

**UNIVERSITY
OF OREGON
SCHOOL
OF LAW**

Drive Change

Eugene

An ocean coast, winding rivers, vineyards, and legions of trees. Lane County, where Eugene is located, is immersed in nature—and from the moment you arrive in Eugene, you'll feel right at home. This place feels familiar, green, and friendly. Walkable and bikeable, but also Oregon's second-largest city. Eugene is also home to the Federal Courthouse, Lane County Circuit Court, and the city's Municipal Court, encouraging an active and engaged legal community at the UO School of Law. Surrounded by nature, great restaurants and shopping, the community is alive with music, culture, food, art, and sports.

Pacific Northwest

Ski down mountains, float down rivers, and head down to beaches on the weekends. We have 363 miles of beaches in Oregon, and every one of them is open to the public. The Pacific Northwest is where you come to explore, lean into life, be anything you want. Individuality is respected, and collaboration is pervasive.





Find Your Voice: Academic and Degree Programs

Degree Programs

Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD)
Master of Laws (LLM)
Master's Degree in Conflict and Dispute Resolution (MA or MS)

Centers and Programs

Appropriate Dispute Resolution Center
Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center
Legal Research and Writing
Oregon Child Advocacy Project
Portland Program
Public Law and Policy Program
Sports Law (Summer Institute)
Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics

Concentrations

Criminal Practice
Dispute Resolution
Environmental and Natural Resources Law
Estate Planning
Family, Child Advocacy, and Elder Law
Green Business Law
Intellectual Property
International Law
Law and Entrepreneurship
Law and Public Policy
Public Interest Law
Ocean and Coastal Law
Tax Law
Transactional Business Law

Concurrent Degree Programs

Business (JD/MBA)
Community and Regional Planning (JD/MCRP)
Conflict and Dispute Resolution (JD/MA or MS)
Environmental Studies (JD/MA or MS)
Journalism (JD/MA or MS)
Nonprofit Management (JD/MNM)
Water Resources (JD/MS) (with Oregon State University)
Public Administration (JD/MPA)

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In a Complex World, Laws Organize Us. Protect Us. Empower Us.

The University of Oregon School of Law has the distinct advantage of being a small, connected community within a large public research university. This combination offers students the opportunity to receive a legal education that is tailored to their interests and to engage in interdisciplinary research with leading professors. Students can work with professors to develop cutting-edge, real-life solutions to meet the demands of an increasingly complex and diverse world.

“Oregon Law is a great place to help you find your voice and learn how to use that voice to advocate for justice, your client, and your cause. We will encourage you to remember your story, what matters to you, and how you made it to this place in your life. We also will challenge you to consider the stories of others and what matters to them. But we will not try to fit you into a mold because no one can tell you what kind of lawyer you’re going to be. We can tell you, however, that with an Oregon Law degree, you will have the skills and knowledge to drive change and chart your own path to success, however you define it. Come to Oregon Law to learn, to share, and to flourish.”

MARCILYNN A. BURKE
DEAN, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW
DAVE FROHNMAYER CHAIR IN LEADERSHIP AND LAW

Influence the Core of Commerce

Douglass works in New York at Paul Hastings, one of the top law firms in the country.

Bazsi is an associate at Portland, Oregon law firm, Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt.

He spent his 3L year in Portland and interned at Columbia Sportswear. Participating in the Portland Program allowed him to make the impressions and connections he needed to secure his dream job.



“Oregon Business Law professors provided me with key mentorship in following my career path and networked on my behalf to help me obtain critical professional opportunities.”

DOUGLASS BARRON, JD '12

ASSOCIATE, CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING DEPARTMENT,
PAUL HASTINGS, NEW YORK, NY



“Every day I rely on the knowledge I gained in the law school.”

BAZSI TAKACS, JD '18

ASSOCIATE, SCHWABE, WILLIAMSON & WYATT,
PORTLAND, OR

Advocate for the Environment

In 2013, Professor Wood developed a legal theory that is changing the way environmental cases are litigated. Eugene-based nonprofit, Our Children's Trust, is putting atmospheric trust litigation to the test in a number of cases in the United States and internationally. Using Professor Wood's basic claim that citizens have a right to climate stability and the government has a duty to protect that right, alumni like Elizabeth Brown are challenging governments and the courts to protect those rights.

From left to right: **Elizabeth Brown**, JD '13, Staff Attorney, Global Program Manager, Our Children's Trust, Eugene, Oregon; **Avery**, 12, seventh grade; **Hazel**, 13, eighth grade, and; **Mary Christina Wood**, Professor, Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center.



Protect Communities

As a federal prosecutor in the Civil Rights Division, Rose helped convict a South Carolina police officer of a federal civil rights violation in the fatal shooting of Walter Scott, Jr. The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice works to uphold the civil and constitutional rights of all Americans.

“I am living my dream. As a civil rights prosecutor, I have the distinct privilege of working on behalf of all Americans to protect the rights of some of our most vulnerable community members. Without my UO law degree, none of this would be possible.”

ROSE GIBSON, JD '10

FEDERAL PROSECUTOR
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION
WASHINGTON, DC

IN THIS TEMPLE
AS IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE
FOR WHOM HE SWED THE UNION
THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
IS ENHANCED FOREVER



Improve Lives

Oregon Law alumni-led Huerto de la Familia (The Family Garden) offers Latinx families the opportunity to overcome systemic barriers to accessing healthy food. This non-profit assists families who live at the edges of the poverty line by helping them grow their own organic fruits and vegetables at one of seven community garden locations. This organization also provides education in small business creation, small-scale gardening, and organic gardening. Huerto de la Familia has been active in the Latinx community since 1999, and the nonprofit plans to provide garden plots for more than 100 families.

Marissa Zarate, JD '11
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
HUERTO DE LA FAMILIA
EUGENE, OR





Influence Law and Policy in the Marketplace

Sharath is interested in international trade, commercial diplomacy, and sustainable production. He completed several externships gaining experience and knowledge to help him hit the ground running in law and policy when he graduates.

- **Law Clerk**, United States International Trade Commission, Office of the Inspector General, Washington, DC
- **Agricultural Trade Policy Extern**, Delegation of the European Union to the United States, Washington, DC
- **International Trade Policy Analyst**, Delegation of the European Union to the United States, Washington, DC
- **Judicial Intern**, United States Court of International Trade, New York, NY

Sharath Patil, JD '18 (LEFT)
HOMETOWN: SAHUARITA, AZ

“As an agricultural trade policy intern at the European Union (EU) delegation, I learned about the impact of geographical indicators on trade, dug deep into trade statistics, participated in interesting discussions with various EU and U.S. industry associations, and tracked policy and legislative developments by attending congressional hearings and think-tank events.”

Michael Fakhri (RIGHT)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Professor Fakhri is an expert in food policy, the U.S. Farm Bill, and international trade. He facilitates conversations on fair trade statewide and is a co-director for the Food Resiliency Project at Oregon Law. Fakhri helped third-year law student Sharath Patil identify externships and grow his professional network.

Join a Positive Community

The School of Law has a reputation for collegiality among its students and for developing leadership skills.

“The Oregon Law community is definitely what distinguishes this school from other law schools. It is very supportive. The faculty and staff members want you to succeed in your classes and career aspirations, and your peers are helpful and willing to work together to come to an understanding of the class topic.”

LYDIA SCHLITT, CLASS OF 2020



Student groups assist in the planning of a variety of conferences and other events on campus, including the annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC). The oldest and largest conference of its kind, the PIELC brings together thousands of attorneys, activists, students, scientists, and citizens from across the globe who are dedicated to environmental issues.



From left: Lydia Schlitt, Class of 2020, Hometown: Maryville, Tennessee; Brian Williamson, JD' 19, Hometown: San Ramon, California, and: Sydney Trimble, Class of 2020, Hometown: Boise, Idaho.

Become Practice-Ready

Learn from the Best

The Legal Research and Writing Program, consistently ranked in the top five in the nation, will teach you to be an effective legal communicator, so you are practice-ready upon graduation. The Appropriate Dispute Resolution Program, also ranked in the nation's top ten, provides students with additional skills to handle complex cases outside the traditional litigation setting.



“The Oregon Law Legal Research and Writing Program excels at teaching the skill of legal writing—the most important skill one learns in law school.”

**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
JUDGE JOHN V. ACOSTA , JD '82**

▲ Each year, the Oregon Supreme Court visits the law school in March to hear oral arguments in pending cases and to answer student questions. Chief Justice Martha Williams, JD '77, is pictured above, smiling as she answers questions from students.

Gain Experience with Externships

Externships enable you to receive course credit for working with judges, in government offices, and with attorneys in various practice areas. You receive guidance not only from your supervisors at the job but also from law school instructors. Students may obtain externships as soon as the first summer of law school and may work both domestically and abroad.

Practice for Your Passion in Clinics

Experience the practice of law in a variety of different contexts here in Eugene. Pursue your passion, earn course credit, and work with clients from the community under the direction of a supervising attorney.

Oregon Law Clinics

- Business Law
- Civil Practice
- Criminal Defense
- Criminal Prosecution
- Domestic Violence
- Environmental Law
- Nonprofit

Launch Your Career

To help you secure that first externship or professional legal position, the Center for Career Planning and Professional Development will be there to guide you. The center helps students explore career options, connect with employers and alumni, and advance from law school to the professional world. The center also supports graduates considering a professional transition and provides information and customized services to employers and the legal community.



Rapidly Develop Solutions

A former Oregon Ducks linebacker, Michael is recognized as a national leader in legal innovation. This multidisciplinary, multilingual attorney developed the first Global Legal Hackathon. The 54-hour project challenged schools, governments, international law firms, and leading technology corporations on six continents to develop solutions for improving the legal industry worldwide.

With a focus on legal innovation, complex systems, and performance enhancement, Michael helps deliver legal solutions that reduce costs to clients while increasing the value of legal services. At Darigold Inc., he leads strategic and tactical legal initiatives related to global commercial contracting.

Michael Callier, BA '01, JD '04
SENIOR CORPORATE COUNSEL
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