Dean Garry W. Jenkins is the eleventh 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.

On the cover: Develyn Ferguson, 1L, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

At Minnesota Law, we celebrate each student’s individual contribution to our unique and strong legal community.

By fostering a diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment, Minnesota Law strives to ensure that individuals from all cultures and backgrounds feel welcome here.

Minnesota Law’s Diversity and Belonging Committee and our student-led Well-Being Initiative are just two of the ways students can become involved in efforts to support diversity and inclusion at the University of Minnesota Law School.

At Minnesota Law I’ve met people from so many walks of life who all have a very genuine interest in getting to know one another and the experiences of those around them. It has been really amazing to see, particularly as a woman of color, how my peers care about one another and care about learning from and with those around them. I’ve met some of my closest friends in Mondale Hall and am thankful for all of the opportunities to learn and grow that Minnesota Law has given me.

—MICHELLE CARDONA VINASCO, 3L, from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

At Minnesota Law, you will join a welcoming student community of hard workers, team players, and creative thinkers.

CLASS OF 2022

37 states represented + Washington, D.C.

17% Students of Color

19% LGBTQ+ Students

7% International Students

54% Women

46% Men

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LAURA COATES ’05, CNN Legal Analyst and Journalist, delivers the keynote address for the 2019 MLK Convocation.

MINNESOTA LAW ALUMNI WORK IN ALL 50 STATES AND 73 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD.

TOP MARKETS FOR 2018 GRADS
- Illinois
- Minnesota
- New York
- Texas
- Washington, D.C.

WHERE OUR GRADUATES GO – CLASSES OF 2016, 2017, AND 2018
A Diverse Twin Cities is Waiting for You

Located in the heart of the Twin Cities, Minnesota Law is part of a global community of people who come for more opportunity, to further their education, or to work for one of the many Fortune 500 companies located just minutes from campus. Diverse populations are steadily increasing in Minnesota and the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area. Minneapolis is also home to one of the nation’s largest Pride festivals and consistently appears on The Advocate’s annual “Queerest Cities in America” list.

With over 35 active student organizations, access to Twin Cities professional affinity groups, diverse programming and events, and the close connections you’ll make with your peers, Minnesota Law is an exciting place to begin your transformational legal education.

U.S. News and World Report ranks MINNESOTA the 3RD BEST STATE (MAY, 2019)

By the second day of my Minnesota Law orientation, I had found my first group of “people.” The connections I made with others during 1L orientation were instantaneous, but within a few weeks, I felt a sense of family with everyone else in my 1L section. 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, from Garrison, New York

Twin Cities ranked 7th for young professionals

44% of the Twin Cities population identifies as a person of color

30% increase in Twin Cities black population between 2010–2017

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Our Focus is on Your Future

Minnesota Law’s Career Center is here to help you find the career path that is right for you, by connecting you with local, regional, and national firms and companies, as well as government entities and public interest organizations, providing one-on-one career counseling sessions, and helping you find opportunities that fit your interests.

The Career Center offers support and opportunities for diverse students, including:

“Meet the Bar” connects students with working professionals who are members of local affinity and minority bar associations

Travel reimbursement funds allow students to attend 20+ U.S. diversity job fairs around the country

Diversity mentoring programs held locally and nationally

Assistance with diversity fellowships with law firms across the U.S.
Become a Lawyer-Leader at One of the Country’s Top Law Schools

The University of Minnesota Law School prepares students to solve the complex social, economic, and business issues of our time. Our exceptional faculty, innovative curriculum, and unmatched clinical and experiential learning opportunities equip students to become lawyer-leaders for the region, the country, and the world.

Minnesota Law offers you the chance to develop critical leadership skills in the legal profession. You can participate in one of four student-edited journals, complete the Professional Essentials Milestone, participate in National Moot Court, and gain hands-on experience while you earn a transformational legal education.

“I am so grateful for all of the experiences that have enhanced my time as a Minnesota Law student. I am currently serving as one of the Assistant Directors of Orientation and have also been part of the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) Board for all three years of law school. I have felt supported by the Law School and have served as a managing editor and staff of the *Minnesota Law Review*, as a student attorney in the Community Legal Partnership for Health Clinic, and am looking forward to serving as a judicial extern this fall.

—ALEX PARK, 3L, from Los Angeles, California

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Learn More Today

For more information on Minnesota Law’s commitment to a diverse, supportive, and inclusive community, please visit: z.umn.edu/law-diversity-inclusion.

Contact the Admissions Office to schedule a visit: 612-625-3487 or jdadmissions@umn.edu.

Social Media Takeover! In 2019, student members of the Diversity Committee, led a social media takeover of the Law School’s Instagram account that focused on ways students and the Law School are committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

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