Students graduating from the University of Minnesota’s Juris Doctor program will be able to:

1. **Identify, research, and analyze legal issues, including the ability to:**
   - Locate, interpret, and synthesize relevant legal authorities
   - Gather and assess relevant facts
   - Identify, and provide critical analysis of, competing positions and options
   - Understand the interaction between law and public policy
   - Recognize when consultation, collaboration, or referral is advisable or required

2. **Communicate orally and in writing, including the ability to:**
   - Present analysis and engage in legal dialogue, negotiation, and argument
   - Communicate with the appropriate tone and sophistication for the relevant audience
   - Communicate directly, with organization, focus, purpose, and clarity
   - Tailor communication and advocacy to applicable format restrictions and comply with procedural requirements

3. **Provide client-oriented legal service, including the ability to:**
   - Demonstrate broad knowledge of the law and the legal system of the United States
   - Listen to and engage with clients to identify client objectives and interests
   - Advocate for clients
   - Counsel clients by assessing, developing, and evaluating creative options to meet client goals
   - Manage complex workflow diligently, reliably, and within deadlines

4. **Collaborate, including the ability to:**
   - Work in a team
   - Respect diverse views and perspectives and work effectively across difference
   - Understand issues relating to equity and inclusion

5. **Conduct themselves professionally and ethically, including the ability to:**
   - Know and comply with rules of professional conduct
   - Be honest and candid with clients, lawyers, institutions, and others
   - Respond effectively to criticism and other feedback
   - Identify and minimize biases
   - Understand the importance of pro bono and other forms of law-related public service
   - Seek and use resources where necessary to address personal challenges