



PennState Law



UNIVERSITY PARK, PA



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Penn State Law will provide you with a legal education to prepare you for success in a rapidly changing legal profession. Technology, globalization, and the need for crosscutting knowledge are transforming our society and how legal services are provided. We are innovating, and providing individualized mentoring and career support, to help you develop and achieve your goals.

At Penn State Law, you will have all the resources of a world-class public research institution with small classes taught by a faculty of prominent legal scholars and leading practitioners. You can choose to focus your studies in one of our many areas of strength, including advocacy and litigation, arbitration and mediation, business and entrepreneurship law, constitutional law, criminal law, energy and environmental law, family law, health law, immigration and civil rights law, intellectual property and cyber law, international and comparative law, and national security and foreign affairs law.

We recognize the importance of learning by doing and treat the broader world as our classroom. Our nine clinics and practicum provide you with a wealth of opportunities to explore practice areas and help underserved communities. Our students have appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court, and have honed their advocacy skills through moot court and national trial competitions. Our home, the state-of-the-art Lewis Katz Building, allows you the freedom to explore the world virtually from our classrooms and interview rooms. Our innovative Externships Everywhere program lets you pursue career opportunities anywhere in the world while participating via our advanced distance learning technology in classes in University Park.

From the moment you choose Penn State Law, you join the Penn State community and have the resources of one of the world's leading research universities at your fingertips. You can take graduate-level courses, pursue a joint degree in one of Penn State's many nationally ranked graduate programs, or participate in dozens of active law school organizations or hundreds of University-wide student groups. The School of International Affairs is co-located with us in the Katz Building, providing unparalleled opportunities for you to connect your legal education to a cutting-edge global community.

You will launch your career with the support of the world's largest alumni network, more than 658,000 strong all over the globe. We will connect you to that network through our comprehensive mentoring program, which begins at admission and continues through graduation, and the individualized support of our professional Career Services staff. Our aim is to help you shape a fulfilling career.

And when you need a break from studying hard, you can unwind with NCAA Division I and intramural sports, convenient fitness facilities, outdoor activities, arts and cultural events, Penn State Berkey Creamery ice cream, and a welcoming environment of more than 46,000 enthusiastic and friendly Penn State students from around the world. Our community truly deserves its name of "Happy Valley."

I invite you to explore our program further in the pages that follow, on our website, pennstatelaw.psu.edu, or in person through a visit. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Admissions Office at admissions@pennstatelaw.psu.edu. We look forward to welcoming you to Penn State Law in University Park.

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Hari M. Osofsky
Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law



THE LEWIS KATZ BUILDING

Penn State Law's home on the University Park campus is the \$60 million, 114,000-square-foot, LEED-certified Lewis Katz Building.



Legal intelligence. Practice experience.

Penn State Law blends challenging and innovative classroom study with ample opportunities for learning by doing.

About Penn State Law

Penn State Law, located on Penn State's University Park campus in State College, Pennsylvania, offers a comprehensive law curriculum designed to provide the next generation of lawyers with the knowledge and skills they will need to solve increasingly complex and interdisciplinary problems. Law students take a required foundational curriculum in the first year, and, in the second and third year, may choose among law course electives. Students may also take courses or pursue joint degrees in nationally recognized Penn State Graduate School programs in business, international affairs, agriculture, science, and more. The law school's faculty consists of renowned scholars and practitioners who are accessible and innovative teachers and share a passion for law and pride in the legal profession. Penn State Law offers a close and supportive law school community, state-of-the-art classroom and communication technology, one of the world's finest research libraries, national and international career opportunities, and all of the resources of a leading public research institution.

Mission

To educate a diverse student body in the intellectual foundations, ethical principles, and practical skills necessary for success in today's legal professions; to produce scholarship responsive to legal and social needs and foster a culture of service within the legal profession and society; to contribute to the intellectual life and mission of The Pennsylvania State University.





THE PENN STATE LAW J.D. PROGRAM

The J.D. program at Penn State Law is a three-year, six-semester course of study that provides a comprehensive foundation in law and reflects the broad research, teaching, and practice expertise of its faculty. In the required first-year curriculum, all students take courses that form the core of knowledge in the legal profession and develop basic legal writing and communication skills. Upper-level students choose among elective courses to further their individual professional goals.

First-Year Courses Include:

- Applied Legal Analysis and Writing
- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Legal Research Tools and Strategies
- Property
- Torts

FACULTY INSIGHT



"I draw on my experience as a corporate criminal defense and constitutional lawyer to advocate for fairness in the justice system. Students in my classes learn to understand the law and its inequities. I teach the importance of being both a zealous and ethical advocate."

Katrice Bridges-Copeland
Professor of Law

FACULTY

Teaching from **EXPERIENCE**

The Penn State Law faculty is a group of diverse scholars, engaging teachers, and dedicated contributors to the legal profession and society. They are seasoned attorneys and judges, accomplished researchers, and authors—all experts in their fields, and all passionate about teaching the next generation of lawyers.



Commitment to **EXCELLENCE**

A strong faculty forms the foundation of a great law school. The best teachers transform the lives of students by leading them on a journey of rigorous and critical thinking, writing, and speaking about law in preparation for a lifetime of success in the legal profession.



FACULTY INSIGHT



“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.”

Marie Reilly
Professor of Law



JAMISON COLBURN

Joseph H. Goldstein Faculty Scholar, Professor of Law

“Healthy businesses and communities continuously strive to improve their environmental performance. Law can be a powerful tool to help them. But it can also frustrate good intentions. What makes the difference is careful attention to the real-time interaction of markets, governance, and laws. That kind of broad focus is a critical skill for lawyers and essential to the success of sustainability initiatives.”

Professor Colburn has published articles and books on public lands management, administrative law, wildlife habitat, and other environmental topics. His latest book, *Law and the Transition to Business Sustainability*, considers the interdisciplinary dimensions of sustainability strategies.



DAVID KAYE

Distinguished Professor of Law, Weiss Family Faculty Scholar

“DNA evidence is one of the greatest successes of forensic science. How far should the police be allowed to go to collect and analyze DNA samples in criminal investigations? The answer is complicated and involves science, law, and our fundamental values.”

Professor Kaye is a leading expert on the use of DNA evidence. He has worked as an adviser for the U.S. Department of Justice, the FBI, the Innocence Project, the Federal Judicial Center, and the National Academy of Sciences, and his work has been cited by the United States Supreme Court.



KIT KINPORTS

Polisher Family Distinguished Faculty Scholar, Professor of Law

“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.’”

Professor Kinports, a former clerk for Justice Harry Blackmun of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Abner Mikva of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, is a leading scholar of feminist jurisprudence, criminal law, and federalism, and is an award-winning classroom teacher.



JOHN LOPATKA

A. Robert Noll Distinguished Professor of Law

“Nothing is more frustrating than wrestling with an idea. Nothing is more exhilarating than pinning it down. The ability to think rigorously, critically, and creatively is the most important skill a lawyer can have; there is no close second.”

Professor Lopatka is one of the nation’s leading antitrust scholars, having published over 40 articles in the areas of antitrust, economic analysis of law, and regulated industries. He previously served at The Federal Trade Commission and practiced law with Donovan Leisure Newton & Irvine in New York City and Isham, Lincoln & Beale in Chicago.



SAMUEL THOMPSON JR.

Arthur Weiss Distinguished Faculty Scholar, Professor of Law

“Most law students are surprised to learn that the study of federal tax law is not about accounting. It requires careful analysis of tax laws, regulations, and judicial opinions, guided by an understanding and evaluation of the policies behind the laws.”

Professor Thompson is working to shape our tax laws as the author of 16 books and more than 75 articles on corporate and international tax, corporate governance, and antitrust law. His teaching interests focus on the corporate, securities, tax, and antitrust aspects of mergers and acquisitions as well as international tax, investment banking, taxation of business entities, and economic growth policy.

A Faculty of
**ENGAGED
SCHOLARS**

The Penn State Law faculty includes nationally and internationally prominent legal scholars, accomplished jurists, and legal practitioners with knowledge of, and experience in, a wide range of traditional and emerging legal fields. With diverse perspectives and life experiences, faculty members promote a rigorous intellectual environment for law students through innovative and effective teaching and transformative research. They value intellectual engagement, diversity of perspective and experience, and integrity and civility in discourse and conduct. Penn State Law professors teach students to write clearly and effectively in coursework throughout the curriculum. They help students develop analytical and communication skills through classroom discussion, scholarly research, and frequent opportunities for informal conversations outside of the classroom.

SPECIALIZED FIELDS OF STUDY

Business Law

From mergers and acquisitions, to tax and commercial real estate, Penn State Law students learn how businesses operate, how law affects business operations, and how lawyers can help clients avoid and solve problems to increase the value of their businesses. Many students enter law school with little or no business experience and discover as law students their interest in, and talent for, business. Foundational, intermediate, and advanced courses provide students with the knowledge, skills, and judgment necessary to practice as advocates and counselors and to develop innovative and ethical solutions to business problems.

With faculty expertise in antitrust, bankruptcy, mergers and acquisitions, securities, financial regulation, corporate, taxation, and commercial law, Penn State Law offers an array of options for focus in areas of business law. The **Penn State Center for the Study of Mergers and Acquisitions** and the **Center for Agricultural and Shale Law** offer ample research opportunities, and clinics in rural economic development and global sustainability provide hands-on learning in international business law.

For students who wish to further specialize in business, Penn State Law offers a joint J.D./M.B.A. with the nationally ranked Smeal College of Business.

International and National Security Law

Our world is becoming more interdependent every day. From international business transactions to global peace and security, the health, prosperity, and freedom of millions rest on the foundation of international law. Within our own borders, our cherished national freedoms are constantly in tension with our desire for security.

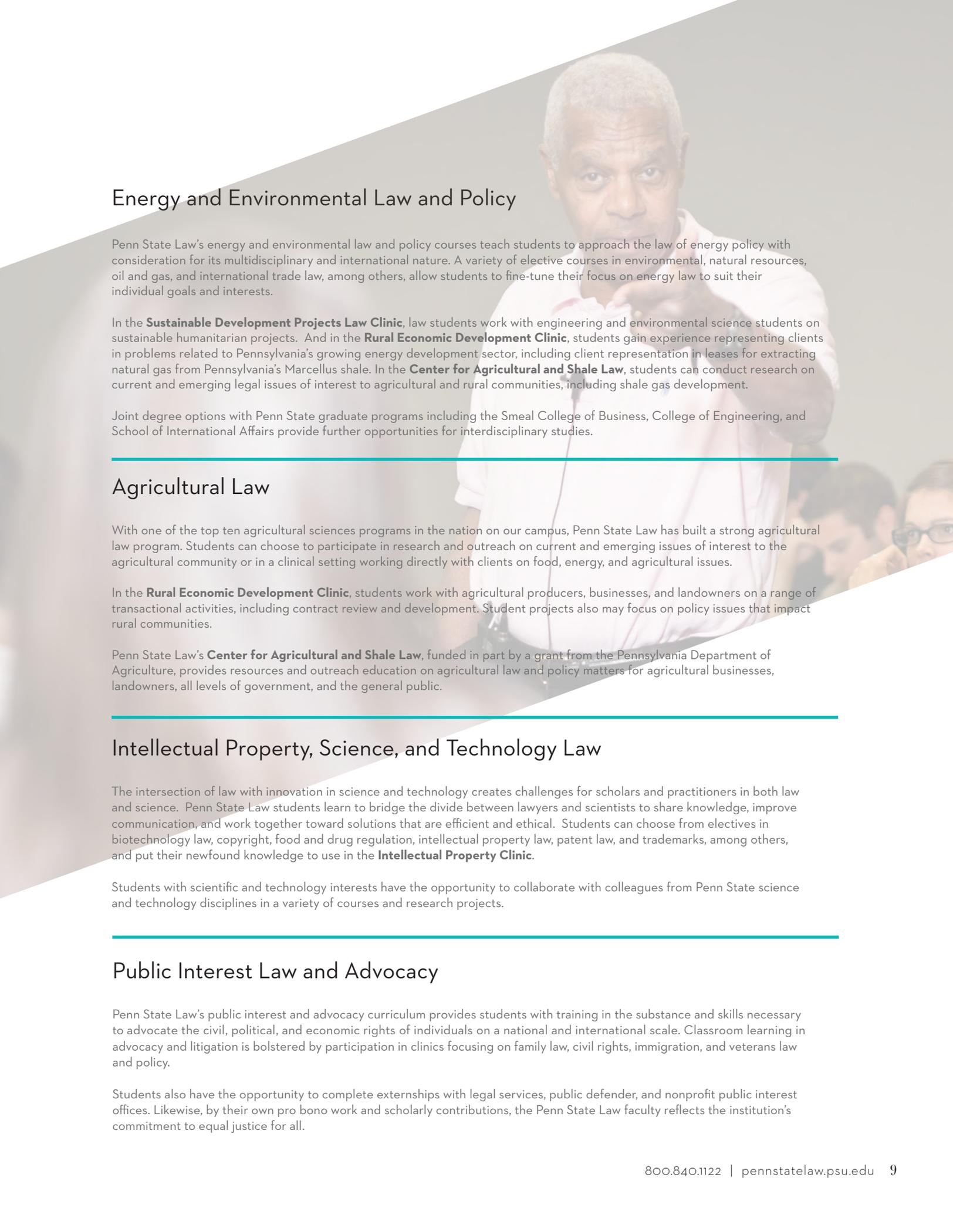
The Penn State Law faculty has expertise in a wide array of public and private international law specialties as well as human rights and national security law. Students interested in the policy dimensions of national and international security may take classes or pursue a joint degree with the Penn State School of International Affairs, co-located with the law school in the Lewis Katz Building.

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Lawyers need to be ready to represent clients in court and also in a host of non-judicial dispute resolution procedures including negotiation, mediation, administrative agency procedures, and arbitration. In addition to litigation-focused courses like Advocacy, Civil Pre-Trial Practice, and Class Actions Seminar, Penn State Law offers courses and opportunities for students who want to develop knowledge and skill as alternative conflict resolution specialists.

Students who choose to focus on arbitration, mediation, and negotiation can select from more than a dozen elective courses in dispute resolution. Penn State Law sponsors a wide variety of events and student activities in this area, including the Alternative Dispute Resolution Society, the International Law Society, and the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition in Vienna, Austria. Students also publish a peer-edited annual review on arbitration and mediation.





Energy and Environmental Law and Policy

Penn State Law's energy and environmental law and policy courses teach students to approach the law of energy policy with consideration for its multidisciplinary and international nature. A variety of elective courses in environmental, natural resources, oil and gas, and international trade law, among others, allow students to fine-tune their focus on energy law to suit their individual goals and interests.

In the **Sustainable Development Projects Law Clinic**, law students work with engineering and environmental science students on sustainable humanitarian projects. And in the **Rural Economic Development Clinic**, students gain experience representing clients in problems related to Pennsylvania's growing energy development sector, including client representation in leases for extracting natural gas from Pennsylvania's Marcellus shale. In the **Center for Agricultural and Shale Law**, students can conduct research on current and emerging legal issues of interest to agricultural and rural communities, including shale gas development.

Joint degree options with Penn State graduate programs including the Smeal College of Business, College of Engineering, and School of International Affairs provide further opportunities for interdisciplinary studies.

Agricultural Law

With one of the top ten agricultural sciences programs in the nation on our campus, Penn State Law has built a strong agricultural law program. Students can choose to participate in research and outreach on current and emerging issues of interest to the agricultural community or in a clinical setting working directly with clients on food, energy, and agricultural issues.

In the **Rural Economic Development Clinic**, students work with agricultural producers, businesses, and landowners on a range of transactional activities, including contract review and development. Student projects also may focus on policy issues that impact rural communities.

Penn State Law's **Center for Agricultural and Shale Law**, funded in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, provides resources and outreach education on agricultural law and policy matters for agricultural businesses, landowners, all levels of government, and the general public.

Intellectual Property, Science, and Technology Law

The intersection of law with innovation in science and technology creates challenges for scholars and practitioners in both law and science. Penn State Law students learn to bridge the divide between lawyers and scientists to share knowledge, improve communication, and work together toward solutions that are efficient and ethical. Students can choose from electives in biotechnology law, copyright, food and drug regulation, intellectual property law, patent law, and trademarks, among others, and put their newfound knowledge to use in the **Intellectual Property Clinic**.

Students with scientific and technology interests have the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from Penn State science and technology disciplines in a variety of courses and research projects.

Public Interest Law and Advocacy

Penn State Law's public interest and advocacy curriculum provides students with training in the substance and skills necessary to advocate the civil, political, and economic rights of individuals on a national and international scale. Classroom learning in advocacy and litigation is bolstered by participation in clinics focusing on family law, civil rights, immigration, and veterans law and policy.

Students also have the opportunity to complete externships with legal services, public defender, and nonprofit public interest offices. Likewise, by their own pro bono work and scholarly contributions, the Penn State Law faculty reflects the institution's commitment to equal justice for all.

ACADEMICS

A Comprehensive CURRICULUM

The Penn State Law J.D. program is designed to impart foundational legal knowledge while developing critical-thinking and problem-solving abilities, superb written and oral communication skills, personal and professional habits consistent with the demands of the legal profession, and outstanding legal practice skills. Students can pursue focused scholarship and build their professional networks through research centers that engage law students and faculty, students and faculty from other Penn State disciplines and programs, alumni, and leading practitioners.

Centers

The Center for Agricultural and Shale Law focuses on issues in agriculture, including food and energy supplies.

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

The Institute of Arbitration Law and Practice promotes the study and scholarship of arbitration law.

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

Journals

Journal service provides student members invaluable experience in substantive law and legal research, writing, and analysis. In addition to researching and writing their own articles, students work closely with leading academics on their scholarly articles. Penn State Law students edit and publish three scholarly journals:

- The Penn State Law Review
- The Penn State Journal of Law and International Affairs
- The Arbitration Law Review

ALUMNI INSIGHT



“I came to Penn State Law because of its connection to the larger Pennsylvania State University, a university with a significant reputation and following around the globe. That connection to a tier-one institution with significant resources and opportunities allows you to craft the education you want beyond the standard J.D.”

Zachary Brecheisen '12
Associate
Jones Day
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

Customize Your Legal Education with courses from across **UNIVERSITY PARK**

Penn State Law's location on the largest campus of one of the world's leading research universities offers law students innumerable opportunities for interdisciplinary study across Penn State.

Penn State Law students are encouraged to take advantage of the vast research and educational resources available to them in University Park with the opportunity to apply up to 12 credits of graduate coursework toward their J.D. requirements. Students can customize their legal education with coursework from Penn State's renowned graduate programs in business, education, engineering, science, information technology, health and human development, agriculture, and many others—all just steps from Penn State Law.

Joint Degrees

For students seeking more in-depth specialization, Penn State Law collaborates with the University's Graduate School to offer several joint degree programs, which allow students to earn a J.D. and a master's or Ph.D. under an accelerated timeline:

Smeal College of Business

J.D./Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

School of International Affairs

J.D./Master of International Affairs (M.I.A.)

College of Education

J.D./Master of Arts in Educational Theory and Policy (M.A.)
J.D./Doctor of Educational Theory and Policy (Ph.D.)
J.D./Master of Education in Higher Education (M.Ed.)
J.D./Doctor of Higher Education (Ph.D.)
J.D./Master of Educational Leadership (M.Ed.)
J.D./Doctor of Educational Leadership (Ph.D.)

College of the Liberal Arts

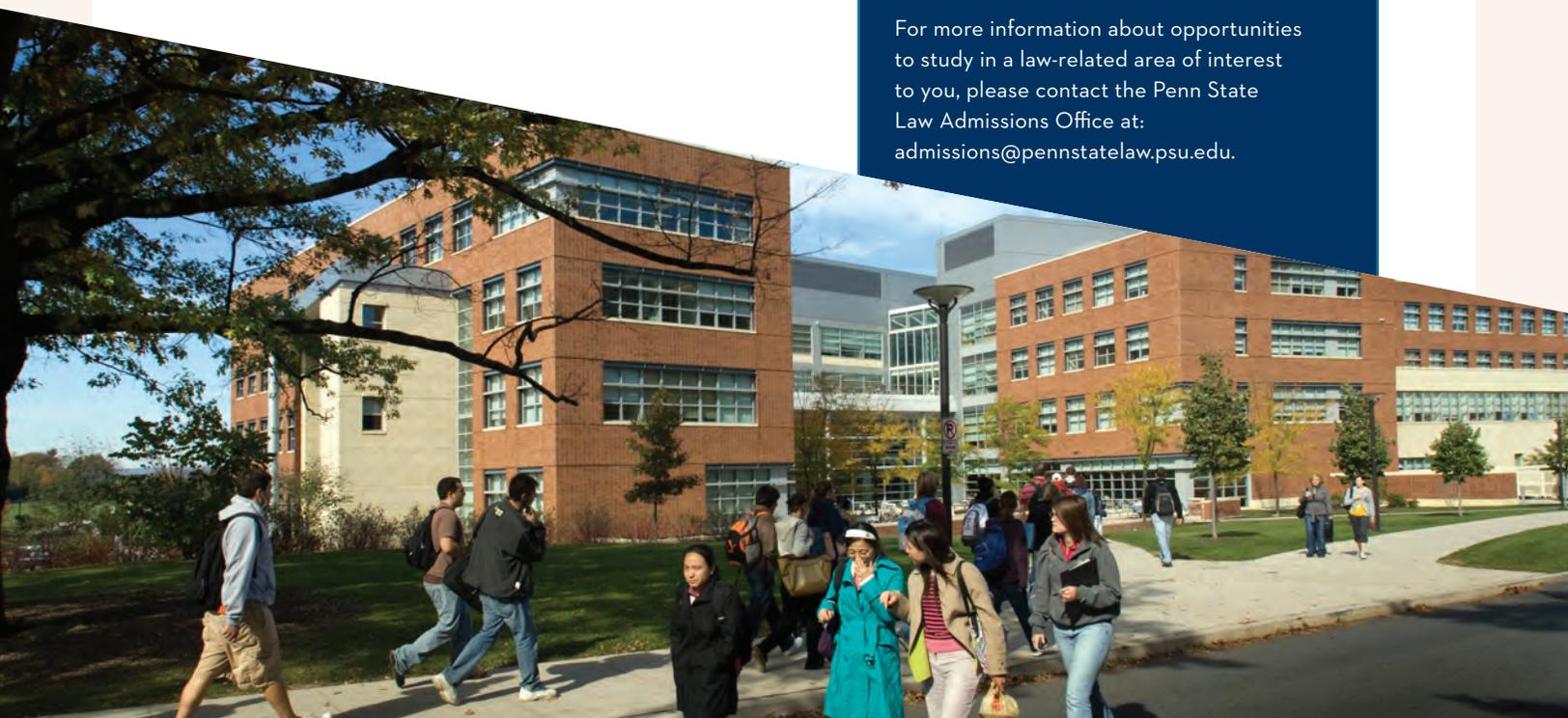
J.D./Master of Science in Human Resources
and Employment Relations (M.S.)

College of Health and Human Development

J.D./Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.)

FURTHER INTERDISCIPLINARY OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about opportunities to study in a law-related area of interest to you, please contact the Penn State Law Admissions Office at:
admissions@pennstatelaw.psu.edu.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Clinics

Penn State Law clinics allow students to hone their practice skills and discover how the work they do in the classroom can deliver value to future clients. Second- and third-year students can earn academic credit while representing clients in all aspects of the legal process. Under the direction of clinic faculty, who are accomplished practitioners and leaders, clinic students apply their knowledge of the law, gain practical experience, and see firsthand the power of law to achieve justice, advance social change, and improve people's lives.

Arts, Sports & Entertainment Law Clinic

An issues-oriented clinic that provides free services to individuals in arts, sports, and entertainment fields. Students provide services including educational information and, when appropriate, legal representation.

Center for Immigrants' Rights Clinic

An immigration policy clinic in which students produce white papers, practitioner toolkits, and primers of national impact on behalf of client organizations while working in teams to build professional relationships with policymakers, academics, clients, and others. The clinic also provides community education and individual representation for noncitizens.

Civil Rights Appellate Clinic

An appellate advocacy clinic that involves students in noncriminal civil rights cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, federal courts of appeal, and the state appellate courts. Students conduct research, plan appellate strategy, draft briefs, assist in case selection, develop substantive legal positions, and assist in oral argument preparation.

Entrepreneur Assistance Clinic

Students in this clinic represent entrepreneurs, startups, and nonprofit organizations as they move their ideas out of the laboratory and into the marketplace. In a setting similar to a small law firm, students provide legal assistance at every stage of the entrepreneurial process, from early-owner agreements to shareholder agreements to exit alternatives.

Family Law Clinic

A clinic focused on legal assistance for victims of domestic abuse and other individuals with family disputes, including divorce and child custody cases. Students typically provide intensive counseling, case strategy, and negotiation, while experiencing a client-centered approach to the practice of law.

Indigent Criminal Justice Practicum

A program with components of both an externship and a clinical course. Students typically represent indigent criminal defendants accused of misdemeanor offenses in the Centre County Court of Common Pleas under the guidance and supervision of attorneys from the Centre County Public Defender Office.

Intellectual Property Clinic

Students in the clinic engage in client intake and interview, patent and other intellectual property searching and evaluation, client communication, docketing, and filing applications in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Clinic students learn the basic skills necessary to interact with clients of the clinic and prepare PTO documents under the supervision of an experienced attorney qualified to practice before the USPTO.

International Sustainable Development Projects Clinic

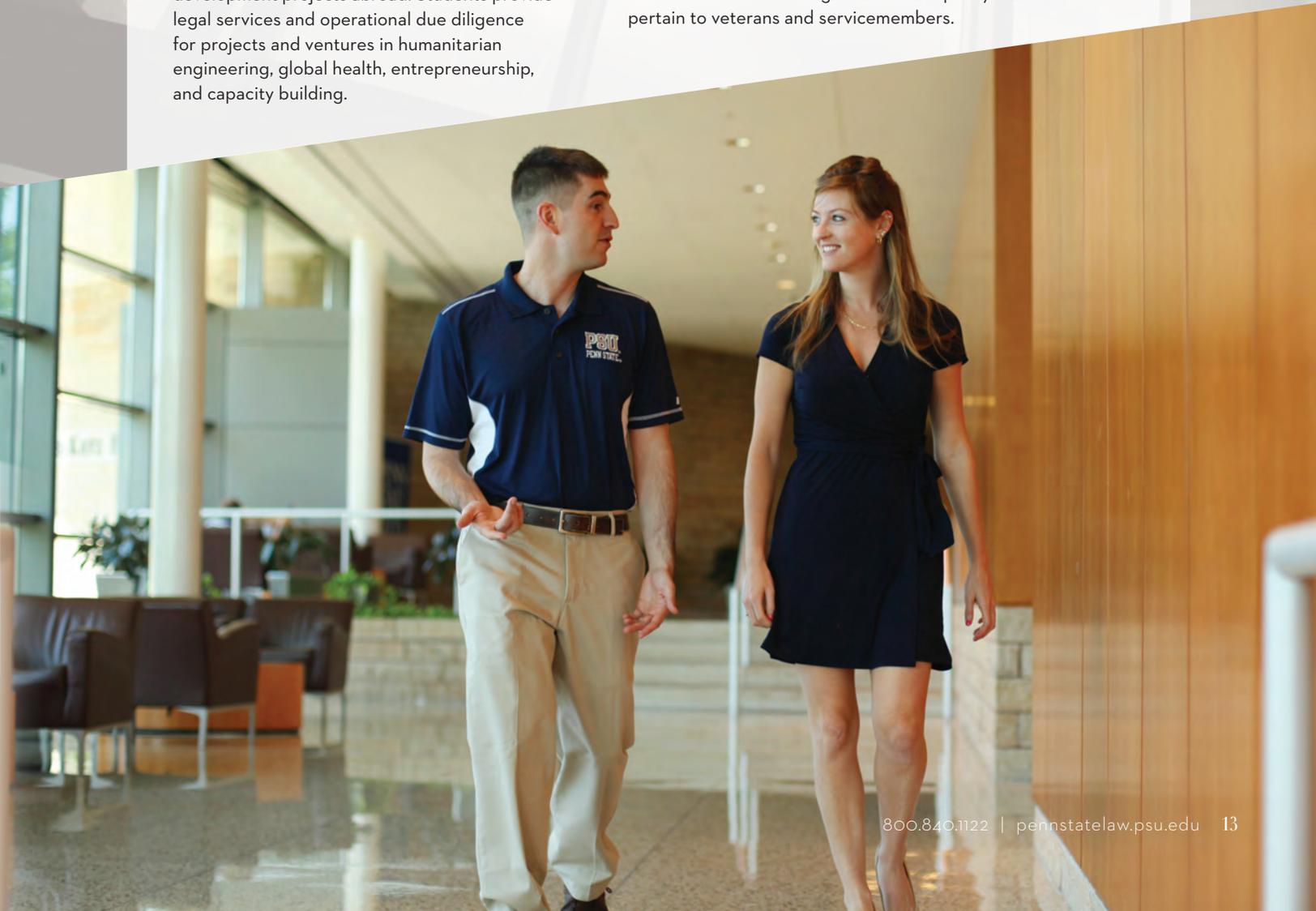
A first-of-its-kind clinic in which students collaborate with educational, nonprofit, and for-profit organizations to facilitate sustainable development projects abroad. Students provide legal services and operational due diligence for projects and ventures in humanitarian engineering, global health, entrepreneurship, and capacity building.

Rural Economic Development Clinic

A transactional legal clinic committed to the complementary goals of training lawyers while encouraging sustainable rural economic development. Students typically provide legal representation to individual clients and organizations in the agricultural, food, and energy sectors on a wide range of business issues including entity formation, contract preparation, and the provision of other legal tools necessary for successful business operation.

Veterans and Servicemembers Legal Clinic

This clinic helps fill a need for specialized legal assistance for veterans and servicemembers. Students primarily handle Veterans Benefits appeals, where they conduct research, draft briefs, attend mediation, and conduct oral arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Students also work on veterans' rights cases and policy matters that pertain to veterans and servicemembers.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Externships **EVERYWHERE**

At Penn State Law, you can extern practically anywhere!

Penn State Law's exclusive Externships Everywhere program opens the door to a nearly limitless array of externship possibilities across the country and around the world by offering law students the opportunity to step out of the classroom for a semester and gain practical experience working in a legal office in practically any location around the world. The program provides second- and third-year law students the opportunity to spend a semester away from University Park, working and learning under the remote supervision of a Penn State Law faculty member.

Participating students will earn up to 12 credits for working up to 40 hours per week at an approved externship with a state or federal judge, government agency, public interest/nonprofit organization, business, or law firm. Plus, participants have the opportunity to earn up to three more credits through independent study or digital learning, with administrative approval.

The Career Services Office can help students identify externship opportunities and students may also propose their own externships, which are subject to the approval of their faculty supervisor and the associate dean for academic affairs.

Traditional Externships

Penn State Law also offers an array of pre-approved externship programs that allow students to continue taking courses while gaining vital practical experience outside of the classroom. Externship opportunities include:

- International Justice Externship at The Hague
- Federal Judicial Placements
- Federal Government Placements
- State Government Placements
- Public Interest and Nonprofit Placements
- Penn State Administration Placements
- Summer Externship Placements



Semester in Washington, D.C.

For students interested in pursuing a career in the federal government or in areas of law that touch or seek to influence national policy, Penn State Law offers a semester-long program in Washington, D.C., with externships in federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and public interest groups. The program provides advanced study in federal law and serves as a capstone experience for students interested in federal practice.

About the Program

Penn State Law students who participate in the Washington Program attend a weekly seminar on federal regulatory and legislative practice and work approximately 32 hours per week at an approved externship. Students are encouraged to identify externships related to their prior studies at the law school and their future career goals.

The program is facilitated on-site by Stanley Brand, a Distinguished Fellow in Law and Government at Penn State Law and a prominent Washington attorney. Brand previously served as general counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, and was the chief legal officer responsible for representing the House, its members, officers, and employees in connection with legal procedures and challenges to the conduct of their official activities. In private practice, Brand has had a succession of high profile, political and public corruption cases and clients, including former White House aide George Stephanopoulos in the Whitewater investigation and former Senator Larry Craig. The weekly seminar course meets in Brand's office building in downtown Washington.

Potential Externship Placements Include:

- AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly
- American Bar Association, Government Affairs Office
- Department of Justice
- Department of State
- Department of Treasury
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- House Committee on Ways and Means
- National Labor Relations Board
- Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- Securities and Exchange Commission
- U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia
- U.S. China Economic Review and Security Commission

ALUMNI INSIGHT



"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
Associate
Masuda Funai
Chicago, Illinois

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

MOOT COURT

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's Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition
- John J. Gibbons National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition
- International Law Students Association's Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
- Tulane University Law School's Mardi Gras Sports Law Invitational
- Robert F. Wagner National Labor & Employment Law Moot Court Competition
- Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria
- 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 Penn State Law in competitions, including:

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

ALUMNI INSIGHT

"If you want to make it happen, Penn State Law will help you put it together. My yearlong externship with the Blair County District Attorney's Office that I was able to create with the help of the Career Services Office was helpful, hands-on experience that really set me apart. At Penn State, you have the ability to take advantage of every opportunity that you want."



Thomas Finnegan '17
Assistant District Attorney
Philadelphia County District Attorney's Office
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Penn State Law's array of student organizations complements our students' academic experience and enriches their education beyond the classroom. Student organizations shape the Penn State Law experience by sponsoring social activities, volunteering with community organizations, bringing guest speakers to campus, and allowing students to explore shared interests and advance common causes.

The Student Bar Association, the law school's student government body, comprises all students and is led by an executive board elected by the student body. The SBA oversees and allocates funding for student organizations and events, and it is the formal liaison between students, faculty, and administration.

Penn State Law has student organizations for nearly every affinity and interest, and the SBA is flexible in launching new groups. Current student organizations include:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Society
- Alternative Spring Break Initiative
- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS)
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)
- Black Law Students Association
- Federalist Society
- International Law Society
- Latinx Law Students Association
- Military Law Caucus
- OutLaw
- Penn State International Arbitration Group (PSIAG)
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Public Interest Law Fund
- Speakers Trust Fund
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
- Women's Law Caucus

For a complete list of Penn State Law student organizations, visit pennstatelaw.psu.edu/studentorgs.



INTERNATIONAL STUDY



LAW AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Penn State Law offers a variety of courses and programs for students to gain a global perspective on law.

Penn State School of International Affairs

The Penn State School of International Affairs (SIA) is located in the same building as Penn State Law, so law students can conveniently take SIA courses on topics including international politics, security, conflict resolution, environmental and energy policy, and economic development. Students can also work toward a joint J.D./Master of International Affairs.

Penn State Journal of Law & International Affairs

The *Penn State Journal of Law & International Affairs* (JLIA) is a digital, interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal, jointly published by Penn State Law and the School of International Affairs. The journal promotes academic and public discourse at the intersection of law and international affairs, featuring contributions in the areas of public and private international law, international relations, comparative law and politics, geography, economics, history, and policy issues in the various sciences.

FACULTY INSIGHT



“Law practice is no longer only a local or even a national activity. A majority of the top ten law firms have more attorneys in foreign offices than in their U.S. offices, and even small and medium-sized law firms are actively providing legal services on a global scale. Law graduates who are able to operate in an international environment will dramatically increase their professional options.”

Catherine Rogers
Paul and Marjorie Price Faculty Scholar
Professor of Law



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Semester Study and Work Abroad

Penn State Law students may pursue Fulbright-funded study abroad, or choose from several semester study or work abroad programs offered in collaboration with a leading university. These include:

- China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, China
- Southwest University of Political Science and Law in Chongqing, China
- Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan, China
- University of Szeged Faculty of Law in Szeged, Hungary
- University of Pune in Pune, India
- Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi in Milan, Italy
- University Of Bergen Faculty of Law in Bergen, Norway
- University of Oslo Faculty of Law in Oslo, Norway
- Stockholm University, Faculty of Law in Stockholm, Sweden

Foreign Language Study

Law students can master a foreign language through Penn State courses or free online language immersion courses in more than 20 languages. Students who are proficient in Spanish can acquire the language and cultural skills necessary for bilingual legal practice in an innovative legal writing and communication course, Spanish and Bilingual Communication for Lawyers.

A Global Community

Law school is a time to discover the diversity of ideas about the role of law in society and the broad range of perspectives on how lawyers can and should work as agents for change. Penn State Law attracts accomplished lawyers from all over the world who come to the University Park campus to pursue a master of laws (LL.M.) degree or a research doctorate (S.J.D.) degree. These international students, all of whom have a first degree in law or practice experience in a foreign country, are fully integrated into the learning community and their presence enriches the global perspectives of all students.

ALUMNI INSIGHT



“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. Having knowledge in both law and international affairs has been a huge benefit to me early on in my policy career in Washington.”

Christopher Stromberg '13 J.D./M.I.A.
Government Affairs Associate
Kennedy Consulting International

CAREER SERVICES

Partners in Your **SUCCESS**

Dedicated to fostering connections with a profession that is both fast-paced and nuanced, Penn State Law's Career Services Office offers a dynamic menu of programs and intensive individual counseling sessions to assist students in identifying and achieving their career goals. The professionals in Penn State Law's Career Services Office have relationships with employers across the country, resulting in a robust on-campus interview program and the posting of more than 1,500 positions annually. Students can participate in a wide variety of job fairs in several major law markets, including special events for diverse students and students pursuing careers in public interest law.



ALUMNI INSIGHT



"I wanted to be at the forefront of new law, not doing the same thing every day. Career Services was everything in landing this position; they are the lifeblood of the interview process."

Chelsea Nichols '17
Junior Associate
Dechert
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

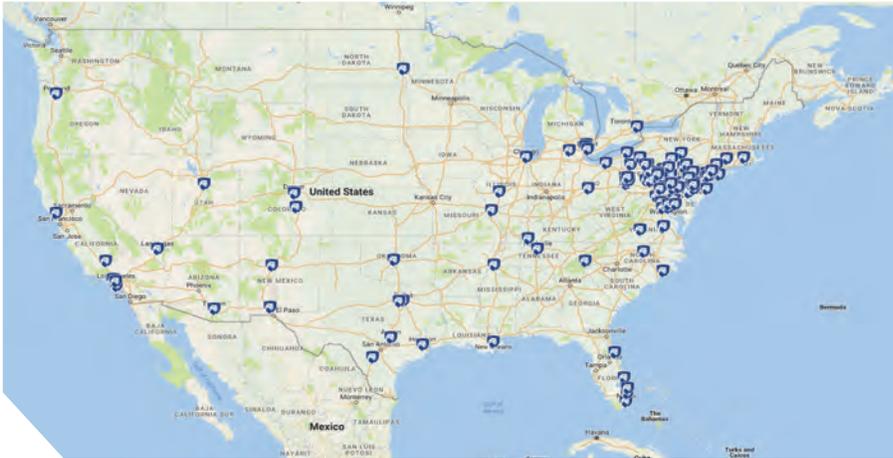
2016 Employment Profile

For the class of 2016, 74.7 percent of our graduates secured **full-time, long-term employment within 10 months of graduation that either requires bar admission or in which a J.D. provides an advantage.***

Private Practice	51%	Public Interest	8%
Clerkships	20%	Government	7%
Business/Industry	13%	Academia	1%

Geography

Penn State Law graduates start their careers with employers all over the country. This map shows a sampling of where graduates secured employment over the past three years (2014-2016).*



Employers 2014-2016

Penn State Law graduates pursue careers in a vast array of fields. Here's a snapshot of where some members of our classes of 2014, 2015, and 2016 began working after graduation*:

- **Large law firms** like Jones Day, K&L Gates, Skadden Arps Meagar & Flom, Reed Smith, DrinkerBiddle, Baker Hostetler, Fangda Partners, and Wilson Elser in cities like Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Wilmington, and Shanghai, China;
- **Mid-sized law firms** in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Washington, D.C.;
- **Small law firms** in California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.;
- **Positions in the government**, including with the City of Chicago, Office of the Colorado State Public Defender, State of Delaware, Federal Communications Commission, Illinois Department of Justice, New York City Law Department, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, State of Texas, military JAG Corps, the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs;
- **Federal and state judicial clerkships** in Connecticut, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Utah;
- **Fortune 500 companies** including Chevron, JPMorgan Chase, PNC, and PPL Corp.;
- **Big Four accounting firms** like PricewaterhouseCoopers and KPMG;
- **Corporate, business, and in-house positions** in California, Colorado, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas, as well as Canada, China, and The Netherlands;
- **And public interest organizations** in California, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

**Created from surveys administered to University Park graduates in the formerly unified Penn State Dickinson School of Law. Represents employment nine (class of 2014) or ten (classes of 2015 and 2016) months after graduation. For more employment data, visit pennstatelaw.psu.edu/employmentdata.*



VALUES

Integrity, Ethics, and Professionalism

All members of the Penn State Law community are called upon to conduct themselves in an ethical and professional manner. Faculty and students are governed by University conduct rules. Law students pledge to comply with the school's Honor Code and participate as members of the Honor Code Committee. Every J.D. candidate completes a three-credit course that focuses on the ethical challenges faced by lawyers and teaches rules of professional conduct and ethical aspects of legal practice. Faculty and staff members who are attorneys are subject to the rules of professional responsibility that govern all lawyers and take seriously their responsibility to model professional conduct for students.

ALUMNI INSIGHT



"In addition to my education, Penn State Law provided me with opportunities and experiences that far exceeded anything I could have hoped for. The faculty, administration, and even my fellow students gave me the support I needed to excel during law school and start my career fully prepared. I left Penn State Law with a firm understanding of what the work would be like and the kind of conscientious lawyer I wanted to be."

Teleicia J.R. Dambreville '13
Associate, Labor Relations and Employment Law
Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



"I honestly don't think [my federal judicial clerkship] would've happened for me at any other law school. For one, I don't know any other school with two sitting Third Circuit judges on the faculty. And then, all the professors I've had have been invaluable. I've used every lesson from my courses, received so much support from the faculty, and gotten such great advice from nationally recognized litigators and scholars. Without Penn State Law, I doubt I would've been fortunate enough to have this incredible opportunity."

Tom Brier '17
Judicial Clerkship
Judge Thomas Vanaskie, U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals
Scranton, Pennsylvania



DIVERSITY

Diversity enriches every aspect of life at Penn State, and Penn State Law supports initiatives that foster understanding and acceptance of differences—differences in thought, background, age, life experience, gender, race, abilities, religion, and culture. Students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds and experiences enrich the Penn State Law learning community by providing multiple perspectives and divergent views. They believe in facilitating open discussions, integrating diversity into coursework, and celebrating our differences.

Penn State Law students meet bright and accomplished people from all walks of life. They share classes with LL.M. students from around the world, most of whom are attorneys in their home countries. They learn from outstanding professors who focus their careers on civil rights, equality, and diplomacy. They have the opportunity to work on causes and movements that interest them—many of which they discover while in law school.

Minority Mentor Program

Penn State Law's Minority Mentor program offers law students the opportunity to establish a mentoring relationship with both internal faculty mentors and external mentors who are professionals in the legal field. The Minority Mentor Program provides students with the support to achieve academic success and emotional well-being during law school and after entering the legal profession.

After expressing interest in the Minority Mentor Program, students are matched with their mentors during their first year of law school and may remain in the program until graduation. Matches are based on criteria including the student's area of interest and geographic connections.

Student Organizations

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

- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- International Law Society
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Legal Society
- Latinx Law Students Association
- Minority Law Students Association
- Muslim Student Society
- OutLaw
- Women's Law Caucus

Connect

For more information on diversity initiatives at Penn State Law, contact Raynell Brown, adjunct professor of law and assistant director of Student Services, at rub17@psu.edu.

FACULTY INSIGHT



“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.”

[Victor C. Romero](#)
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
[Maureen B. Cavanaugh](#) Distinguished Faculty Scholar
Professor of Law

PENN STATE'S UNIVERSITY PARK **CAMPUS**

Penn State Law is located on Penn State's 13-square-mile University Park campus in State College, Pa. University Park is the largest of Penn State's campuses and is the academic home of a diverse population of about 46,000 graduate, undergraduate, and professional students, including about 9,000 international students. University Park houses Penn State's central administration, its renowned graduate and undergraduate programs, and its NCAA Division I Athletics Department.

On fall weekends, more than 100,000 Penn State alumni and fans flock to campus to tailgate in the athletic fields outside of the law school and cheer on the Nittany Lions football team in Beaver Stadium. In winter, the Bryce Jordan Center hosts men's and women's Big Ten basketball as well as the annual Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, the world's largest student-run philanthropy, which has raised more than \$136 million since 1977 for the fight against pediatric cancer.





In addition to intercollegiate sports, the Penn State Athletics Department provides dozens of opportunities for students to stay active through an abundance of intramural offerings, state-of-the-art fitness centers, pools, and a complete array of athletic fields and courts. University Park students also enjoy a lively music and arts scene and a wide range of other entertainment—from national concert tours and Broadway shows to local film festivals and art exhibits.

The University Park campus is pedestrian- and bike-friendly and hosts an eclectic mixture of historic classroom buildings, cutting-edge, modern architecture, and beautiful urban landscape.

Penn State Law's Lewis Katz Building is situated on the west side of campus, offering law students spectacular views of the Arboretum at Penn State, Beaver Stadium, and Mount Nittany. The building is across the street from a recently renovated student intramural sports and fitness center and just a few blocks from central campus and downtown State College.





HAPPY VALLEY

Perhaps better known as Happy Valley, State College is a quintessential college town that offers students many of the amenities of a major metropolitan area in a clean, safe, and welcoming setting. State College is consistently ranked among the nation's smartest, safest, and most livable cities by a variety of organizations and publications.





Shopping and Dining

State College boasts a wide variety of retail stores and restaurants that reflect the diversity of the area's residents. Shopping choices run the gamut from national chains to locally owned fashion boutiques, all within a few miles of the law school. When it comes to dining, the area has plenty of options to satisfy even the most discerning palate, including brewpubs, fine dining, and authentic ethnic eateries spanning global cuisine. For home chefs, the area offers everything from farmer's markets to Trader Joe's.

Recreation

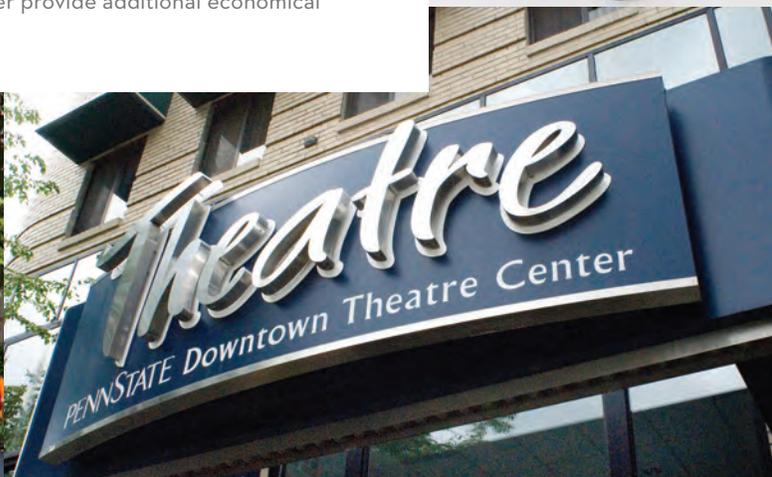
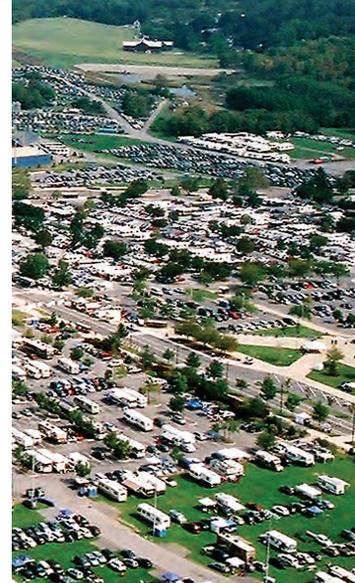
The Penn State campus is rich with activities, offering state-of-the-art gym facilities, pools, a variety of athletic courts and fields, and organized intramural sports. Within just a few miles of campus, the great outdoors offer streams for kayaking, rocks for climbing, and the Allegheny Mountains with miles and miles of hiking and biking trails. And, if you are looking for nightlife, downtown State College has something for everyone.

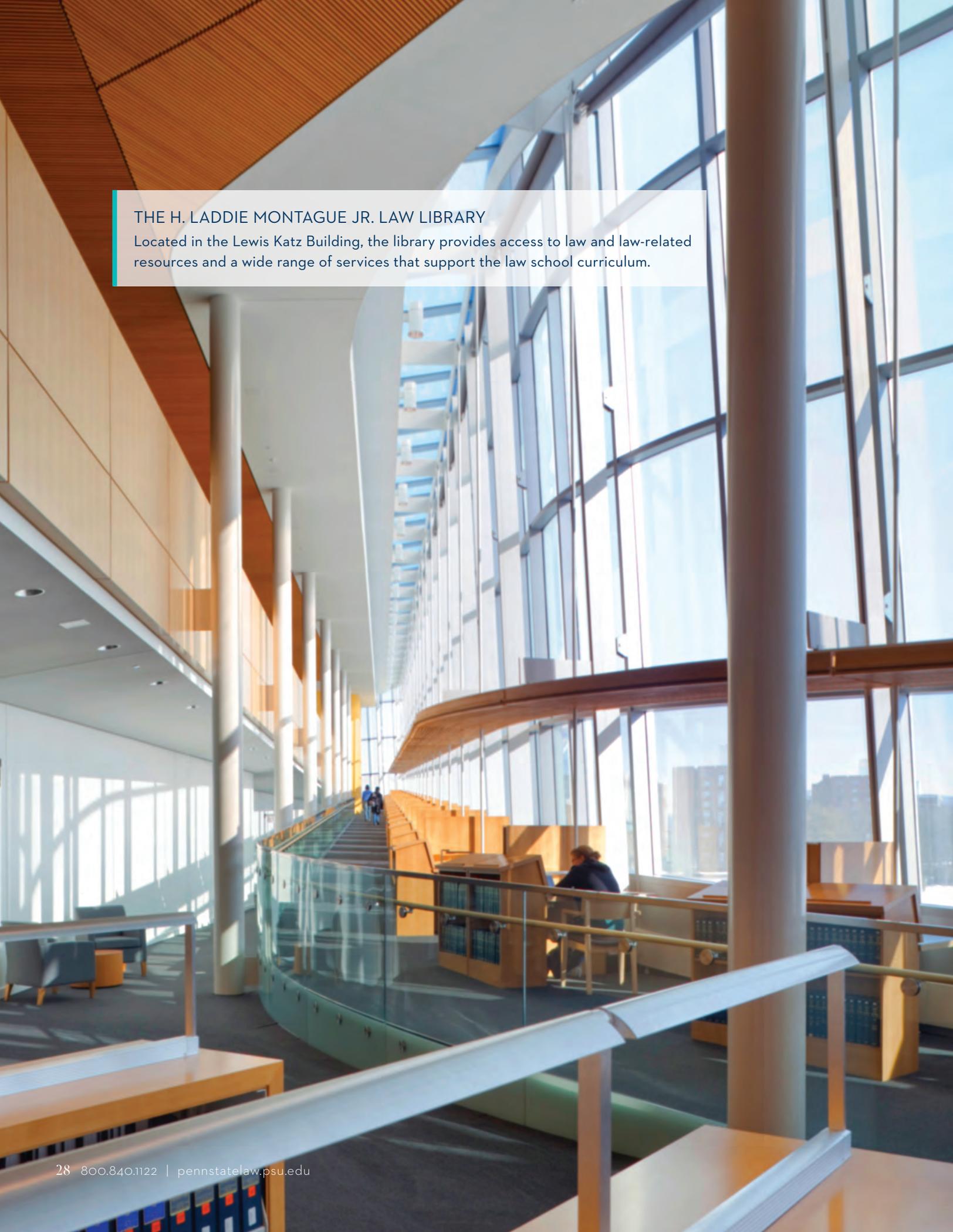
Getting Here

State College is within a few hours' drive of New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh. The University Park airport, located 10 minutes from the law school's Lewis Katz Building, offers direct flights to Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, and Washington, with convenient connections to other major cities. The State College bus terminal provides convenient access to Greyhound's nationwide bus routes and Megabus offers direct or continuing service from State College to Harrisburg, New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.

Getting Around

Getting to class, a campus event, or heading out for the evening is easy and convenient in Happy Valley. Downtown State College and its shopping, dining, and residential districts are all within walking distance of the law school. The area has been rated "Very Bikeable" by Walk Score, with miles of bike paths and plenty of bicycle parking. With little to no traffic congestion, getting around the area by car is convenient and hassle free. The region's bus service is designed with students in mind with convenient stops across campus and in major business and residential areas. Several taxi companies and Lyft and Uber provide additional economical transportation options.





THE H. LADDIE MONTAGUE JR. LAW LIBRARY

Located in the Lewis Katz Building, the library provides access to law and law-related resources and a wide range of services that support the law school curriculum.

FINANCIAL AID

Penn State Law's Financial Aid Office works with admitted students to identify resources and obtain the necessary funds to finance their legal education. Regardless of personal family income or year in school, students are welcome to apply for financial assistance at any point during their legal education at Penn State.

Penn State Law Scholarships

Upon acceptance for admission to Penn State Law, all students are considered for Penn State Law scholarships. These awards may range in amount up to full tuition. Scholarships are renewable in the second and third years, provided the student remains in good academic standing.

Need-Based Grants

Through the generosity of alumni and other donors, need-based grant funds are awarded to incoming students primarily based on demonstrated financial need. Need-based grants are especially valuable to first-year students who are expected to devote more time and energy to academic efforts and are discouraged from working. The need-based grants for | returning second- and third-year students tend to be slightly lower than that provided in the students' first years. The expectation is that after completing the first year of study, students will find part-time and summer employment more easily.

In order to be considered for financial aid awards, all students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA form can be completed online at fafsa.ed.gov after October 1. Students wishing to be considered for Need-Based Grants must also complete the Penn State Law Financial Aid Application, available online at pennstatelaw.psu.edu/financial-aid.

The priority deadline for financial aid applications is February 15 for new prospective students and April 15 for continuing Penn State Law students. While the law school will accept applications after the priority deadline, submitting applications by the priority deadline, regardless of your admission status at that point, will yield your best opportunity to be awarded a need-based grant. Please note that the federal school code for all Penn State locations is 003329.

Outside Scholarships

In addition to federal and institutional financial aid, incoming students should consider pursuing outside scholarship sources. The Penn State Law Office of Financial aid maintains a list of outside scholarships available to Penn State Law students. Students may also wish to sign up for the Fastweb (www.fastweb.com) scholarship search service or review the options available on the College Resource Network (<http://www.collegeresourcenetwork.com/scholarships/majors/law/>).

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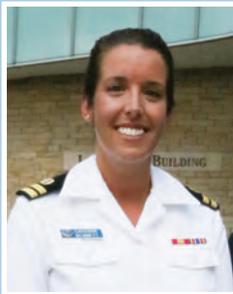
For more information on financial aid options at Penn State Law, please contact Susan Bogart, director of financial aid, at sab36@psu.edu.

THE PENN STATE ALUMNI NETWORK

Penn State Grads are **EVERYWHERE**

Graduates of Penn State Law instantly join a powerful network of more than 658,000 Penn State alumni around the world. With alumni working and living in all 50 states and more than 160 countries, you can find Penn Staters everywhere. Our alumni share cherished memories of their student experience, extraordinary loyalty to their alma mater and each other, and an unrivaled commitment to expanding opportunities for their fellow graduates.

ALUMNI INSIGHT



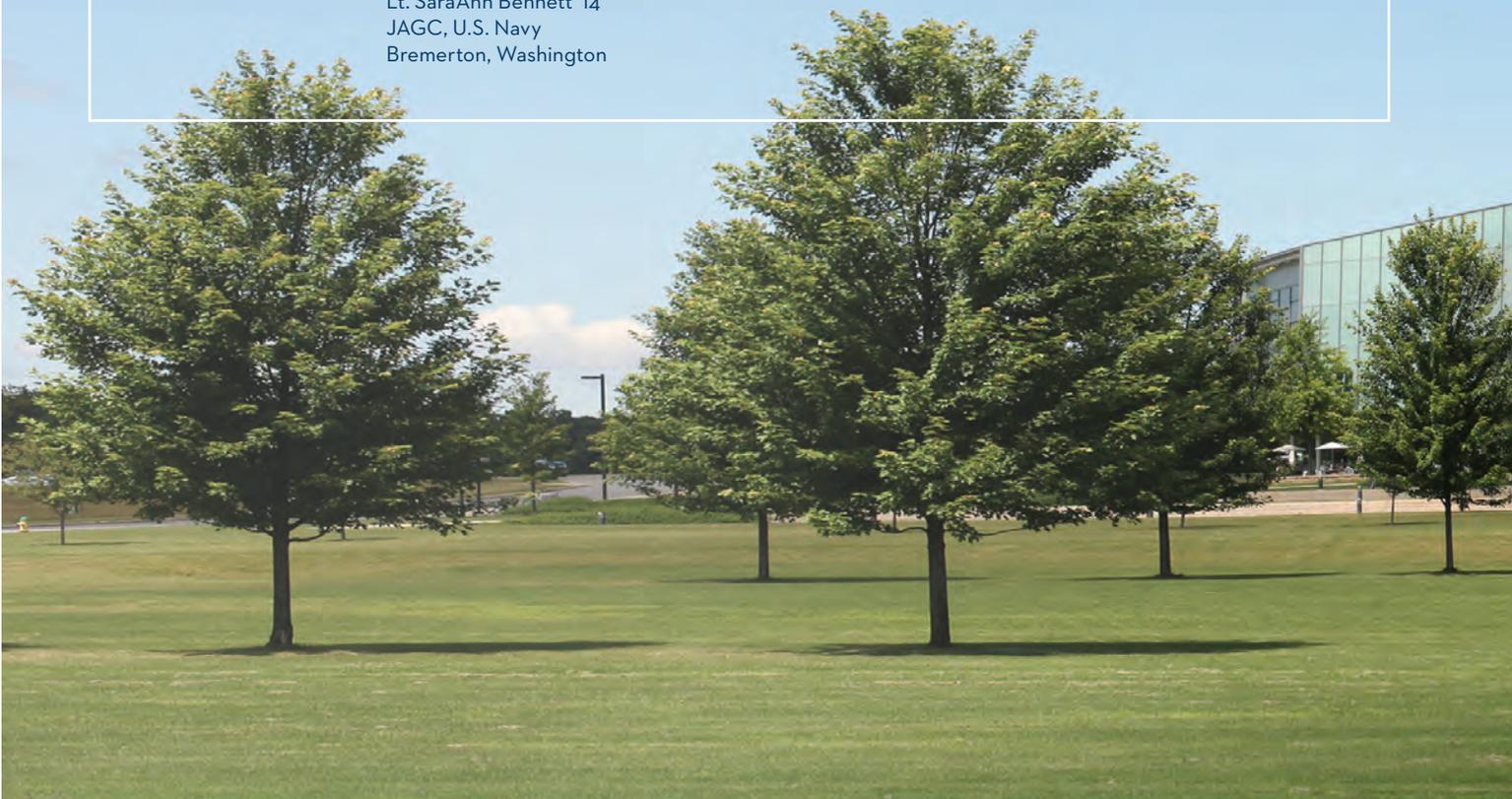
“The faculty at Penn State Law are the reason I am serving in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps today. The mentorship and opportunities provided to me by Vice Admiral Houck and Professors Foreman and Vollmer, in particular, helped me hone my legal skills and determine I could best utilize those skills by pursuing a career in public service. I will forever be grateful for their assistance and encouragement during my time at Penn State.”

Lt. SaraAnn Bennett '14
JAGC, U.S. Navy
Bremerton, Washington



“The faculty at Penn State Law have 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 '13
Assistant District Attorney
Kings County District Attorney's
Office
Brooklyn, New York



OUR BUILDING

THE LEWIS KATZ BUILDING

The 114,000-square-foot Lewis Katz Building is the home of Penn State Law. Completed in 2009, the structure features a glass-walled library, a modern, “smart” courtroom, an Au Bon Pain café, comfortable classrooms, indoor and outdoor student meeting and study spaces, and adjacent parking for students. Penn State Law classrooms are equipped with high-definition audio-visual equipment that allows real-time audio and video connection to programs and speakers around the globe as well as lecture recording so students can review later what happened in class. The Katz Building is accessible and LEED-certified with a number of green features, including a vegetated green roof, bike racks, abundant use of natural light, and locally sourced materials.

Contact Us

Email the Penn State Law Admissions Office at admissions@pennstatelaw.psu.edu or call 800-840-1122 or 814-867-1251.

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