2016 - 2020 Dean's Report



OREGON LAW

Drive Change

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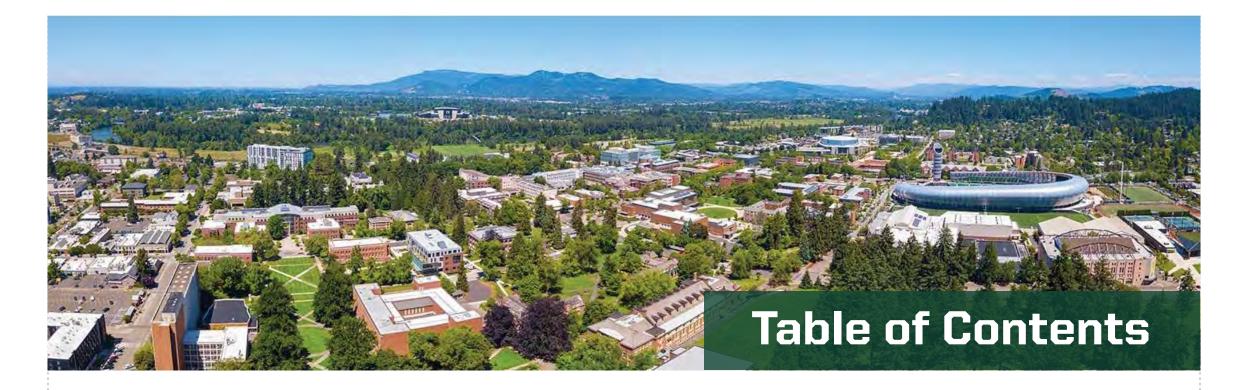
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Strategic Priority



Dean's Message

Life is forever changed by earning an Oregon Law degree.

A passion for justice and doing what is right are cornerstones of the legal profession. I am so proud of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni as they help to change the world for the better. I am honored to be a part of this story.

Oregon Law has a rich heritage as one of the oldest law schools on the West Coast, founded in 1884, and the only public law school in Oregon. Our legacy is one of educating leaders who shape Oregon's judicial system, state government, and regional economy. This tradition weaves together the spirit of the state and the Pacific Northwest. And our reach can be seen across the country and around the world.

Oregon Law has a strong foundation with top-ranked programs in legal writing and research, environmental and natural resources law, and dispute resolution. Our award-winning faculty is passionate about mentoring and teaching our students. They publish in the nation's top 50 law journals, and share their expertise with regional and national media.

We continue to build upon this foundation. We will educate leaders to advance the traditions of Oregon Law, to understand and eradicate systemic racial and economic injustices, and support our community's entrepreneurship and innovation throughout the 21st century and beyond.

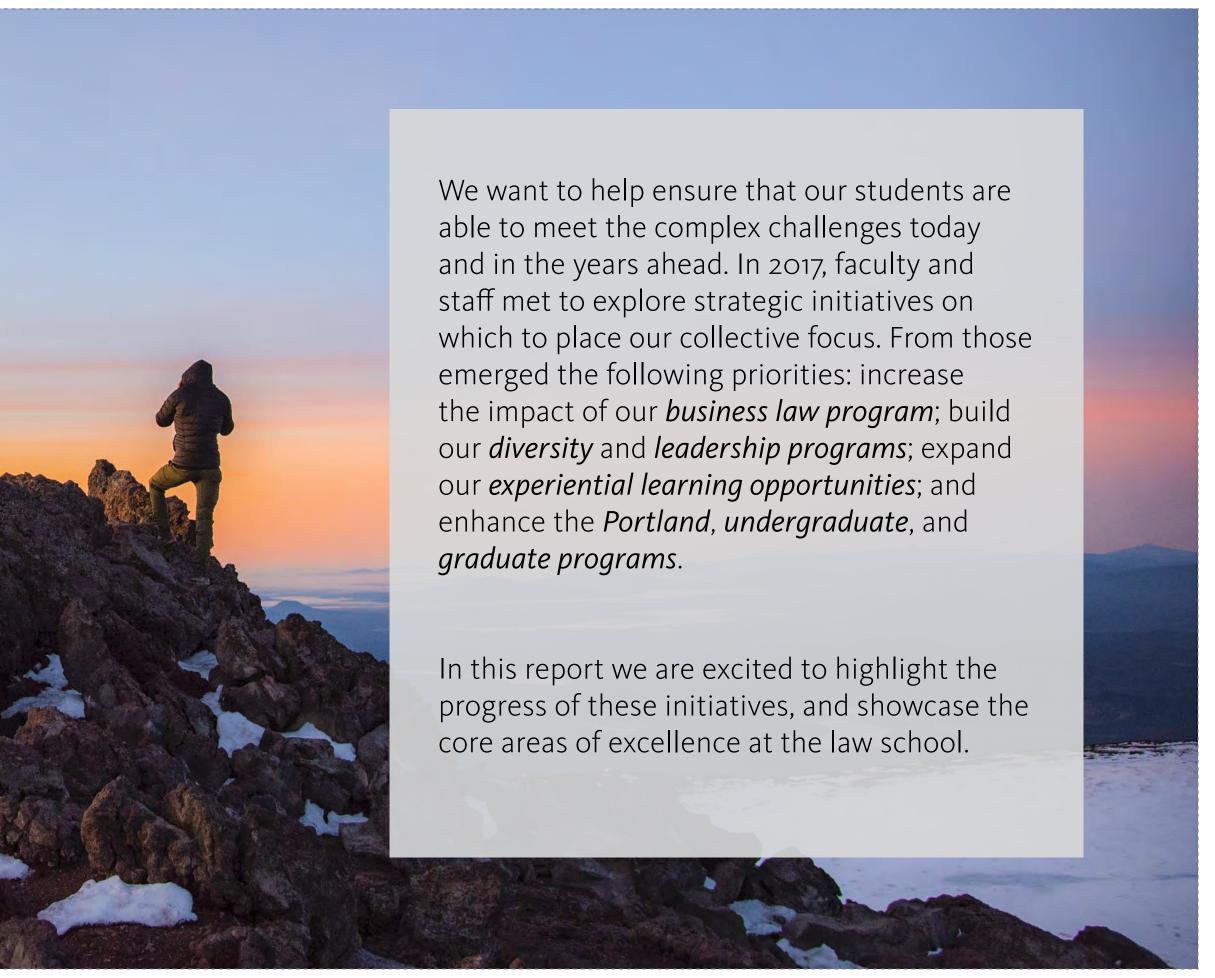
These past few years have been amazing, challenging, and fulfilling. I have especially enjoyed developing new relationships and connecting to people who love Oregon Law School and care deeply about its future. It is my distinct honor and privilege to serve as the dean of this outstanding law school.

Marcilynn A. Burke

Dean and Dave Frohnmayer Chair in Leadership and Law

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Business Law Program



Our Business Law Program has world renowned faculty, robust clinics and field placements, and highly regarded graduates in top businesses and law firms around the world. We want to build on this momentum toward excellence and be the best program in business law in the region. Program strengths include bankruptcy, business, finance, entrepreneurship, estate planning, green business initiatives, intellectual property, sports, and tax. Students gain relevant, substantive, and practical experience as they prepare to enter the fast-paced business world.

Expanding Business Law

Nancy and Dave Petrone

Longtime university donors Nancy and Dave Petrone say that they are excited to see their gift used as seed money to accelerate and amplify the Business Law Program's growth.

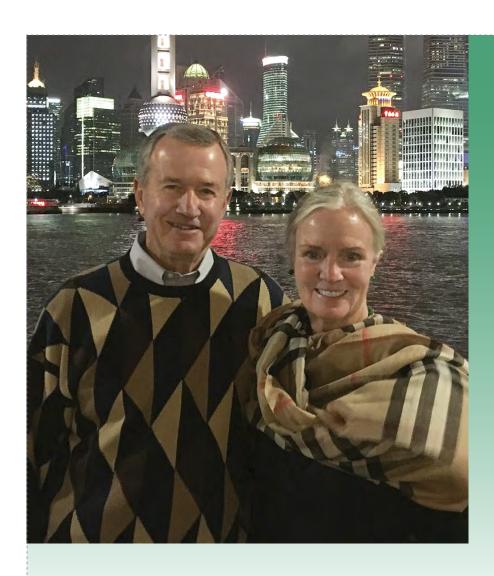
Dave Petrone, a "Double Duck" with an economics degree and an MBA, worked at Wells Fargo & Co. in San Francisco for 19 years, including a stint as vice chairman. He was also chairman of Housing Capital Company, a joint venture with US Bancorp that he started with a business partner. He was chair of the real estate investment firm Petrone Petri & Company. Additionally, he is part of Oregon Law School's Corporate Law Task Force.

Thanks also to the generous support provided by the Nancy and Dave Petrone Business and Law Success Initiative Fund, Oregon Law's Career Center was able to sponsor 20 students to participate in the LawMeets® 2020 M&A Boot Camp during the summer of 2020, and to provide each of them a summer stipend.

"We love what the UO is – and what the UO can be.
What is being done in Business Law is very exciting and the visionary plan to elevate the program is great for the UO and the state."







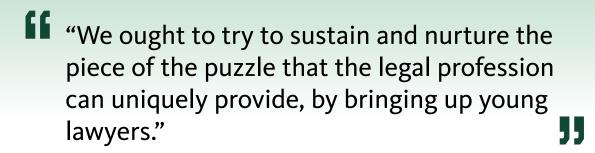
Expanding Business Law

Ron and Linda Greenman

"I hope the UO's business law program will inspire students to pursue careers in this arena because it is invigorating to continually interact with smart, energetic people. The work never grows old."

Ron Greenman earned his JD in 1974 (Order of the Coif) and a bachelor's in political science in 1968 (Phi Beta Kappa). Ranked among the nation's best lawyers by US News & World Report, he is a senior partner in the Portland firm Tonkon Torp. He is consistently recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America for Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law. In 2019, he received the prestigious James B. Castles Leadership Award of the Oregon State Bar Business Law Section.

Greenman's business law practice emphasizes securities, finance, and corporate acquisitions, and counseling companies through the stages of growth. This Double Duck is also part of Oregon Law School's Corporate Law Task Force.



- Ron Greenman



Where Law Means Business



Diversity and leadership are crucial and invaluable components of the intellectual, educational, and social mission of our community. At Oregon Law, we believe that strengthening our efforts around diversity, equity, leadership, and inclusion is critical to our overall efforts to achieve excellence as a competitive, world-class law school.

2016 - 2020 Highlights

- Recruited more students of color, 21% of the 2016 entering class were students of color. In fall 2020, almost 30% of the class is made up of students of color, a 9% increase.
- Hired more women and Black professors.
- Created the position of and hired the first Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Leadership Development.
- Increased fundraising support for diversity scholarships and programming.
- Adapted orientation to include significant time spent on diversity and inclusion to help ensure a more welcoming experience for all future lawyers.
- Established a diversity course graduation requirement.
- Facilitated workshops and provided resources to faculty to help them address issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion in all courses.





Looking Back and Paying it Forward

Jeffrey Beaver

"I hope that Black people in the legal profession will become commonplace and not an exception," Jeffrey Beaver said. "When meeting people, I never told them that I was a lawyer. I did everything I could to avoid it. Instead I told people that I worked in downtown Seattle. I did this because people's responses were the same: 'No, you're not!' 'You are? No!'

I don't want the next generation of lawyers to experience this – and this scholarship is my way to tell them that I believe in them and that they do belong."

Jeffrey Beaver, JD '85 recently donated a major gift to create and fund the Jeffrey A. Beaver Law Student Scholarship Endowment. The scholarship endowment will help provide financial assistance to students from underrepresented populations and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Beaver is a partner and lead eminent domain trial attorney at Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, in Seattle, Washington. He also serves on the Dean's Advisory Council at the law school and is a member of the University of Oregon Foundation's Board of Trustees. In 2019, the law school awarded Beaver with the Frohnmayer Award for Public Service.

Access to Justice

In an ongoing effort to address structural inequalities and counteract institutionalized racism, several faculty at Oregon Law have been researching in the area of "Access to Justice."

During the 2019-20 academic year alone, law faculty published eight articles on topics related to access to justice, with at least eight more forthcoming in 2020-21. Faculty have also been participating in symposiums and national discussions on topics of anti-racism, systemic unfairness, legal reform, and protections for all persons.



Undergraduate Scholars Program for Underrepresented Students

We received a \$300,000 grant from the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) in order to offer and host a PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program. The program's goal is to provide intensive focus on the skills required to succeed in the law school admission process, law school, and a legal career. The program was developed for college students from groups that are underrepresented in the legal profession.

In summer 2020, we offered our first PLUS Program. Due to the pandemic, we offered the program using a video-conferencing platform and received very positive feedback from the students about their experience. We are excited to partner with LSAC to help diversify the legal profession.



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STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

40+

HOURS OF PRELAW CONTENT \$1,000

STIPEND PER STUDENT AND LSAC FEE WAIVER 24

UNDERGRADUATE
INSTITUTIONS
REPRESENTED

Frohnmayer Leadership Program

The Frohnmayer Leadership Program is grounded in the belief that leadership is learnable. We are invested in those who want to make a difference for the people, situations, and causes they care about, and those who desire to create possibility during conflict and challenge. The program is designed to highlight what we need to know, how we need to be, and what we need to do to be more effective as emerging leaders.

The Frohnmayer Leadership Program was created through the generosity of several UO alumni and friends. The program is in memory of former Oregon Law Dean, Oregon attorney general, and UO president, Dave Frohnmayer. We are grateful for the impactful leadership giving of Lorry Lokey, Tim and Mary Boyle, Dave and Nancy Petrone, and John Juilfs, which permanently established the program's endowment.



How Oregon Law Ranks Nationally

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U.S. News

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IN **OREGON**

IN PACIFIC **NORTHWEST**

TOP TEN SPECIALTY PROGRAMS



Legal Research and Writing



#6 Environmental Law



#10 Dispute Resolution

National Jurist

"2021 Best Value Law School"

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Environmental Law Family Law Business Law Appropriate Dispute Resolution

LL.M Guide

Top Ten Program

Appropriate Dispute Resolution

College Choice

Top Ten Master's

Negotiation and Conflict Management

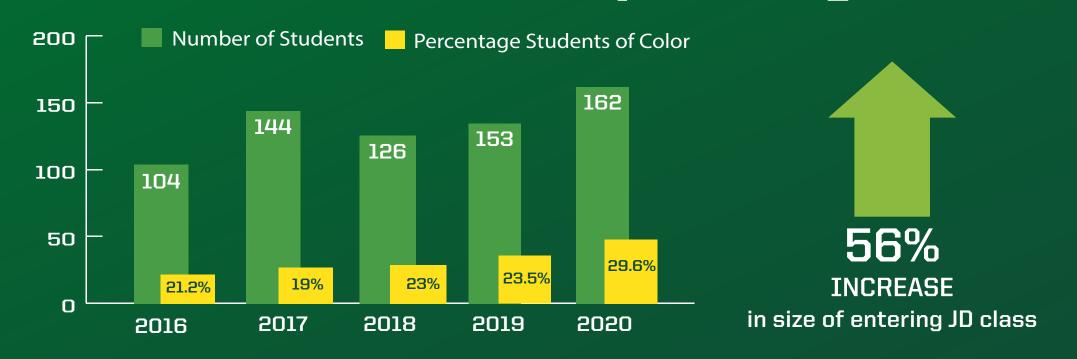


Oregon Law JD

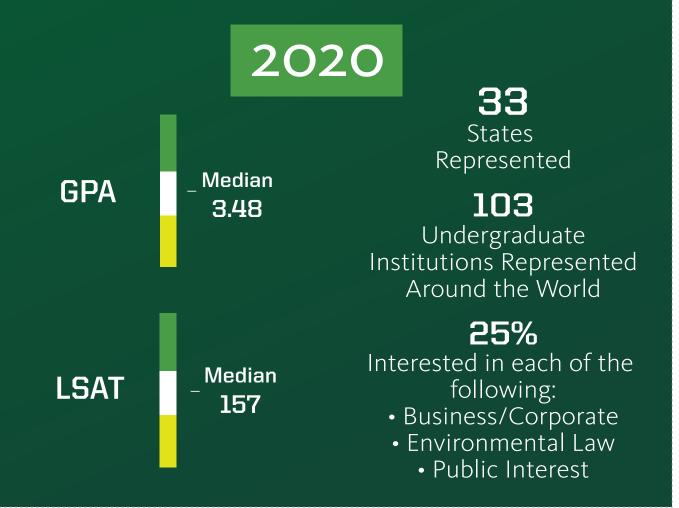


Preparing Our Future Generations of Changemakers

Our flock of JDs is expanding.







Bar Passage Success

Commitment to Academic Success

92%

Oregon Law graduates have a history of passing the Oregon State Bar above the state's average. Since 2017, Oregon has administered the Uniform Bar Exam, the same exam given in 34 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

2019 Ultimate Bar Passage Rate

2017 graduates who passed a bar exam within two years of graduation.

+15

percentage points

2016 - 2019 Increase for First–Time Takers in Oregon +17

percentage points

2016 - 2019 Increase for First–Time Takers in Any Jurisdiction

Student Success

- Created Academic Excellence Program to support students
- Hired a faculty member to serve as the director of the program
- Partnered with BARBRI Bar Review to provide graduates with a bar preparation course and materials beginning in first year of law school
- Ongoing support throughout law school with study and exam-taking skills, as well as preparation for the Bar Exam

JD Graduate Employment Investment in Careers

We believe that a legal education is an important, lifelong investment. Students invest their time and money in law school for various reasons. In the end, their expectation is to graduate and progress to a profession. Our goal is to help them achieve success by extending experiential learning opportunities through:

Clinics

Business Law Domestic Violence

Civil Environmental Law

Criminal Defense Nonprofit

Criminal Prosecution

Field Placement Examples

Bankruptcy Environmental Law

Business, including intellectual property Government

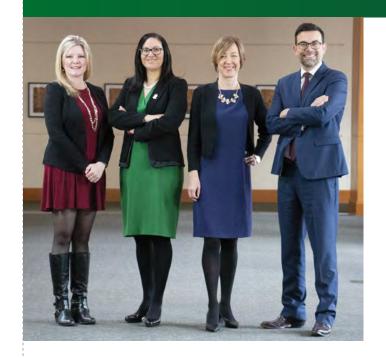
Courts In-house Counsel

Criminal Justice

Public Interest, including Nonprofit Organizations



Helping Ensure Students are Practice-Ready



Center for Career Planning and Professional Development

In 2020, our Career Center team developed two new programs to bring together Oregon Law students and graduates with alumni and legal employers looking to expand.

Oregon Law Network

This online network of alumni and other professionals provides students with a direct line of contact for mentorship and career insight.

Resident Associate Program

This program helps create entry-level positions and will greatly benefit our new graduates by providing valuable skill-building experiences and exposure to a variety of practice areas.

Director of Experiential Education

In 2020, we welcomed Laurie Hauber as the inaugural Director of Experiential Education. In this position, Hauber will manage our clinics, field placements, and simulation courses for the school. Currently, we have more than 13 clinical opportunities, 13 simulation courses, and 150 field placement opportunities (externships).



JD Graduate Employment

10 months after graduation

91% Total Employed

Class of 2019

US News Employment Rate*

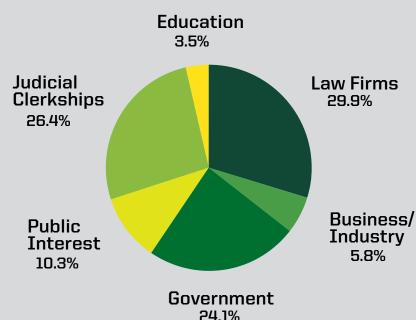
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Percentage Point Increase Class of 2016 – Class of 2019

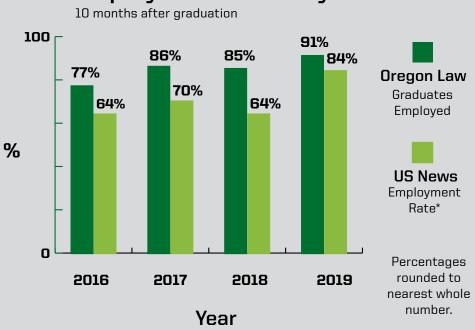


Employment Percentage*

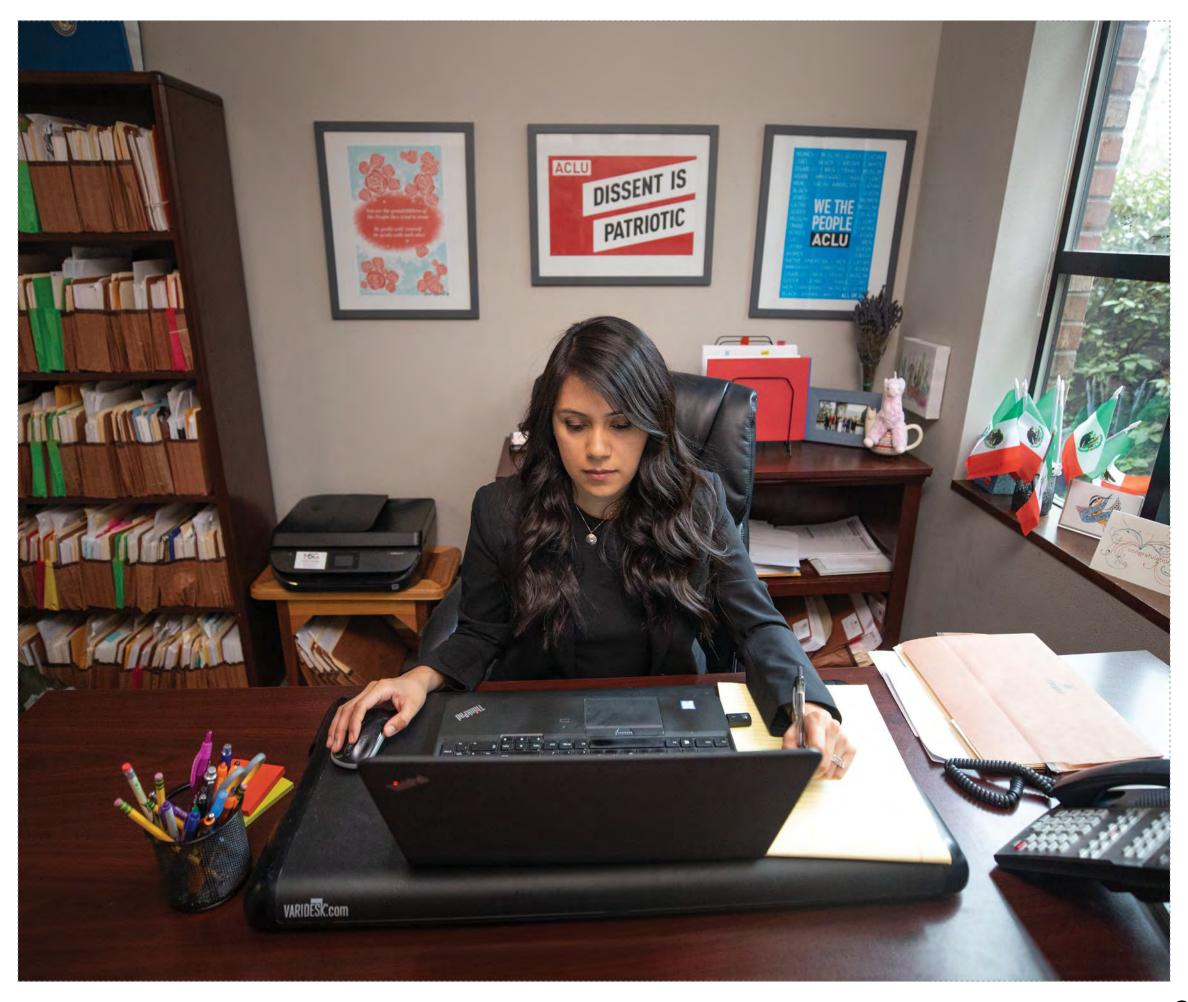
2019 JD Graduate Employment



Employment Rates by Year



^{*} US News employment rates measures full-time, long-term employment in Bar Passage Required or JD Advantage positions as of 10 months after graduation, that are not University funded.



Oregon Law Signature Programs

Legal Research and Writing Program

Established in 1978, the program was one of the first in the nation to ensure fundamental lawyering skills were taught by full-time professionals. The specialty program continues to gain national recognition for its excellence as it rose to #2 in the nation in the US News rankings.

Oregon Law's LRW faculty serve in leadership positions with national organizations and frequently host conferences in Eugene that attract law professors from across the country.





Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center

For more than 50 years, the ENR Law Center's focus on public interest environmental law and commitment to innovations in environmental legal education have made it one of the nation's most respected programs. In 2020 it rose to #6 in the US News rankings.

Building off this legacy, the Center continues to launch leading-edge research projects to assist our communities while preparing students for leadership in the rapidly changing world of environmental policy.

Oregon Law Signature Programs



Appropriate Dispute Resolution Center

With an emphasis on social justice and positive change—inside and outside the classroom—ADR Center faculty provide excellent teaching and skills-based learning to help students tackle real-world problems. The program is consistently in the top ten nationally in US News rankings.

Students learn how to manage complex interactions through negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and a host of hybrids and other approaches. Our faculty work focuses on cutting-edge areas for alternative practice—schools, businesses, the public square, and the criminal justice system.

Public Law and Policy

The Public Law and Policy Program builds on Oregon Law's extraordinary legacy of public service. The Program provides opportunities for innovative student public policy research. It also provides pathways for students and stakeholders to engage in public interest and public sector work and events that generate discussion about critical issues of law and public policy. Program faculty's scholarship and research provide leadership on a range of issues at the intersection of law and public policy.

Public service plays an integral role in our students' experiences through initiatives such as:

- Oregon Law Students Public Interest Fund (OLSPIF)
- Minoru Yasui Fellowship
- Pro Bono Opportunities



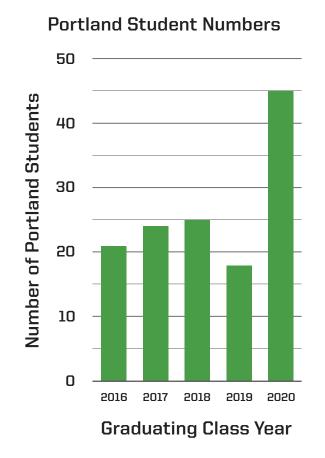
Portland Program

A Bridge to Practice

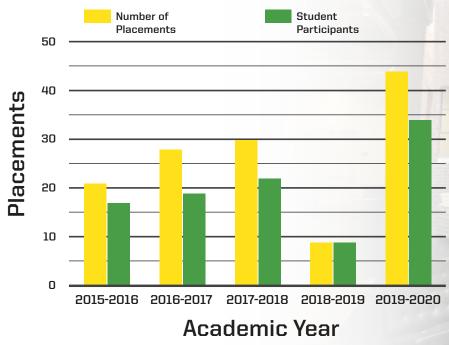
Portland is home to a wide variety of innovative companies, nonprofits, and governmental institutions. The Portland Program offers JD students the opportunity to spend their entire third year building a portfolio of real-world experience, specialized course work, and personal connections. Students develop a network of professional contacts during their final year of law school and before they officially enter the employment market post-graduation. And in the Mentorship Program, students are matched with Oregon Law alumni in the Portland area based on their fields of interest and the alum's experience.

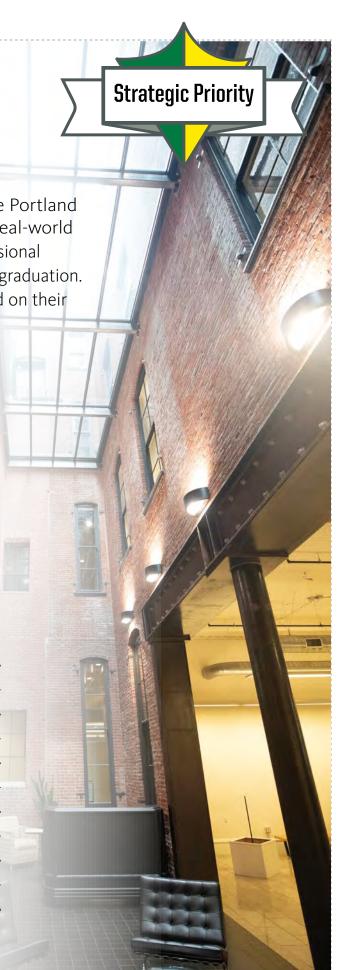
+114%

Increase in Portland students and Portland field placements



Portland Field Placements







The Honorable Stacie Beckerman, United States Magistrate Judge
The Honorable Darleen Ortega, Oregon Court of Appeals
Lizabeth Ann Eisen, partner at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
Kelly Zusman, Criminal Division Chief for U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Oregon
Dustin Beuhler, General Counsel to Oregon Governor Kate Brown
Monique Hawthorne, In-House Legal Counsel for Airbnb
Darren Nakata, In-House Legal Counsel for NW Natural Water Division

- Entrepreneurialism
- Social Activism
- Start Up Businesses
- Corporate Finance
- Access to Justice

Sample of Placements

Some of the placements our JD students have taken part in through the Portland Program.

COURTS	ENERGY	GOVERNMENT	NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	BUSINESS
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals	Vestas Wind Systems	Metropolitan Public Defender	Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services	Nike
1 1 1	Northwest Energy			Adidas
US District Court	Efficiency Alliance	District Attorneys'	Northwest Workers Justice	
	, and the second	offices of Multnomah	Project	Keen
US Bankruptcy Court	Bonneville Power Administration	and three surrounding counties	Oregon Innocence Project	Columbia Sportswear



LLM Program



The Master of Laws (LLM) is an internationally recognized postgraduate law degree. The LLM program requires a JD from an ABA-accredited law school (domestic applicants) or the first degree of law required for law practice or law teaching (international applications). Over the years we have welcomed students from around the globe, including China, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Africa, France, Japan, Germany, and more.





Student Highlight Ifeyinwa (Ify) Amadioha

Nigeria

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Imo State University Owerri-Nigeria; Barrister-at-Law (BL) Nigerian Law School

Concentration: Environmental and Natural Resources Law

Amadioha was admitted to practice law in Nigeria in 2007. Upon relocation to the United States, she acquired a Paralegal Certificate and worked as a paralegal in a New York civil rights firm. She is also admitted to practice law in New York. Through Oregon Law's LLM program, she looks to gain the skills needed to confidently enter the US workforce as an attorney. After school, Amadioha will apply for admission to the Washington state bar.

Conflict and Dispute Resolution



104

Total CRES
Graduates

2016-2020

85%

Employed*

*Based on data available as of November 2020.

Employer Type

27%
GOVERNMENT

26%
PRIVATE SECTOR

20%

18%
NON PROFIT

7%
SELF-EMPLOYMENT

2%

Common Job Areas

COMMUNITY

COURT SYSTEMS

EMPLOYEE/LABOR RELATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

FACILITATION

HEALTHCARE

HIGHER EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT/
DIPLOMACY

K-12 EDUCATION

LEGAL SERVICES

MEDIATION

OMBUDS

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

PUBLIC INTEREST

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Conflict and Dispute Resolution

The Conflict and Dispute Resolution (CRES) master's program prepares professionals from all disciplines to be collaborative problem-solvers addressing today's most pressing social or racial injustices. Taught by top-ranked faculty—from the School of Law, across campus, and beyond—our highly regarded curriculum provides skills needed to become an effective mediator, facilitator, and negotiator. The program explores how to manage conflicts constructively, wherever they may arise.



Student HighlightJessi Benveniste

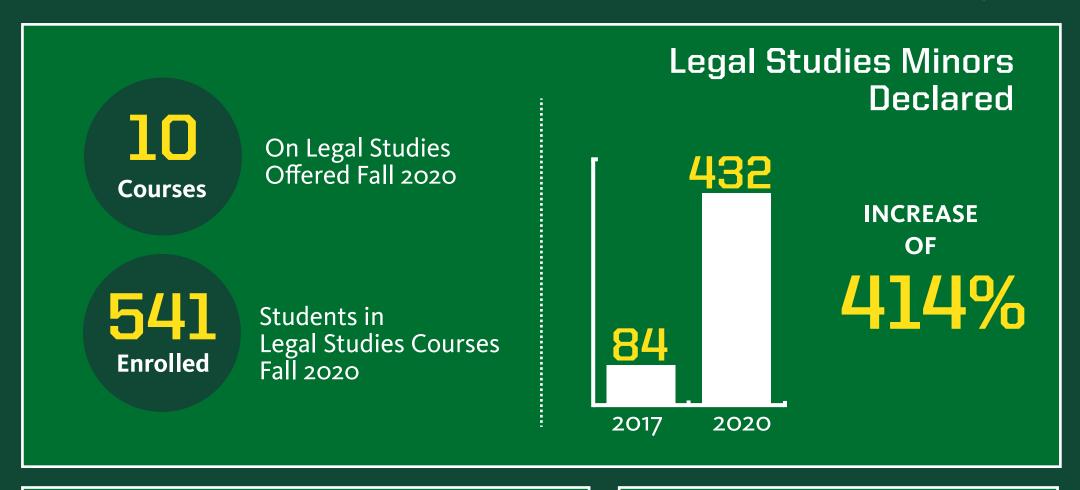
CRES '18
Conduct Coordinator, Center for Student Conduct
University of California Berkeley

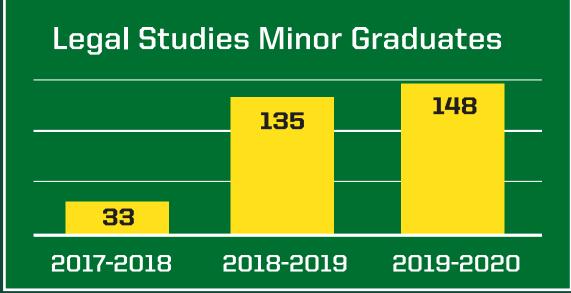
I have the privilege to work with students in moments of dissonance and engage them in reflective activities and conversations aimed to support them in their own self-authorship and identity development. I am working to launch our [UC-Berkeley] Restorative Educational Practices Initiatives for Alternative Resolution (REPAIR) program in conjunction with student leaders and community partners. I am extremely grateful for the foundation that CRES provided me and believe that it has only set me up for success in the role and as I work with my colleagues to infuse restorative practices in our conduct process.

Extending the Reach of Oregon Law









316

Total Graduates with a Minor in Legal Studies

Undergraduate Legal Studies

34

Different majors combine with the Legal Studies Minor

Political Science, Psychology, Business, and Journalism are the most commonly partnered majors.



Faculty Highlight

Angela Addae

Course: Race and the Law

Teaching the Race and the Law course in the Legal Studies program has been a rewarding experience. The students are enthusiastic and eager to learn about how the historical and contemporary intersections of race within American jurisprudence. The students are dynamic and destined to be changemakers—they are a constant reminder that the future is bright.

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Student Highlight

Satou Sabally Forward, Dallas Wings Former UO Women's Basketball Player

The legal studies minor was interesting to me because I wanted to learn about the US judicial system and if the structure worked. I also realized that we have a lot more power to shape a new narrative on interpreting laws and move one step closer to justice. As time goes on, the judicial system has evolved and can still change for the better.





Oregon Law Faculty Honors

Oregon Law professors' body of scholarship and teaching reflect many facets of the law's impact on the world. On topics addressing racial disparities, climate change, food security, prison reform, constitutional conflicts, dispute resolution, international law, employment law, and the commercial code—our work affects lives today and into the future.

University of Oregon distinguished teaching awards

Members of the American Law Institute

Notable Faculty Recognitions

Professor Jennifer W. Reynolds received the Pillar of the Community Award from the University of Oregon School of Law (2020); and was named a UO Faculty Star (2019).

Professor Elizabeth "Liz" Tippett received the Fund for Faculty Excellence Award for 2019-2020 from the University of Oregon (2019-20); and received the Michael J. Zimmer Memorial Award for a Rising Scholar at the 13th Annual Colloquium on Scholarship in Employment and Labor Law (2018).

Professor Mary C. Wood received the University of Oregon Sustainability Innovation Award (2019).

After considering more than 300 environmental law articles published over the prior year, a panel of judges at Vanderbilt Law School and the Environmental Law Institute selected **Professor Tom Lininger's** "Green Ethics for Judges," 86 *George Washington Law Review* 711 (2018), as one of the top five articles.

Professor Michael Moffitt's Settlement Malpractice won both the Fred C. Zacharias Memorial Prize from the Association of American Law Schools Section on Professional Responsibility and the AALS Section on Dispute Resolution Award for Best Scholarly Article of 2019.

Faculty Additions

New Faculty, Fresh Ideas

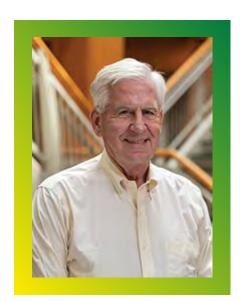
Meet the faculty hired in the last five years



Sarah Adams-Schoen



Angela Addae



Howard Arnett



Kristen Bell



Greg Dotson



Latisha Nixon-Jones

Faculty Scholarship

Faculty Published in Top 50 Law Reviews



Carl Bjerre Wallace L. and Ellen A. Kaapcke Professor of Business Law

Business Lawyer (3 articles)



Stuart Chinn
Associate Dean for
Academic Affairs,
Professor and James O.
and Alfred T. Goodwin
Senior Fellow

Houston Law Review Maryland Law Review Wisconsin Law Review



Andrea Coles-Bjerre Associate Professor

American University Law Review



Tom Lininger Orlando John and Marian H. Hollis Professor

Fordham Law Review Minnesota Law Review George Washington Law Review

Published between 2017-2021, compiled in December 2020.



Mohsen Manesh Associate Professor

North Carolina Law Review Business Lawyer



Michael Moffitt Philip H. Knight Chair, Professor

University of Chicago Law Review



Eric PriestAssociate Professor

Cardozo Law Review



Jennifer W.
Reynolds
Associate Dean of
Faculty Research and
Programs,
Associate Professor

Fordham Law Review



Elizabeth "Liz" Tippett Associate Professor

Minnesota Law Review



Mary Christina Wood Philip H. Knight Professor

American University Law Review

Faculty Scholarship

In the Media

Our faculty are sought-after nationally and internationally for their legal expertise in a variety of legal subjects. They appear before Congress, are interviewed by national media, and yet, are incredibly accessible to students.

2016 - 2019

2,001,680

READS

56

ARTICLES

1,318

PUBLISHERS

The Conversation - Nationally and Around the Globe



Liz Tippett Employment Law

Her writing for The Conversation has been republished in the Washington Post, the Huffington Post, The New Republic, Newsweek, Wall Street Journal, Fast Company, Salon, the LA Times, the Daily Beast, the Christian Science Monitor, Time, the Verge, the Hollywood Reporter, Bloomberg News, and Wired, among others. She also has written for Fortune and the Harvard Business Review. Professor Tippett has been interviewed on National Public Radio, the BBC, and CBC.



Ofer Raban
Supreme Court

The Conversation, Salon, Oregon Public Broadcasting, the Oregonian

Latisha Nixon-Jones COVID-19 and Disaster Law

Fast Company, Miami Herald, Voice of America, Business Insider, the Raw Story





Mary Wood Climate Change ABA Journal, Forbes, National Geographic, New York Times, Sierra Magazine, the Intercept

Michael Fakhri Food Law

Cambodia News, Africa News, Beijing News, Toronto Telegraph, Al Jazeera English, Medical Xpress, Big News Network, Idaho Press-Tribune, Connecticut Post, EcoWatch, Houston Chronicle, Australian Times, Rio de Janeiro News, Sydney News, Brisbane News, Reuters, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations





Sarah Adams-Schoen
Portland Protests and
Individual vs. Federal Rights
Newsweek, Herald and News

Greg Dotson
Environmental Law

The Washington Post, NPR, Grist, Green Tech Media, E&E News, S&P Global Platts, Politico, Statesman Journal, the Register-Guard, Portland Tribune, Salem Reporter, The Hill



Alumni and Donors of Oregon Law

Alumni and donors like you understand deeply why legal education is important for advancing social, economic, and environmental justice for the betterment of all. By generously giving of your time and resources, you help ensure our students find success and that Oregon Law will train world-class legal professionals who will be ethical and effective leaders.

Over the last four years, annual donations to the law school have increased year over year. We have secured **major gift commitments** and created **new endowment funds** to increase the capacity of our Business Law Program and our Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center, as well as help increase the diversity of the student body. Our goal of improving alumni participation in giving back to the law school is essential to helping our law school thrive.

Scholarships for law students remains one of our top fundraising priorities; student need has never been greater. In many cases, alumni who give to student scholarships tell us they not only want to make a difference for the next generation of lawyers, they also say that they want to give back to the law school community that transformed their lives for the better.

Your philanthropic support impacts every program, every faculty member, and most importantly, every student at Oregon Law. Our culture of care for one another carries on beyond graduation and distinguishes Oregon Law alumni in a way I have not seen before. I am so proud to be a part of the Oregon Law community.

Jessica Merkner, JD Director of Development



THANK YOU FOR GIVING

A FEW OF YOUR GIVING NUMBERS *July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2020*



Number of Oregon Law Alumni 55% Female Donors 3,760

Number of Gifts



Number of Donors 1,988

Average gift amount for first-time donors \$224

Total Raised

\$11,552,083

Average estate gift amount from Arnold Bennett Hall Legacy Society donors

\$137,765



Alumni and Friends from:

OR

WA

CA

Average Gift

\$572

Average Gift

\$1,148

Average Gift

\$2,133



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Finding Solutions for Environmental Issues

A major gift from a Bend brewery owner allows the UO School of Law to pursue groundbreaking work through its highly ranked Environmental and Natural Resources Center.

Roger Worthington, owner of Worthy Brewing, is passionate about environmental issues and believes the center can help society address issues around climate change, sustainability and more. The center was ranked No. 6 in the nation in the 2020 US News rankings.

Highly-trained lawyers are critical to our democracy and future prosperity in these challenging times. We must invest in those who are working to combat climate change, protect our environment and advocate for sustainability. I hope to inspire others to give to the ENR Center so that together we can make a meaningful impact for Oregon and our world.

Roger Worthington

Law student Ashley Hamilton named the inaugural Jeffrey Beaver scholarship recipient



Ashley Hamilton, a first-year student at the law school, has always been interested in social justice and equity.

Before attending Oregon Law, she graduated with a major in political science a minor in philosophy from the University of Washington. After completing her undergraduate degree, Hamilton was a litigation legal assistant for a personal injury law firm in Seattle. She says that law school became a real possibility for her as her professional career developed.

"I started as a file clerk and eventually became a litigation legal assistant," Hamilton said. "With each career development, the exposure to the influence and necessity of law was profound. The law interests me because it is the foundation for social interaction and, through that, positive social change."

As a recipient of the Jeffrey Beaver scholarship, Hamilton shares that her legal education at Oregon Law will help her in the pursuit of expanding access to social justice.

"I am extremely grateful to be the recipient of the scholarship," Hamilton said. "This is a wonderful opportunity. Receiving a scholarship is a relief and motivation to keep my energy focused on my legal studies."

With everything that I received, I wanted to support the school in terms of lessening the debt load being experienced by current students. This is me doing my little part to assist both the law school and students.

- Jeffrey Beaver, JD '85

Frohnmayer Award for Public Service

2020

The Hon. John Acosta, JD '82

2019

Jeffrey Beaver, JD '85

2018

David Bartz, Jr., JD '82

2017

The Hon. Nan Waller, ID '79

2016

Senator Ron Wyden, JD '74

John E. Jaqua Distinguished Alumni Award

2020

Claudia G. Groberg, JD '03

2019

Laird Kirkpatrick, JD '68

2018

The Hon. Malcolm Marsh, BS '52; BL '54

201

The Hon. Edwin Peterson, BS, '51; BL '57

2016

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, BS '71; JD '75 Minoru Yasui, BA '37; BL '39

Oregon Law Minoru Yasui Justice Award

2020

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2019

Cory Smith, JD 'oo

2018

Jonathan Patterson, JD '13

2017

Peggy Nagae

Alumni Awards 2016 - 2020

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2020

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2019

Craig Ashford, JD '11 Lauren Blaesing, JD '11 Catherine Jedlicka, JD '13 Joel Sturm, JD '12

2018

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2017

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2016

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2020

The Hon. Ann Aiken, BS '74; JD '79

2019

Caroline Forell

2018

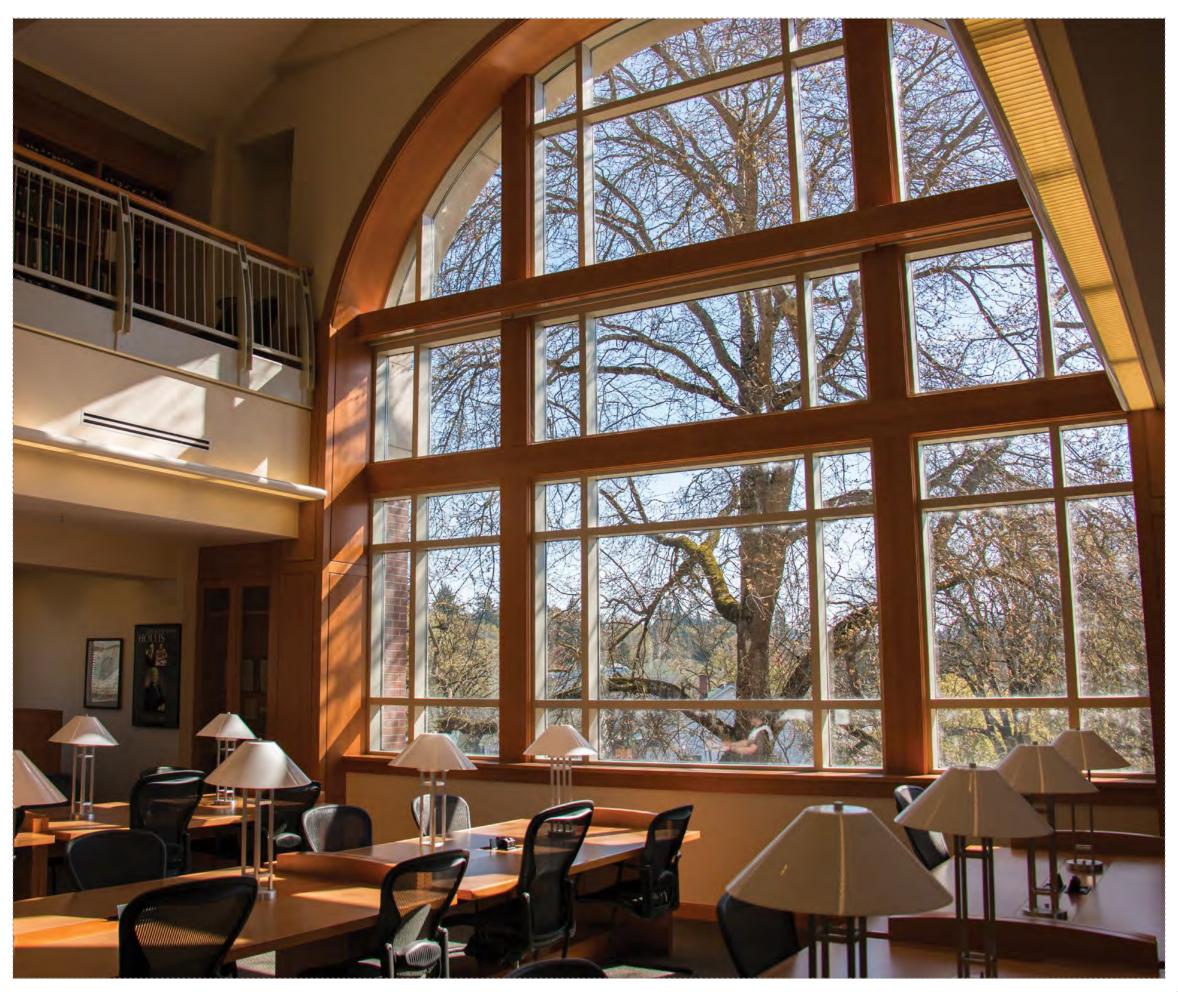
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2016

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