



Drive Change

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON **SCHOOL OF LAW**



Knights Law Center

home to an inspiring academic community with 500-plus law students and a world-class faculty at a top tier university.

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

At the University of Oregon School of Law, you'll learn from the best legal minds; engage in cutting-edge research to address real-world challenges; and interact with top lawyers, judges, and policymakers. You will also have the distinct advantage of learning in a small, connected community within a large public research university. This combination offers you the opportunity to receive a legal education tailored to your interests and to engage in interdisciplinary research with leading professors. You can develop 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. 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 here to learn, to share, and to flourish.”

DEAN MARCILYNN A. BURKE

DAVE FROHNMAYER CHAIR IN LEADERSHIP AND LAW



Learn How to Use Your Voice

The best advocates listen carefully, think critically, speak artfully, and have exceptional writing skills.

Legal Research and Writing Program

- Top-ranked national program
- Innovative programming

“Professor Rowe took the time to meet with me individually to both help me improve my writing and research skills, and also get to know me on a personal level.”

NICOLE CURTIS, JD '20
HOMETOWN: LAWNDALE, CALIFORNIA

Suzanne Rowe,
James L. and Ilene R.
Hershner Professor,
Director, Legal Research
and Writing Program



Each year, the Oregon Supreme Court visits the law school in March to hear oral arguments in pending cases and to answer student questions

“There is no substitute for direct experiential learning. Students learn how challenging it is for lawyers to persuasively present their arguments and respond to the questions posed by the court. They also have the opportunity, at the close of argument, to pose questions to the lawyers, as well as to the court.”

CHIEF JUSTICE MARTHA L. WALTERS, JD '77

Advocate for the Environment

Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center

This innovative and top-ranked hub of interdisciplinary research consists of seven theme-based projects. This hub draws upon existing faculty strengths and provides collaborative opportunities.

- Conservation Trust
- Energy Law and Policy
- Global Environmental Democracy
- Food Resiliency
- Native Environmental Sovereignty
- Oceans, Coasts, and Watersheds
- Sustainable Land Use



Ten law students presented their own research and recommendations to the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis in the US House of Representatives in Washington, DC.

Professor Mary Wood originated the legal approach called Atmospheric Trust Litigation. The approach is now being used in cases brought on behalf of youth throughout the world, seeking to hold governments accountable to reduce carbon pollution within their jurisdictions. She has developed a corresponding approach called Atmospheric Recovery Litigation, which would hold fossil fuel companies responsible for funding an Atmospheric Recovery Plan to draw down excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere using natural climate solutions.

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.



Reframe and Bridge Differences

The human experience is complicated. Through our nationally ranked Appropriate Dispute Resolution coursework, learn how to manage complex interactions outside the traditional litigation setting through negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and a host of hybrids and other alternative approaches.



“Professor Reynolds is passionate about the potential for the processes that we create in the legal community to improve and create better outcomes for all involved.”

ROBERT MELLINGER, JD '20
HOMETOWN: EUGENE, OREGON

Jennifer Reynolds,
Associate Dean
Associate Professor
Director, Alternative
Dispute Resolution
Center



Influence Law and Policy in the Marketplace

Associate Professor Michael Fakhri, shown above on the right, teaches international economic, commercial, and food law. He is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. In this role, he takes part in fact-finding and monitoring systems that address a range of food issues in all parts of the world.

Fakhri is an expert in food policy, the US Farm Bill, and international trade. He facilitates conversations on fair trade statewide and is a codirector for the Food Resiliency Project at Oregon Law. Fakhri helped Sharath Patil identify externships and grow his professional network.

Sharath Patil, JD '18, now works as research director for Global Trade Watch at Public Citizen in Washington, D.C.

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

SHARATH PATIL, JD '18 (LEFT)
RESEARCH DIRECTOR
GLOBAL TRADE WATCH AT PUBLIC CITIZEN

Engage in the Business of Law

Our comprehensive program explores the law at the intersection of business, finance, green business, intellectual property, sports, and tax.

Business Law

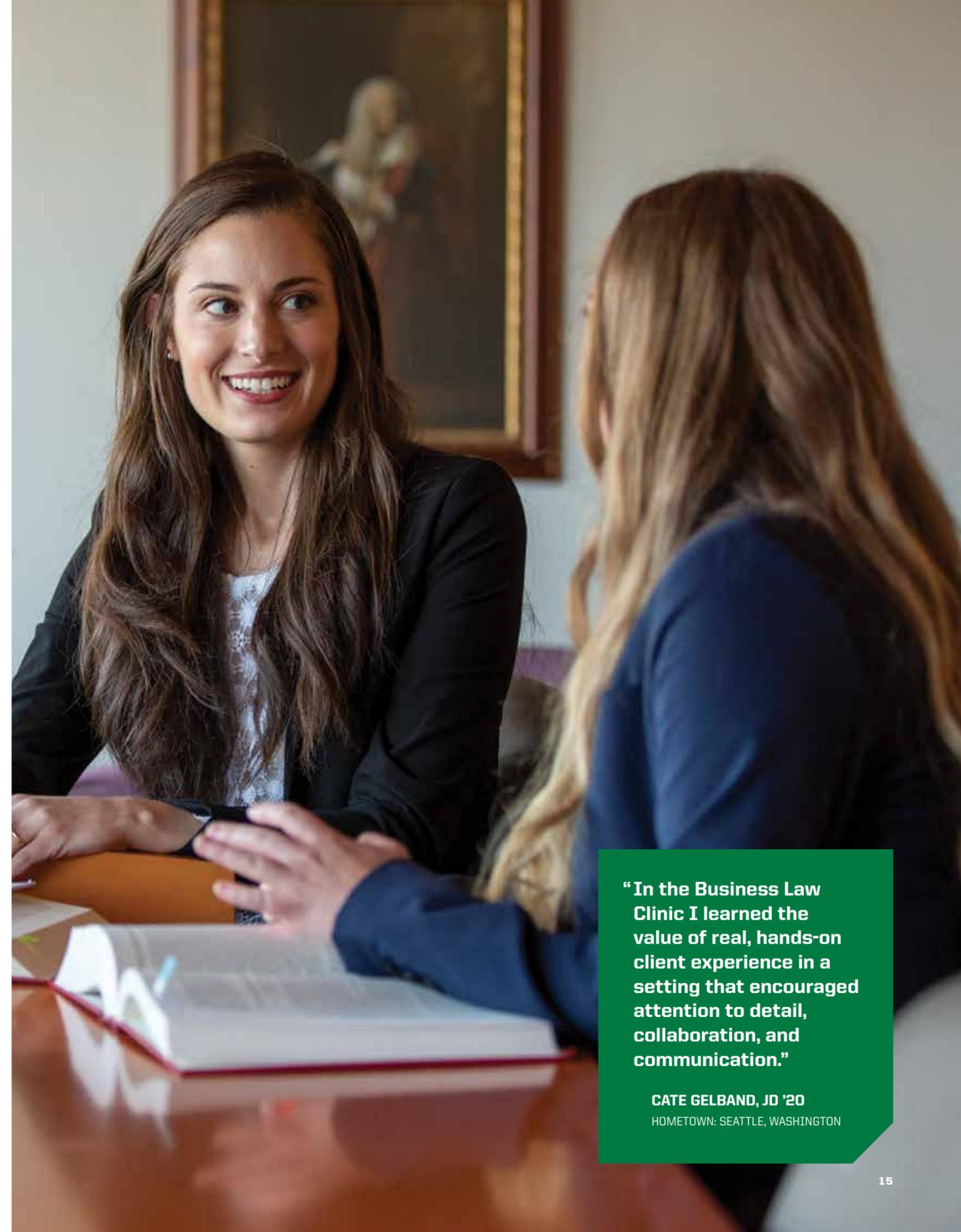
- World-class faculty
- In-demand practical experience
- Graduates in top businesses and law firms around the nation

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

BAZSI TAKACS, JD '18

ASSOCIATE
SCHWABE, WILLIAMSON & WYATT
PORTLAND, OREGON

Bazsi 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.



“In the Business Law Clinic I learned the value of real, hands-on client experience in a setting that encouraged attention to detail, collaboration, and communication.”

CATE GELBAND, JD '20

HOMETOWN: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



MARISSA ZARATE, JD '11
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HUERTO DE LA FAMILIA
EUGENE, OREGON

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 nonprofit 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.

Public service plays an integral role in our students' experience. Three ongoing initiatives support students' interest in public service during law school and after they graduate.

- Pro Bono
- Oregon Law Students Public Interest Fund
- Loan Repayment Assistance Program

Students have gained valuable practical experience in places like:

- Access the Law
- Legal Aid
- Public Defenders offices
- Northwest Workers Justice Project
- Oregon Law Center
- Gideon's Promise
- Center for Sustainable Economy
- Youth Rights and Justice

Protect Communities

As a federal prosecutor in the Civil Rights Division, Rose Gibson 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



Become Practice-Ready

Develop critical lawyering skills and create networking opportunities through hands-on learning. Pair your classroom and practical experiences with our personalized approach to career and professional planning to become a leader in your area of choice.

HONORABLE MUSTAFA T. KASUBHAI, JD '96
U.S. DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF OREGON



“In medical school, students are required to perform clinical rotations. I treated law school the same way. For me, being “practice-ready” means I need to gain practical experience. As such, I’ve participated in the civil practice, business law, and domestic violence clinics. In addition to clinics, I’ve externed at the state and federal courts. These experiences have defined what type of law I want to practice.”

JOHN QUINTO, JD '20
HOMETOWN: LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

“The opportunity to extern with Judge Kasubhai was truly invaluable. I learned many practical skills as well as gained insight into how courts function and how decisions are made. Moreover, I gained wonderful mentors through the experience. Judge Kasubhai and his clerks are committed to creating a more inclusive legal community, and their outlook on the law reignited my passion for justice.”

ELIZABETH STUBBS, JD '20
HOMETOWN: WEST JORDAN, UTAH

Gain Experience with Field Placements

Field Placements enable you to receive course credit for working with judges, in other 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. You may obtain a field placement as soon as the first summer of law school and may work 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 you 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.



The Career Center Team

Connect and Grow

Join a positive community of students, faculty, staff members, and alumni ready to help you achieve personal and professional success—however you define it.

Immerse yourself in our wide range of programs and student organizations. With more than 30 student groups, there are many options for enhancing your personal and professional development.



Create a Better World through Effective Leadership

The Frohnmayer Leadership Program is grounded in the belief that leadership is learnable. We're invested in those who want to make a difference to the people, situations, and causes they care about, and those who desire to create possibility in the midst of 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.



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
Family and Child Law
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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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.

