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 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.
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 2018–19 she traveled with students to present at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.
Learn from Leading Scholars

Imagine learning directly from faculty who have spearheaded national legislative and judicial reforms, founded programs that provide free legal services to the under-served, 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. And 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.

Professor Francis X. Shen works on issues at the intersection of law and the brain sciences. This year, he is teaching Law & Neuroscience at the Law School.

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STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

46%
FACULTY HAVE RECEIVED TEACHING-RELATED AWARDS

103 LAW STUDENTS WERE FACULTY RESEARCH ASSISTANTS IN 2018–19.
Experience 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.
Students in the James H. Binger Center for New Americans’ Federal Litigation Immigration Clinic helped win the landmark Mellouli v. Holder case at the U.S. Supreme Court. Abigail Hencheck ’19 is currently a Saeks Fellow with Gender Justice. Students in the Saeks Public Interest Residency Program work full-time during their 3L year and have a position with the organization following graduation.

Transformational Programs

STUDENTS DRAFT RADON LEGISLATION

Students in the Law School’s Community Legal Partnership for Health Clinic worked closely with a Minnesota state senator to draft legislation that would protect Minnesota renters from high levels of radon in rental housing. When introduced to the state senate last spring, the bill (S.F. 2426) gained bipartisan support.
Collegial Community

NAVIN RAMALINGAM, 2L, was born and raised in the city of Chennai in southern India. Prior to law school, he was a business consultant at Deloitte and Ernst & Young. This summer, he worked at a leading law firm in Minneapolis. He currently serves on the Law School’s Wellness Initiative and is a student member of the Diversity Committee.

The Minnesota State Bar Association, including 13 of its affinity bar associations, actively partners with student organizations to provide guidance, networking opportunities, and event speakers.

100+ STUDENT-SPONSORED EVENTS were held in 2018-19.
Start a 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.

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STATES + WASHINGTON, D.C.
ARE REPRESENTED IN THE STUDENT BODY

54% WOMEN
46% MEN

Law students in TORT (Theatre of the Relatively Talentless) write, produce, and perform an annual musical at a local theater.
Become a Lawyer-Leader in a Location You’ll Love

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 over 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.

197 LAW FIRMS IN MINNESOTA WITH 10 OR MORE ATTORNEYS

#1 TWIN CITIES #1 METRO AREA FOR FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES PER CAPITA

U.S. News and World Report ranks MN 3RD BEST STATE (May, 2019)

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

**ALEX PARK, 3L**, spent his summer 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. Originally from Los Angeles, Alex enjoys the Twin Cities so much that he plans to stay in Minneapolis after graduation.
Advance Your Career

Thanks to the professional development opportunities and career counseling offered by the Career Center, SHEA HOLMAN, 3L, earned a summer associate position at an employment law firm in Washington, D.C. Her projects included advocating for employees with disabilities, representing workers in discrimination cases, and helping clients through the EEOC process.
Find the Career Path that’s Right For You

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.

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93% EMPLOYMENT RATE
(full-time, long-term employment and graduate studies within 10 months after graduation)

The PROFESSIONAL ESSENTIALS MILESTONE introduces law students to core concepts surrounding development and interpersonal skills critical for career success. Students who complete Professional Essentials Milestone workshops receive a notation on their transcript.
Take Your Minnesota Law Degree Anywhere

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 2016, 2017, AND 2018

BAR PASSAGE*
91%
*Minnesota summer 2018 exam, first-time takers

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

TOP MARKETS FOR 2019 GRADS
Illinois | Minnesota | New York
Texas | Washington, D.C.
A World of Possibilities

Chicago is one of the most popular destinations for Minnesota Law graduates. **Lauren Graff ’19** spent her summers at the Chicago office of McGuireWoods, a large law firm with a strong corporate and banking practice and 23 offices worldwide. After graduation, she moved to Chicago and works as an associate for the firm. As a student, Graff gained hands-on experience working with business clients in our IP & Entrepreneurship Clinic and Business Law Clinic. Her goal as an attorney is to become a trusted legal advisor and a strategic partner for her clients, helping them to achieve their business objectives.
Cindy Shi, 3L, moved 1,600 miles from Arizona to attend Minnesota Law. Even though she was unable to visit prior to enrolling, she felt welcomed and supported by the professors and students. During her time at Minnesota Law, she has had the honor of being a Student Attorney and being elected Editor-in-Chief for the Minnesota Journal of International Law.

Student Experience

EDUARDO CASTRO, 3L, chose the University of Minnesota because it provided him with an unparalleled legal education. In his first two years of law school, he had the opportunity to argue in front of a Minnesota Supreme Court justice and represent detained immigrants through the Binger Center for New Americans. As co-president of the Latinx Law Students Association, Eduardo has worked with several of the other affinity student groups to incorporate underrepresented voices into student programming. A Wisconsin native, Eduardo spent his summer working for Husch Blackwell in Milwaukee.
Join a Diverse and Talented Student Body

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 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.

35+ Student Organizations were active in 2018-19

10+ Professional affinity groups are available to join in the Twin Cities

Diversity Committee Students Instagram Takeover! Students on the Diversity Committee led a social media takeover of Minnesota Law’s Instagram account that focused on our diverse student body and the Law School’s commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.
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.

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

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.