At Minnesota Law, we take pride in cultivating a supportive and inclusive community. Our exceptional faculty and dedicated staff prioritize the Law School’s and the University’s deep commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, and we hope to improve our institution, our profession, and the legal system in the process.

—DEAN GARRY W. JENKINS
William S. Pattee Professor of Law

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.
Welcome to a diverse and inclusive community

The diverse student body at the University of Minnesota Law School is drawn from across the state, the nation, and from around the world. With a dedication to academic excellence and a transformational education for future lawyer-leaders, Minnesota Law cultivates a community that celebrates each student’s individual contribution to our inclusive, diverse, and equitable learning environment.

Together, with our students, Minnesota Law faculty, staff, and alumni carry a shared sense of responsibility that extends beyond our walls as we strive toward creating lasting change and a more just society for all.

During my time at Minnesota Law, I’ve had the opportunity to engage with a diverse group of students. Through my work as co-president of the Black Law Students Association, I look forward to being able to continue to work toward Minnesota Law’s goal of helping foster a more inclusive environment for all students, and especially students of color. I’m grateful for the school’s commitment to diversity and equality and remain impressed by the continuous growth of the administration in helping to address the pressing issues facing many in our society and legal community today.

—Jessica Bontemps, 2L from Brooklyn, New York

Shown here and on the cover: Minnesota Law’s student ambassadors who serve on the diversity workgroup and on the Law School’s Diversity & Belonging Affinity Council, support and encourage prospective students from underrepresented communities as they navigate the law school admissions process. Student ambassadors from L to R: Yemaya Hanna, 2L (from St. Cloud, MN), Fabiola Gretzinger, 2L (from San José, Costa Rica), Navin Ramalingam, 3L (from Chennai, India), and Marielos Cabrera, 3L (from Plymouth, MN). Learn more about these student ambassadors at z.umn.edu/law-diversity-inclusion.
4 Ways We Commit to Racial Equity and Justice

> The formation of a new Racial Equity & Justice Committee tasked with working towards structural change, accountability, and transparency.

> The student-focused Diversity & Belonging Affinity Council, working toward goals of creating pathways for engagement from the student community, collaborating on programming, and providing feedback to the Racial Equity & Justice Committee.

> The George Floyd Memorial Scholarship in Law. With matching funds from the Law School, alumni Catlan McCurdy ’11 and Sanjiv Laud ’12, established this scholarship to provide critical financial support, allowing underrepresented students, and Black or African-American students in particular, to pursue careers in the law and achieve their dreams.

> New and returning courses that explore the intersections of race and the law.

Learn more at z.umn.edu/law_racialjustice

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison ’90 (above) speaks at a student-led event on environmental and climate justice hosted by the Environmental and Energy Law Society. AG Ellison also teaches a popular course, “Public Interest Advocacy and the state Attorney General,” at the Law School.”
Commit
to a more just and equitable society

The University of Minnesota Law School is committed to creating a more just society for our local, national, and international communities. Racial and social justice work is both urgent and long-term, and Minnesota Law’s mission—focused on education, outreach, and research—includes a shared responsibility to educate lawyer-leaders who will also work to bring about justice and change.

My experiences as a student attorney in the Federal Litigation Immigration Clinic at Minnesota Law included arguing and winning Jasso Arangure v. Whitaker before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, litigating habeas corpus petitions in federal district court, and traveling to rural Guatemala to develop declarations for class-action lawsuits challenging the Trump administration’s zero-tolerance and family separation policies.

—PAUL DIMICK ’19
Equal Justice Works Fellow, ACLU-Minnesota

Michelle Cordona Vinasco ’20, 2019–20 co-president of the Latinx Law Student Association, speaks with Luis Cortes Romero, one of the lead attorneys in the historic legal battle over the Trump administration’s effort to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The event was sponsored by the James H. Binger Center for New Americans, the Latinx Law Student Association, and the Black Law Student Association.
Navin Ramalingam, 3L, interviews retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page ‘78 at the 2020 MLK Convocation, an annual event sponsored by the Law School’s Diversity & Belonging Affinity Council.

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

**TOP MARKETS FOR 2019 GRADS**
- Illinois
- Minnesota
- New York
- Washington, D.C.
- Wisconsin

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

with the diverse Twin Cities community

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, opportunities to engage with local alumni, and the close connections you’ll make with your peers, Minnesota Law is an exciting place to begin your transformational legal education.

—OLIVIA LEVINSON, 3L
from Garrison, New York
TOP 5 LAW SCHOOL for Practical Training (PreLaw)

Learn more about the law students featured in this photo at z.umn.edu/law-diversity-inclusion

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING FOR LAWYER-LEADERS

25 LEGAL CLINICS

200+ EXTERNSHIPS and Field Placements in 2019-20.

200+ DUAL DEGREES

96% of Minnesota Law Students were Employed Across the U.S. in Summer 2020.
Learn in an inclusive academic environment

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’s wide variety of classroom and experiential learning opportunities allow you 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 working on real cases with real impact in one or more of our 25 diverse legal clinics.

As president of the Jewish Law Student Association, I work closely with a broad range of Jewish students and allies, focusing on identity-related issues and ways to eliminate racial and identity-based bias. As a student director in the Tax Clinic, I assist low income and minority Minnesotans seeking tax relief, and I also serve as a note and comment editor for the Minnesota Law Review. The diversity of experiences and fellow students is just one of many reasons that I’m lucky to call the Minnesota Law School home.

—CASEY EPSTEIN, 3L
from Minneapolis, Minnesota
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. A wide variety of externships, fellowships, internships, and summer placements offer opportunities to experience the legal profession while you earn your degree.
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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 with questions: 612-625-3487 or jdadmissions@umn.edu.