

A Message from the Dean

Penn State Law in University Park is a school like no other you will encounter in your law school search. In many ways we are new. Penn State University has invested more than \$150 million over the past few years in distinguished faculty appointments, new signature facilities, innovative technology, a new international affairs program, and exciting new clinics for the Law School. This has resulted in a J.D. program that gives our students the skills and the experiences they need to stand out in an increasingly competitive global legal marketplace. Penn State Law students can:

- Study with outstanding scholars that include preeminent experts on DNA and statistical evidence, mergers and acquisitions, arbitration, international human rights, national security, antitrust, global legal practice, and other areas essential to the practice of law in today's world;
- Participate in the trials of alleged international war crimes under the chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia at The Hague, in the Law School's International Criminal Justice semester or summer-long externship program;
- Take cases from petitions for certiorari to argument in the U.S. Courts of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court in the Law School's Civil Rights Appellate Clinic;
- Collaborate with law students in Cape Town, London, Sydney, British Columbia and elsewhere via the Law School's state-of-the-art, high-definition AV-equipped classrooms;
- Undertake joint degree programs with Penn State's top-rated graduate programs in business, communications, international affairs, and other important disciplines.

These are just a few examples of the opportunities the diverse and academically gifted students of Penn State Law are able to pursue. Please take a moment to further acquaint yourself with Penn State Law in this brochure and on our website at law.psu.edu. Please don't hesitate to contact our admissions professionals at admissions@law.psu.edu for further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

James Mouse









How will I be challenged at Penn State Law?

"Scientific methods in criminal cases — things like fingerprinting and lie detection — have limitations that you would not know about from watching *CSI* and other TV shows... In addition to improving students' legal analysis skills, my classes expose students to nonlegal modes of thought — probability, statistics, and inductive reasoning. Lawyers need not be experts in these methods, but I hope that my students come away with the ability to make sense of an empirical study and to recognize the assumptions behind it."

Professor David Kave

Distinguished Professor of Law and Weiss Family Faculty Scholar Legal expert on DNA and other forms of scientific evidence



"The transformation from student to lawyer in three years requires almost constant immersion in the law. Penn State Law students do study alone, but most of the time they are together in the library, classrooms, and common areas engaged in continuous conversation about law."

Professor Marie Reilly

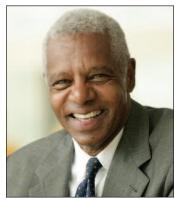
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law Bankruptcy and commercial law scholar



"I want my students to be more than mergers and acquisitions and tax lawyers; I want them to learn to think critically as business lawyers. My classes help students prepare for everything business lawyers are likely to encounter, whether it's on Wall Street in New York, LaSalle Street in Chicago, or Broad Street in Philadelphia."

Professor Samuel Thompson Jr.

Arthur Weiss Distinguished Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law Director, Penn State's Center for the Study of Mergers and Acquisitions Corporate and international tax, corporate governance, and antitrust scholar





Penn State Law gives each student a solid foundation in the law. During their first year, students gain core knowledge and basic skills. In the second and third year, students may concentrate their study in numerous specialized fields, including business law; arbitration, mediation and negotiation; and international and transnational law.

What will I encounter in the classroom?



"I am committed to teaching and trying to use the law to make a difference in the lives of real people. When I come into the classroom each day, my goal is to engage my students and encourage them to participate in the discussion so that they can teach themselves and each other how to 'think like lawyers.' The cases and policy questions we discuss in class are designed not only to teach a particular set of legal rules, but also to enable students to read, understand, and analyze legal materials in any subject area."

Professor Kit Kinports

Polisher Family Distinguished Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law Feminist jurisprudence, criminal law, and federalism scholar



"Beyond just teaching us the law, we were encouraged to take our thinking to the next level, to understand the intent behind the law, why it operates the way it does, and how it may change given the current political landscape. In our constantly changing legal environment, nothing could have better prepared me for work at a firm."

Jake Mattinson '12
Brigham Young University
Associate, McDermott Will & Emery
Chicago, Illinois

CENTERS

Penn State is ninth among all U.S. universities in research expenditures.

<u>The Agricultural Law Resource and Reference Center</u> focuses on issues in agriculture including food and energy supplies.

<u>The Center for Government Law and Public Policy Studies</u> connects students with government agencies and nonprofit public policy organizations at the state and national levels.

<u>The Center for the Study of Mergers and Acquisitions</u> examines corporate, securities, tax, antitrust, and other legal and economic issues that arise in mergers and acquisitions.

<u>The Center on Children and the Law</u> provides a collaborative, multidisciplinary hub for research, teaching, outreach, and service on children's issues that intersect with the law.

<u>The Institute of Arbitration Law and Practice</u> promotes the study and scholarship of arbitration law.

<u>The Institute for Sports Law, Policy, and Research</u> promotes dialogue with major industry participants in areas like antitrust, history, and intercollegiate sports.

<u>The Center for Public Interest Law and Advocacy</u> connects law students with pro bono research opportunities.



Will I learn new ways of resolving disputes and practicing law?



"Arbitration is seen by the court, both internationally and domestically, as a necessary form of ersatz justice that provides for an effective rule of law that is less and less available in the adversarial trial. My students are prepared to counsel clients on the availability of remedies and to demonstrate to their clients how responsive particular remedies are to their specific needs and interests. It is a relatively new form of lawyering for modern-day America; it is certainly a new form of justice dictated by the new exigencies of the twenty-first century."

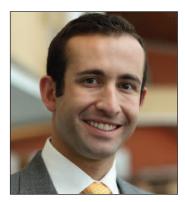
Professor Thomas Carbonneau

Samuel P. Orlando Distinguished Professor of Law Director, Penn State's Institute of Arbitration Law and Practice International and domestic arbitration scholar



"The faculty at Penn State Law encouraged me to think critically about problems that have no clear solution and dared me to explain my solution to the world. Through that experience, I learned that advocacy is about seeing the problem and challenging the world to accept your remedy."

Cara B. Sherman '13Spelman College
Assistant District Attorney
Brooklyn, NY



"It's more than having a beautiful courtroom with state-of-the-art technology; it's having state and federal judges be part of programs like Moot Court and Trial Advocacy so we leave with as real and practical a court room experience as possible."

Joshua Slavin '14 Chair, Penn State Moot Court Board

MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS

Penn State Law students compete in a variety of moot court and oral advocacy competitions across the country and internationally, including:

National Black Law Students Association Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition

John J. Gibbons National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition International Law Students Association Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition

Tulane Law School Moot Court Mardi Gras Invitational Sports Law Competition Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition The Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot The American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition

NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITIONS

Penn State Law students have the opportunity to develop and hone their advocacy skills through faculty-directed participation in a variety of national, local, and intra-school mock trial competitions. The top student advocates, selected from the intra-school competition, are invited to represent the Law School in a number of national mock trial competitions, including:

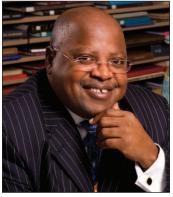
National Trial Competition, hosted by the American College of Trial Lawyers Trial Advocacy Competition, hosted by the American Association for Justice





Penn State Law is unique in its curricular integration with Penn State's graduate School of International Affairs. The legal profession may be contracting somewhat in the United States, but it is growing exponentially abroad. Students benefit from the unmatched depth in international law and affairs of our two faculties, an array of international law and international affairs classes, and opportunities to study internationally. J.D. students serve as mentors and attend classes with LL.M. students who are typically foreign-trained lawyers, creating excellent opportunities for cultural exchange.

Our advanced AV technology allows students to join peers at other Universities around the world. Top law practice today demands knowledge of the rules and practices that govern transnational affairs, and there is no place better than Penn State Law to gain that knowledge.



"Tremendous forces of change are creating a growing need for professionals who can function effectively in the realm of international affairs. Interdisciplinary learning is one of the hallmarks of the Penn State School of International Affairs, and we are pleased to help Penn State Law students supplement their study by offering graduate-level electives as well as a joint J.D./M.I.A. degree."

Professor Tiyanjana Maluwa

Associate Dean for International Affairs and H. Laddie Montague Chair in Law Director, School of International Affairs



"As I became more interested in the study and practice of international law, I realized that the J.D./M.I.A. dual degree program at Penn State would give me the ability to not only understand the legal aspects of international conflicts, but also the policy and theoretical aspects. The tools that I have developed through this program have helped me not only in internships with large international law firms, but also with U.S. government agencies."

Christopher Stromberg '13 Brigham Young University J.D./M.I.A. Program Summer Associate, Egorov, Puginsky and Partners St. Petersburg, Russia





International Programs

Students can build international experiences through both classroom and extracurricular programs. Penn State Law has exchange partnerships with universities in Africa, Europe, and Asia. Students can compete in international law and commercial arbitration moot court events or research and write for the *Penn State Journal of Law and International Affairs*. The International Sustainable Development Projects Clinic, summer experiences, and externships give students unique opportunities to practice international law. At the International Justice Externship at The Hague students work directly with senior prosecutors participating in today's most significant international criminal cases.

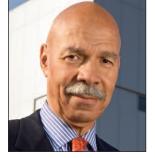


"I came to law school with the goal of best preparing myself to become a good international business transactions lawyer. The courses provided at Penn State Law and my summer work experiences at international law firms allowed me to reach this goal."

Monika Oyama '13 Keio University, Japan Associate, Masuda Funai Chicago, Illinois







World on Trial is an educational television and interactive web series that brings together the best legal talent in the world to argue both sides of sharply contested human rights issues. Students develop the background cases and handle much of the legal research required to bring the program to life.

Professor Randall Robinson, who conceived of and hosts the program, offers a seminar course in the enforcement of international human rights treaties as well.









EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Penn State Law students learn by experience while advocating for underrepresented people and participating in the legal and political process through in-house clinics and externship opportunities, including the Semester in Washington, D.C. and Semester in Harrisburg programs.



"The mission of the Center for Immigrants' Rights is to represent immigrants' interests through advocacy, education, and collaboration with key stakeholders and the community. For students to become effective immigration advocates and attorneys, they must have a combined understanding and appreciation for immigration law, policy, and politics, and the relationships among them."

Professor Shoba Sivaprasad WadhiaClinical Professor and Director, Center for Immigrants' Rights

CLINICS

Arts, Sports and Entertainment Law Clinic: Students provide legal counsel on issues of intellectual property, contracts, licensing, and merchandising endorsement to clients in the arts, sports, and entertainment fields.

Center for Immigrants' Rights: Students advance the interest of immigrants through education and collaboration with stakeholders in the community while providing legal assistance to immigration detainees in Pennsylvania.

Children's Advocacy Clinic: Students represent children in adoption, custody, dependency, and domestic violence matters while providing legislative and policy advocacy for child welfare issues.

Civil Rights Appellate Clinic: Students research and write briefs for appellate civil rights cases in state and federal courts of appeal in collaboration with national civil rights organizations and leading law firms.

Family Law Clinic: Students represent clients in matters of divorce, child custody, child support, spousal support, protection from abuse, and related issues.

Community Law Clinic: Students provide legal help for people in central Pennsylvania who are having problems related to family matters, disability, and other areas of law as appropriate.

Indigent Criminal Justice Clinic: Students represent indigent defendants accused of misdemeanor offenses under the supervision of public defenders. Students build litigation, negotiation, client counseling, and courtroom advocacy skills.

International Sustainable Development Projects Clinic: Students collaborate with multidisciplinary project teams and/or social entrepreneurs to implement humanitarian engineering projects and build "triple bottom line" businesses (measuring success by profit, as well as their effect on people and planet) in the developing world.

Rural Economic Development Clinic: Students represent agricultural producers, businesses, and landowners on a range of transactional activities, including contract review and development, within the agricultural, food, and energy law areas.





"My internship at the Department of Justice Tax Division allowed me to work with the brightest minds in tax law and to see how tax law is applied at the federal level."

Thomas Hill '11 Penn State University Tax Associate, PricewaterhouseCoopers Washington, DC



Under the guidance of an experienced advisor, Penn State Law students gain valuable practical experience working in a wide range of externships with state or federal government agencies and public interest or nonprofit organizations. Externship placements in-

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

National Labor Relations Board

- U.S. Attorney's Offices
- U.S.-China Economic Review and Security Commission
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of Treasury



"Working at the Drug Enforcement Administration has been such a rewarding experience because even smaller assignments that may be considered 'regular' cases at a different government agency have interesting fact patterns and can end up shaping policy for the entire agency. What appears to be a simple legal research question can affect every single DEA employee, including agents in the field, locally and abroad."

Kristina Dahmann '13Bowdoin College Summer Law Clerk, Drug Enforcement Administration



PUBLIC INTEREST

The legal profession is unique in that it requires its members to provide public interest services as a part of their professional responsibility. Penn State Law students contribute to legal expertise to the community through in-house legal clinics, public interest fellowships, the Voluntueer Income Tax assistance program, and other volunteer programs.



"Working closely with public interest attorneys on several pro bono research projects significantly added to my experience at the Law School. Knowing these attorneys had limited resources, I felt that my research truly contributed to their ability to strengthen their cases and assist their clients. Since graduating I have frequently drawn on these experiences as I develop my own skills as a public interest lawyer."

Heather Hoechst '12

Berry College Staff Attorney, Women Against Abuse Philadelphia, PA



The work of the Career Planning & Development team begins from the moment a student is admitted to the Law School. The focus is to help students identify their strengths, choose a practice area that best matches their skills, develop a job search strategy and a marketing plan, and negotiate a position.



Kenny R. Tatum joined the Law School in 2011 bringing ten years of legal recruiting experience in large law firm environments.

"We take a multi-pronged approach. I spend much of my time on the road, ensuring that employers throughout the country are aware of our exceptionally talented students. My colleagues work hard to ensure that students have developed the kind of differentiators that help them stand out with those employers."

Kenny Tatum
Assistant Dean of Career Planning & Development



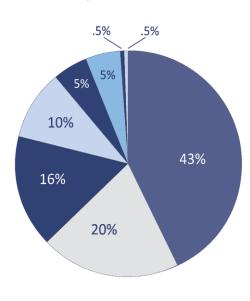
"Right from the start of our 1L year, the career center provided us with valuable tips specific to finding a job within the legal profession. They gave us the tools and support necessary to successfully seek out legal positions that fit our personal goals and interests, conduct ourselves in an interview, and turn our internships into a full-time position. The faculty/staff in the career center were constantly creating new programs and updating the fundamental programs to ensure the students were prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the current legal market."

Kaitlyn Jordan Klein '13 Purdue University Ice Miller Indianapolis, Indiana

CLASS OF 2012 EMPLOYMENT PROFILE*

| Law Firms 43% | Academic5% |
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| Business/Industry 20% | Public Interest 5% |
| Clerkships 16% | Military Government5% |
| Government 10% | Unknown5% |

^{*}Created from a survey administered to the Penn State Law Class of 2012 nine months after graduation. This data reflects the self-reported employment information from graduates who obtained employment. To view more employment data, visit www.law.psu.edu/employmentdata





MEET A FEW OF OUR ALUMNI

A degree from the world-class Penn State University opens doors to a global network of alumni and a multitude of career opportunities. As a Penn State Law graduate you will have access to more than 560,000 alumni and the largest dues-paying alumni association in the world.

Thomas J. Ridge '72
CEO, Ridge Global LLC
First Secretary of the U.S. Department
of Homeland Security;
Former Governor of Pennsylvania

Lewis Katz '66
Founder, Katz Ettin & Levine;
Member, Ownership Groups of the
New Jersey Nets, New York Yankees, and New Jersey Devils

Brian Sheridan '09 Trial Attorney U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C.

Rachael Goldfarb '06 Chief of Staff to the Chief Information Officer Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Washington, D.C.

Gwenn E. Cujdik '03 Assistant District Attorney Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Jennifer L. Young '05 Associate Vice President International Affairs at PhRMA Washington, DC

H. Laddie Montague Jr. '63 Senior Shareholder Berger & Montague, P.C. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Co-Trial Counsel for Plaintiffs in the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation

Jose Fanjul '08 Assistant District Attorney New York County District Attorney's Office New York, New York Zach Brecheisen '12 Associate, Jones Day Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Amy Fernandez '06 Global Director, Intellectual Property Armstrong World Industries New York, NY

D. Brooks Smith '76 Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Sylvia H. Rambo '62 Judge, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Josh P. Parecki '04 Trial Attorney National Security Division of the U.S. Department of Justice Washington, DC.

Ryan Fleischer '08 Assistant Athletics Director, Compliance at Robert Morris University

Thomas I. Vanaskie '78 Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Andrew Schnitzel '10 Associate, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP New York, NY

Wes Corning '12 Assistant State's Attorney Baltimore, MD

Hillary Hewitt '11 Assistant Counsel Office of the Governor Trenton, NJ "The professors at Penn State Dickinson School of Law taught me how to read, think, analyze, write, and speak like a lawyer. Every day I use and strengthen the legal muscles that were formed and developed during my legal education and without which I could never succeed as a lawyer."

Alison Kilmartin '09Jones Day
Pittsburgh, PA

"Not all law schools offer the combination of theoretical education and practical experience necessary to succeed in the dynamic legal field of Washington D.C. Penn State Dickinson Law School offered the experience and the education necessary for me to succeed as an appellate attorney in one of the largest law firms in Washington, D.C."

Quin Sorenson '08Sidley Austin
Washington, DC

"Dickinson (School of Law) taught me to be a consummate professional. The faculty not only taught me the substantive things I needed to know but also how to succeed as a lawyer."

Michelle Hylton '00 Senior Counsel Turner Broadcasting System Atlanta, GA









DIVERSITY

Diversity enriches every aspect of life at Penn State, and we support initiatives that foster understanding and acceptance of differences — differences in thought, background, age, life experience, gender, race, abilities, religion, and culture. We believe in facilitating open discussions, integrating diversity into course work, and celebrating our differences.



"As someone who grew up in the Philippines, it's all too clear to me that 21st century workers — including attorneys — will need to know how to appreciate, interrogate, and negotiate this increasingly interconnected world in which we live."

Professor Victor C. Romero

Maureen B. Cavanaugh Distinguished Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law

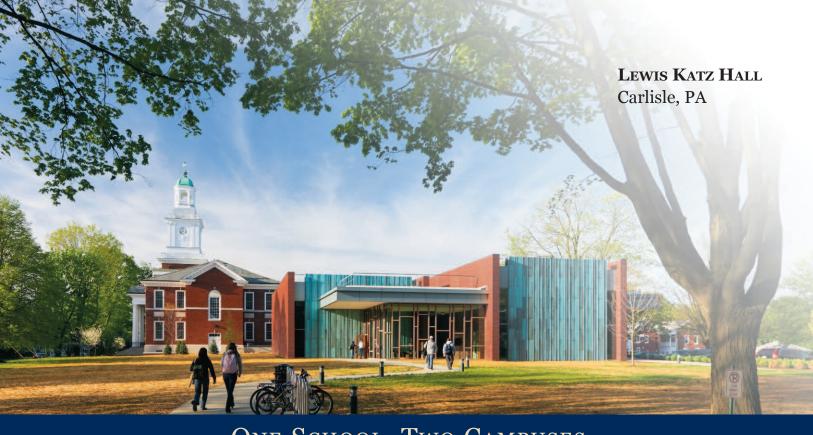
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Reflecting their diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and passions, Penn State Law students explore shared interests and advance common causes through student organizations that include:

Animal Legal Defense Fund
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
Black Law Students Association
Environmental Law Society
Federalist Society
International Law Society
Law and Education Alliance at Penn State
Minority Law Students Association
National Security and Law Society
Prisoner Awareness Project
Public Interest Law Fund
Women's Law Caucus



Our annual Diversity Banquet recognizes outstanding students, faculty, and alumni who have exemplified Penn State Law's commitment to diversity and inclusion. In 2013, for example, three Penn State Law students served on the executive board of the National Black Law Students Association.



ONE SCHOOL, TWO CAMPUSES

In 2000, The Dickinson School of Law merged with one of the world's great research universities, Penn State University. Students can choose to attend the Carlisle campus located near law firms, government offices, corporations, and non-profit organizations, or in University Park, located on Penn State's main campus. Both campuses feature new buildings, state-of-the-art classrooms, courtrooms, and libraries. They are connected via the most advanced, high-definition, digital audiovisual system available so students can choose to be resident at one campus and still experience the range of courses that originate at the alternate campus.





LIFE AT PENN STATE

At Penn State Law you can walk, jog, or bike to class. Safe, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods are the rule, not the exception.

Home to approximately 41,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the University Park location offers a diverse intellectual community. The Carlisle location is also situated in a campus setting. Central Pennsylvania offers a rich collection of cultural resources, museums and galleries. Area attractions include the Bryce Jordan Center, the Giant Center, Hershey Park arena, and



Whitaker Center for Science and Arts, all of which host a variety of popular music artists and entertainers.

Penn State athletic teams, sports and recreation activities include the State College Spikes and Harrisburg Senators minor league baseball teams, hiking and biking trails at scenic state parks, beautifully maintained golf courses, and nearby ski areas.

Penn State Law is located within easy driving distance of Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and New York City, so you can enjoy three years of reasonable rent and a manageable cost of living that will help your bottom line for years to come.

Located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the State Capitol is home to both houses of the Pennsylvania Senate Assembly The dance floor of the Bryce Jordan Center is seen here at the end of the THON Line Dance during the morning on the second day of THON, the largest student-run philanthropy in the nation.

One of many sign-bearing fans gets recognized by Bruce Springsteen during his concert with his E Street Band in the Bryce Jordan Center.









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Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity, and the diversity of its workforce. U.Ed. LAW 14-10

