City law firm, and was chief operating officer and general counsel for one of the 10 largest corporate foundations in the country.

WALTER F. MONDALE HALL is named for one of our most distinguished graduates. Walter F. Mondale ’56 was the 42nd Vice President of the United States and has a long history of furthering international diplomacy, advocating for civil rights, and supporting the Law School and its students.

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Inspire the Next Generation of Lawyer-Leaders

Imagine learning directly from faculty who have spearheaded national legislative and judicial reforms, founded programs that provide free legal services to underserved individuals and communities, advised the president and Congress, and led governmental bodies, businesses, and major nonprofit organizations.

Our faculty are not only influential scholars and leaders, they are also remarkable educators; in fact, nearly half of them have been recognized with awards for their teaching excellence.

These esteemed professors will become your lifelong mentors as they bring their real-world experiences and perspectives into the classroom. Through our uniquely collaborative approach, you will work shoulder-to-shoulder with them to co-author scholarly articles, represent clients in our law clinics, and develop your lawyering and leadership skills.

World-Class Faculty

Professor **FIONNUALA D. NÍ AOLÁIN**, faculty director of the Human Rights Center at the Law School, also serves as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism. Professor Ní Aoláin engages with student research assistants closely on these important humanitarian issues. In 2019–20, she traveled with students to present at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

- **8:1 Student to Faculty Ratio**
- **46% Faculty Have Received Teaching-Related Awards**
- **282 Law Students Were Research Assistants in 2019–20.**

CIVILITY, COOPERATION, AND SUPPORT DEFINE THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL. OUR FACULTY ARE SOME OF THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED SCHOLARS IN THE WORLD, AS WELL AS ACTIVE MENTORS DEDICATED TO YOUR SUCCESS.
Professor FRANCIS X. SHEN works on issues at the intersection of law and the brain sciences. He is currently collaborating on a federally-funded grant from the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative examining the ethical implications of portable neuroimaging. This year, he is teaching Law & Neuroscience at Minnesota Law.
KRISTEN TRAPP, 3L, recently testified before the Minnesota House’s Government Operations Committee to speak in support of her proposal to replace gender-specific language in the Minnesota Constitution with gender-neutral terms.
Focus on Life-Changing Learning

As one of the nation’s premier public law schools, Minnesota Law offers you a stellar academic experience. You’ll choose from a robust selection of courses, including cutting-edge topics such as artificial intelligence and the law, neuroscience and liability, and data privacy. You may also elect to gain a competitive edge by focusing your studies through one of our 11 concentrations, such as Business Law, Environmental & Energy Law, Health Law & Bioethics, and Human Rights Law.

With 25 diverse clinics, our nationally ranked clinical training program allows you to hone your practical legal skills while working with actual clients in a supportive setting. You will gain hands-on professional experience through public and private externships, public service fellowships, and pro bono opportunities.

You will develop your written and oral advocacy skills through our nationally and internationally competitive moot court and mock trial programs. Our International Moot Court team recently took first-place honors in a competition in Mumbai, India.

JIAQI LI ’20 is currently a Saeks Fellow with the Minnesota Board of Public Defense. Students in the Saeks Public Interest Residency Program work full-time during their 3L year and have a position with the organization following graduation.
Engage in Your Shared Journey

At Minnesota Law, you will join a welcoming student community of hard workers, team players, and creative thinkers. Our collaborative and collegial culture helps foster personal growth in problem solving, leadership, and persuasion—skills that you’ll find essential in law school and beyond.

Beyond the classroom walls, you’ll form friendships that will last a lifetime. From creating informal study groups to connecting with upper-level classmates as mentors, you will learn as a team and encourage each other to succeed. With an active student life community that hosts events, guest speakers, and lively debates, and oversees dozens of student organizations, you’ll have plenty of ways to pursue your passions. You will also have many opportunities to connect with engaged alumni in the Twin Cities and around the globe who are eager to mentor, teach, and hire our students. At Minnesota Law, your student experience will be an exceptional one.

I’ve wanted to be an attorney for as long as I can remember. Minnesota Law gave me the opportunity to finally begin living my dream. In three short years, I secured about a dozen practical experiences in immigration law. I learned a number of skills, volunteered in Tucson and Tijuana, and conducted field work in Mexico City. Most importantly, I gained the skills necessary to argue for and successfully obtain the liberation of migrants and asylum seekers in the U.S. and Mexico.

KIMBERLY MEDINA ’20
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

A RICH VARIETY OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ENHANCE THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE.
DEVELYN J. FERGUSON, 2L, is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Prior to law school, he worked as a paralegal at a general civil litigation firm before starting a freelance paralegal service. This summer, he clerked for Lockridge Grindal Nauen LLP in Minneapolis. During his 1L year at Minnesota Law, Develyn competed in Chess League, became a board member for the Black Law Students Association, and became a 1L class representative for the Litigation & Trial Advocacy Group —to which he returned to this year, serving as treasurer.
ALEX PARK ’20 is from Los Angeles, California. He spent his summers getting hands-on experience less than two miles from campus at Winthrop & Weinstine, an established Twin Cities law firm with a bustling business practice. He worked on IP litigation, patent prosecution, and antitrust litigation. Since graduation, Alex has continued working at Winthrop & Weinstine.
Connect to the Dynamic Twin Cities

The Twin Cities is one of the most energetic, livable, and highly educated communities in the country. Here, you will enjoy our incredible park systems with hundreds of miles of trails and an amazing chain of lakes, the second largest theater community in the country, and an internationally renowned music scene. Add to that distinctive neighborhoods, numerous professional sports teams, a modern light rail system just steps from the Law School’s front door, and you’ll see why so many people who come to the area choose to stay.

Our prime location affords you ready access to state and federal courts, the state capitol, and the thriving Twin Cities legal and corporate world. With more than 130 years as one of the nation’s top law schools, Minnesota Law’s established network of alumni provide you unparalleled access to the area’s legal and business leaders.

For students who opt to stay local, the Twin Cities offers a wide array of opportunities for summer positions, clerkships, and postgraduate employment.

Local Community, Global Impact

MARIELOS CABRERA, 3L, considers San Lucas, Guatemala and Plymouth, Minnesota home. Prior to law school, Marielos worked as a paralegal at a family, criminal, and immigration law firm. She spent her 1L and 2L summers at Fredrikson & Byron and worked during the school year with the firm’s Trademarks & Technology group. Marielos served as a Law Council member for two years and currently serves on the Diversity and Belonging Committee and the Latinx Law School Student Association.

#1 METRO AREA FOR FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES PER CAPITA

197 LAW FIRMS IN MINNESOTA WITH 10 OR MORE ATTORNEYS

2 LIGHT RAIL LINES just steps away from the Law School that connect both downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis.

19 FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKS MN 3RD BEST STATE (MAY 2019)
Aspire to Practice and to Lead

Our highly experienced Career Center team will work closely with you from the very beginning to help you achieve your career goals and ensure you are empowered for lifelong career success. We will work with you to focus on your professional development to prepare you for a wide range of career paths.

In addition to one-on-one guidance, the team provides access to networking events, hosts career fairs, offers workshops and training opportunities, assists in the clerkship application process, and much more. The Career Center also includes dedicated employer-relations and public-interest staff who work tirelessly to cultivate employment opportunities for students and alumni.

Local, regional, and national employers, including law firms, government entities, and public interest organizations, recruit students and graduates through on campus interviews (OCI), job fairs, and postings throughout the year.

At Minnesota Law, we not only help you define your career path, we help you achieve it.
You truly can go wherever you want with a Minnesota Law degree. The Career Center was helpful in tailoring to my goal of working in D.C., and the D.C. off-campus recruitment program opened the door for me. If you have a goal, you communicate it well, and work hard to achieve it, Minnesota Law can help you get to where you want to be.

CAYLA EBER'T '18, Associate, Hogan Lovells, Washington, D.C.
Originally from Washington, D.C., BEN ROGERS, 3L, spent his summer as an intern for the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps. During his internship, he provided legal analysis and case strategies, wrote trial motions, and observed a high-profile Navy SEAL trial from the gallery.
Explore

Where Minnesota Law Can Take You

The strong reputation of Minnesota Law brings with it intrinsic respect and significance that will help open doors for you across the globe. With more than 13,000 alumni worldwide, Minnesota Law is making a profound impact in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and more than 70 countries.

You will become part of a network of graduates already working in large coastal law firms, global corporations, international NGOs, state and federal courts, government agencies, and more. These valuable connections help you gain leverage throughout your career as a lifelong member of this vibrant community of lawyer-leaders.

WHERE OUR GRADUATES GO: CLASSES OF 2017, 2018, AND 2019

LAUREN GRAFF ’19 moved to Chicago and works as an associate for McGuireWoods, a large law firm with a strong corporate and banking practice and 23 offices worldwide. As a student, she gained hands-on experience working with business clients in our IP & Entrepreneurship Clinic and Business Law Clinic.
Minnesota Law celebrates each student’s contribution to our unique and strong legal community. By fostering a diverse, inclusive, and unbiased environment, Minnesota Law strives to ensure that individuals from all cultures and backgrounds feel included and welcome when engaging with our community. From the yearly MLK Convocation, which addresses equity and diversity in the legal profession and judicial systems, to the summer Pre-Law Scholars Program, which prepares underserved students for admission to law school, Minnesota Law embraces all perspectives that enhance the law school experience. Minnesota Law has a wide variety of student-led initiatives, programs, and events; a community book club devoted to reading books by diverse authors; and experiential learning opportunities available to all students.

By the second day of my Minnesota Law orientation, I had found my first group of “people.” OutLaw, the student-run LGBTQ+ group, introduced me to my second collection of “people.” Knowing that there was a group of open, expressive, and successful queer students from all years to say hello to in Mondale Hall, made 1L year feel lighter and welcoming.

OLIVIA LEVINSON, 2L
Garrison, New York

Law students in TORT (Theatre of the Relatively Talentless) write and produce an annual musical every spring that is performed at a local theater.

Belong to a Diverse and Talented Student Body

10+ PROFESSIONAL AFFINITY GROUPS IN THE TWIN CITIES
340 STUDENT-LED EVENTS WERE HELD IN THE LAST 3 YEARS.

2L NAVIN RAMALINGAM MODERATED THE 5TH ANNUAL MLK CONVOCATION, WHICH FOCUSED ON “SHARED STAKES ACROSS NEIGHBORLY DIVIDES” WITH RETIRED MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ALAN PAGE ’78.
Law in Practice, one of the first courses of its kind in the U.S., combines classroom teaching with simulation experiences to build the professional skills needed to practice law.

I chose Minnesota Law because of the extensive class offerings and experiential opportunities. The clinics, externships, and internship opportunities make law students well-prepared for real-world lawyering and give students a head start on building a professional network for future jobs.

OLIVIA LEYRER ’20
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Financial Information

Minnesota Law has nonresident and resident (reciprocity) tuition rates. Students from SD, WI, and Manitoba qualify for resident tuition.

Merit scholarships are awarded to highly qualified candidates at the time of admission and range from $5,000 to full tuition. No separate application is required.

Summer funding and/or fellowships are available to students through the Human Rights Center Fellowship, Robina Public Interest Scholars Program, and the Career Center.

Many student paid positions exist at the Law School for law students, including research assistant, structured study group leader, library assistant, and orientation leader.

Travel reimbursement funds are available for students to attend 20+ national diversity, practice area, and law school-hosted job fairs.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Early decision (binding) ......................... December 31  
Priority consideration for scholarship ........ March 1  
Final day to submit .................................................. June 1

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

• Completed application with $60 fee  
• Personal statement  
• Resume  
• Letter of recommendation (one required)  
• Optional supplemental statement

Apply to Minnesota Law Today

Our Admissions Committee looks forward to reviewing your application and conducting a holistic review of the materials you submit. We consider many factors in our decision, such as student engagement and leadership, professional experience, writing ability, community service, academic achievements, and references.

For more details on the application process at Minnesota Law, please visit LAW.UMN.EDU/JDADMISSIONS