WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCE?


Of course, you should expect this from any fine law school. So what sets Marquette Law School apart?

Our commitment to you is the Marquette difference. To care for you as a whole person. To help you develop as a well-rounded individual. To do everything we can to help you succeed.

In our experience, that will make you the best lawyer you can be.
“One of the most important things to me about my law school experience was that it would feel like a community, where my classmates were colleagues rather than competitors.”

— Josh Bernstein
CLASS OF 2020
Exceeding your expectations

There are as many unique expectations for law school as there are prospective law students. Our goal is to exceed your expectations.

We can succeed at this because, at Marquette University Law School, our commitment is not only to your legal education generally, but to you as an individual. We embrace the Marquette University principle of *cura personalis*: care for the individual person. We know that you are more than just a mind. You are a person whose character, worldview, and spirit will be further shaped by your experience in law school.

So please know that, along with providing a rigorous legal education, Marquette Law School offers a community where you can thrive. During your time here, from our unsurpassed home in Eckstein Hall to our extraordinary experiential-learning opportunities in Milwaukee and the larger region, we will provide you great possibilities. Because we want you to grow, we will push you. Through it all, as we help you form yourself into a Marquette lawyer, we will support you.

Joseph D. Kearney
Dean and Professor of Law
The comforts of home

Students often spend as many as 10 hours a day in Eckstein Hall. Fortunately, this modern building was designed with that in mind. Named for principal donors Ray and Kay Eckstein, two proud Marquette alumni, Eckstein Hall opened in 2010 to meet the needs of today’s law students in a setting of comfort, beauty, and abundant light.

Eckstein Hall’s open architecture fosters interaction and idea exchange, not only among students but also with faculty members. Professors are used to being flagged down on their way to the office or one of our state-of-the-art classrooms. There are also plenty of quiet study nooks and more than a few options for stress relief, including the private fitness center, small chapel, and a café that’s known as the best on campus.

“Eckstein Hall is a gorgeous building and the perfect space for me no matter what my mood or workload. It’s a place I can be in all day and have everything I need at my disposal. I have lots of favorite places to study — private spaces when I have a deadline, or areas where lots of natural light comes in through the floor-to-ceiling windows. The forum, where people often unwind during lunch or in the evenings, is also one of my favorite spots.”

— Asia Patterson
CLASS OF 2019

Study buddy: Sports broadcasts (via study-room projectors on “silent TV” mode)
CREATURE COMFORTS 
An on-site fitness center helps keep your body as active as your mind.

FIRESIDE CHATS 
Hold a quick group meeting or stretch out for a study session.

MODERN CONVENIENCES 
Your own locker at the Law School offers a space to stash business attire, just in case.
What do you want from your law school experience?

A strong foundation in fundamental skills

Preparing to serve others through the law happens on two interconnected levels. Certainly, there is a critical mass of information — facts, case history, legal theory — that you patently need to know. There are also core skills — research, legal writing, oral argumentation, negotiation — that you need to acquire before you’re ready to practice. Marquette’s program steeps you in these skills, with expert faculty members who work with you to reach the degree of mastery at which you intuitively think like a lawyer.

“We teach students how to deconstruct the law in a systematic way. We take the Constitution, cases, statutes, and we teach, step by step, how to think through a case, analyze the facts, synthesize law from different sources to support a legal argument, and articulate that argument clearly and persuasively. We require students to master these skills so that they can readily apply them to new situations and fact patterns, which is what they will ultimately be doing in their practice.”

— Melissa Love Koenig
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LEGAL WRITING
“When I started law school, I knew nothing about legal writing — it is much different than any other academic or professional writing. The Marquette legal writing professors and law librarians work together to help provide students of all abilities and experiences with a solid foundation that proved invaluable in preparing my appellate brief for the Jenkins Honors Moot Court Competition, as well as in my internships and summer clerkship.”

— Sadie Olson
CLASS OF 2019

On her terms: Continued working while attending Marquette’s part-time program until switching to full-time student status for her third year

LEADING WITH WRITING

“We definitely have a culture that supports legal writing here,” says Melissa Love Koenig, associate professor of legal writing. “This is a school where the students recognize that legal writing is important, and they value it.”

Case in point: A student-conceived Legal Writing Society thrives at Marquette, offering an outlet for interested students to further explore and also promote the discipline. The group brings in speakers, hosts panel discussions, and arranges informative lunch sessions at which 1L students can learn more about upper-level legal writing courses.

Most legal writing faculty members at Marquette have taught the craft for at least a decade and have significant real-world experience to boot. Look them up: Full-time faculty members and adjuncts alike are established leaders in the field.

Their expertise is matched by their commitment to students. “We provide a great deal of individualized attention,” Love Koenig says. “We have extensive one-on-one meetings with students about their writing. I firmly believe writing is a skill that can be taught to anyone. What makes for a good writing teacher is the ability to clearly articulate the concepts of good writing. It takes time and experience to master a way to communicate that.”
“Attending Marquette has certainly been an asset in securing my two consecutive summer associate positions at a large Kansas City law firm, because of the school’s recognition across state lines. I am confident that Marquette’s reputation will provide me with every opportunity to secure a permanent position after graduation, even outside of Wisconsin.”

—— Taylor Chase
CLASS OF 2019

Real world: Interested in real estate and corporate transactional work

Learn the law

Marquette’s core curriculum offers a strong foundation in the skills you need to practice law, with excellent preparation in litigation, transactional work, and alternative dispute resolution.

Core curriculum

1L COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Fall Courses
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research 1
- Torts

Spring Courses
- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research 2
- Property

UPPER-LEVEL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Evidence
- Law Governing Lawyers
- Trusts and Estates

UPPER-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

- An Advanced Legal Research course
- A Perspectives elective
- A Process elective
- A Public Law elective
- A Seminar
- A Workshop
- Experiential learning

Course Streams are abridged and subject to change. Foundational courses and a sample of course offerings are presented. For a complete academic overview and listings of academic programs, visit go.mu.edu/law-degrees.
Course Streams

**BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL LAW**
- Antitrust Law
- Business Associations
- Business Basics for Lawyers
- Business Planning
- Community and Economic Development
- Contract Drafting
- Corporate Criminal Liability
- Creditor-Debtor Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Negotiating Business Transactions
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation

**CRIMINAL PRACTICE**
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Practice
- Criminal Process
- Criminal Punishment
- Juvenile Law
- Prosecutor Clinic
- Public Defender Clinic
- Sentencing
- Terrorism and Federal Law
- Trial Advocacy

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION***
- Advanced Civil Procedure
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Civil Pretrial Practice
- International Conflict Resolution
- Interviewing and Counseling
- Mediation Advocacy
- Negotiation
- Trial Advocacy

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**
- Administrative Law
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Law and Policy
- Land Use Planning
- Natural Resources
- Real Estate Transactions
- Water Technology Law and Policy

**ESTATE PLANNING**
- Business Associations
- Employee Benefits
- Estate Planning
- Federal Income Taxation
- Federal Taxation of Estates, Gifts, and Trusts
- Interviewing and Counseling

**FAMILY LAW**
- Adoption
- Child Abuse
- Child Maltreatment
- Family Law
- Guardian ad Litem
- Juvenile Law
- Negotiation
- Parent, Child, and State

**HEALTH LAW**
- Employee Benefits
- Health Care Fraud and Abuse
- Health Care Provider Liability
- Health Law
- Managed Health Care
- Mental Health Law

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**
- Copyrights
- Corporate Compliance
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Intellectual Property
- Internet Law
- Law and Entrepreneurship
- Patent and Trade Secret Law
- Patent Prosecution and Evaluation
- Privacy
- Trademarks and Unfair Competition

**INTERNATIONAL LAW**
- The Foreign Affairs Constitution
- Immigration Law
- International Conflict Resolution
- International Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Military Law

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW**
- Arbitration
- Employee Benefits
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Labor Law
- Professional Sports Law
- Workers’ Compensation

**LEGAL WRITING AND RESEARCH**
- Advanced Brief Writing
- Advanced Legal Research courses:
  - Business Law
  - Criminal Law
  - Family Law
  - International Law
  - Labor and Employment Law
  - Sports Law
  - Taxation
- Appellate Writing and Advocacy
- Contract Drafting
- Drafting the Wisconsin Real Estate Transaction

**LITIGATION***
- Advanced Civil Procedure
- Appellate Writing and Advocacy
- Civil Pretrial Practice
- Criminal Process
- Federal Courts
- Guardian ad Litem
- Insurance
- Remedies
- Trial Advocacy 1 and 2 – Civil and Criminal

**PUBLIC INTEREST LAW**
- Community and Economic Development Law
- Guardian ad Litem
- Immigration Law
- Law and Urban Poverty
- Mental Health Law
- Milwaukee Street Law Project
- Nonprofit Law and Organizations

**PUBLIC LAW**
- Administrative Law
- American Legal History
- Aviation Law
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Constitutional Law 2: Speech and Equality
- Federal Courts
- Federal Indian Law
- Judging and the Judicial Process
- Law and Religion
- Legislation
- Local Government Law
- Military Law
- The Supreme Court
- Terrorism and Federal Law

*Certificate program available
Part time

If you need to balance other major responsibilities with your dream of studying law, Marquette makes it possible through our part-time option. Daytime courses constitute your highly structured 1L year, with more flexible scheduling as you move through the program.

YEAR 1

Fall Courses
Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research 1
and 1 or 2 of the following:
Contracts
Criminal Law
Torts

Spring Courses
Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research 2
and 1 or 2 of the following:
Civil Procedure
Constitutional Law
Property

YEAR 2

Fall Courses
Remaining 1L Fall course requirements
Elective

Spring Courses
Remaining 1L Spring course requirements
Elective

Summer courses (optional)
Elective(s) or required course(s)

Joint degrees

Dual-degree programs enable you to combine legal studies with the mastery of other related disciplines.

J.D. / M.B.A.
J.D. / M.B.A. in Sports Business
J.D. / M.A. in Political Science
J.D. / M.A. in International Affairs
J.D. / M.A. in Social and Applied Philosophy
J.D. / M.A. in the History of Philosophy

Marquette offers more courses and internships in SPORTS LAW than any other law school in the nation.
What do you want from your law school experience?

A path to pursue my passion

Maybe you knew your destiny was to work in collegiate athletics since you could run, swim, or dunk. Perhaps your inner environmentalist is calling on you to help protect the Great Lakes. Or you’re certain your future is in litigation, holding forth in the courtroom for your client’s defense.

Marquette offers outstanding opportunities to specialize, whether it’s through additional certification, industry concentration, or gaining expertise in a given legal process, such as alternative dispute resolution. If you’re unsure of your direction, that’s easy: Just keep an open mind and try everything. With the variety of courses and real-world experience Marquette has to offer, you may be surprised to discover a passion you didn’t know you had.

“As soon as I discovered Marquette’s Sports Law program, I knew that was where I needed to be. I was drawn in by the breadth of the course offerings, but also, the faculty are incredibly interested in you and your specific interests. They are always giving suggestions or helping you make connections. Marquette provided so much access to alumni and people actually working in the industry. They would come in for lunches or for panel discussions about how they were using the skills they had acquired at Marquette. I’ve gone back to the school a few times now to talk about my current job and how the Sports Law program helped me get here. I took advantage of the networking, and I’m happy to be able to return that because I think it’s important.”

— Sarah Padove
CLASS OF 2012
Senior Coordinator, Softball Development at Major League Baseball, New York

Gets a kick out of: Seeing fans in Major League Baseball team apparel because she helps legalize logo use
What do you want from your law school experience?

Innovative classes taught by experts

Today’s law students demand relevant education to stay competitive in an ever-changing economy. That’s why complacency has no place in our curriculum.

We offer innovative, newer programs and we also continually adapt our legacy programs to prepare our students for the current job market. Our Water Law program has grown along with the sector’s opportunities, particularly in Milwaukee. Corporate law may be as old as litigation, but as legal needs shift to the transactional work of small businesses and startups, so has our program’s focus.

To keep ahead of the curve, we recruit and retain some of the most recognized academics in their fields. They bring the expertise and the passion to take students in uncharted and often eye-opening directions.

“Our Dispute Resolution program has a committed, full-time faculty, and we treat dispute resolution as a practical process area that everybody needs to learn. That’s the reality of legal practice: Whether you’re in litigation or transactional work, you’re going to be negotiating, and these days, mediation and arbitration are often the processes of choice. Students appreciate that these skills are immediately applicable, and they can see that they are also important life skills.”

— Andrea Schneider
PROFESSOR OF LAW AND DIRECTOR, DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

CONFLICT UP CLOSE

Andrea Schneider prefers to show, not tell. She’s taken entire International Conflict Resolution classes to Europe, Israel, and Cuba to study the finer points of international disputes. “The approach is unique in that we do all of the background learning here, and then we drop ourselves in for an intensive week of learning in a totally different culture,” she says. “When you are there on the ground, you can realize all sorts of nuances and complexities in a dispute, beyond what’s in the newspaper. It’s an experience that makes us more sophisticated and more empathetic when dealing with our own clients and those on the other side.”
“As students begin to recognize the growing career opportunities in the water sector, the interest in our program continues to increase. Since we established our initial Water Law curriculum in 2009, Milwaukee’s position as a leading water hub has gained even more momentum. Marquette University President Michael Lovell has also made water a key priority throughout the university. The Law School is advancing that leadership with the expansion of our course sequence in Water Law to a real center for study, exploration, discussion, and education concerning water issues on a variety of fronts, not only for students but for the greater community.”

— David Strifling
DIRECTOR, WATER LAW AND POLICY INITIATIVE

THE FRESH COAST

Milwaukee is a recognized international leader in freshwater research and technology. In early 2016, Marquette University became a tenant at the city’s Global Water Center, a technology and business incubator that houses water-related research facilities for universities, existing water-related companies, and accelerator space for emerging companies. The center was founded by The Water Council, whose mission is to align the regional freshwater research community with water-related industries to help solve the world’s water problems.

OVER 200 ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WISCONSIN WATER TECHNOLOGY CLUSTER

Source: The Water Council
What do you want from your law school experience?

Professors invested in my success

Our professors are, first and foremost, here for our students. That responsibility includes training them to become successful lawyers, but at Marquette, there’s much more to the job. Those who choose to teach here do so because of their passion for bringing out the best in each and every student. Their doors are always open to students who seek mentoring not only in academics, but also in life.

CARE FOR THE WHOLE PERSON

The Latin term is *cura personalis*, and it’s a hallmark of Jesuit education that we take very seriously at Marquette. Mindful that each student is “more than just a mind,” we respect each person’s unique circumstances, concerns, gifts, and insights. “*Cura personalis* is more of an ethos than a specific checklist,” says Chad Oldfather, professor of law. “But it influences just about everything we do.”

“Our faculty members prioritize their roles as teachers and professional models. I’m quite confident in their commitment, in part because it’s something we continually hear about from our students. Personally, I try to emphasize my approachability and work to break down walls between the students and me. I may be old enough to be their parent, but I get it, because I remember what it was like in school when someone with the title of ‘professor’ seemed scary and intimidating. I certainly don’t want to be that.”

— Chad Oldfather
PROFESSOR OF LAW
GIVING COUNSEL

“Law is an achievable set of skills, and every one of our students has the ability to attain them,” says Kali Murray, professor and co-director of the Intellectual Property program. “It might take more effort for some, and I feel it’s my job to help them think through strategies they can personally use to succeed.”

To her first-year property students, she gives ungraded midterm assessments to help diagnose their areas for improvement. Then she meets with them one on one for structured counseling sessions.

She’s equally willing to counsel students outside of her classes, should they struggle with outline structure, exam preparation, or even their general self-confidence. “As faculty, we work very hard to support and care for our students,” she says. “If students don’t have access to support, they can disengage from law school. We work hard to not have that happen.”

“All of my professors have been willing to sit down with me to chat about my professional development, how to become academically successful, and even just to get to know me as an individual.”

— Khatija Choudhry
Read more about Khatija ▶ p.17

“The professors here encourage our reaching out any time we have questions — school related, career related, or otherwise. They are interested in our lives beyond our legal education and seem excited to see us succeed.”

— Joshua Bernstein
Class of 2020
What do you want from your law school experience?

Supportive classmates

Forget the myth of law students spending three years in sheer survival mode, navigating a cutthroat environment. The Marquette culture is one of camaraderie. Everyone here — faculty, staff, and your fellow students — is invested in your success. You’ll find approachable professors whose doors are always open, seasoned students who mentor you throughout the first year, and fellow classmates who are willing to collaborate, compare notes, and even egg you on with a little friendly competition.

80% OF 1L STUDENTS TAKE PART IN ASP* AND SSP*

*Our academic success programs where upper-level students help 1L students master course content, strengthen study skills, learn exam preparation strategies, and more.

“The culture at Marquette is extremely open, welcoming, and helpful — it is easy to see that everyone wants you to succeed. Although there is an inherent level of competition in law school, students are always willing to help each other. With ASP and SSP, there is no shortage of support and assistance from classmates.”

— Andre Johnson
CLASS OF 2020

Second family: The Black Law Students Association
“After touring multiple schools and hearing from my peers at other institutions, I have come to realize that Marquette’s community is one of a kind. The Law School is filled with brilliant students from whom I have the pleasure of learning every day. Everyone is working hard to achieve their goals, but we never mind stopping to help one another.”

— Khatija Choudhry
CLASS OF 2019

**Involvement:** ASP and SSP leader, Alternative Dispute Resolution Society, Asian American Law Student Society
WORK HERE

FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES | PRIVATE LAW FIRMS
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS | FEDERAL COURTHOUSE
COUNTY COURTHOUSE | GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

“I wanted to pick a firm in a place where I could spend my whole career. I found that in Milwaukee. There’s complex, diverse, and excellent legal work here, yet it’s a small, close-knit legal community.”

— Steven Kruzel
CLASS OF 2014
Read more about Steven  p. 30
Jessica Delgado
CLASS OF 2019

THE RIGHT CONNECTIONS

Texas native Jessica Delgado fell in love with Wisconsin during a visit to her sister-in-law’s family home in suburban Milwaukee. “I liked that it was a little colder,” she says, and was fascinated by seeing snow for the first time. She set her sights on attending law school in Wisconsin and ultimately chose Marquette.

Both the school and the city have proven a perfect fit, and Delgado has found the Milwaukee legal community friendly and welcoming. She quickly forged professional connections while volunteering through the Law School’s Office of Public Service, leading to two summer internships that align with her interests and leverage her bilingual skills.

Living in a city with so many activities to enjoy — she particularly loves the many cultural and music festivals — helps Delgado remember that there is life outside of law school. Her favorite destinations are just a short walk or drive from her apartment in one of the city’s liveliest neighborhoods.

“Milwaukee has a charm to it that some of the other cities I’ve been to just don’t have,” Delgado says. “I can definitely see myself living here long term.”
What do you want from your law school experience?

A vibrant city and legal community

Marquette is the only law school in the Milwaukee metro area (and in all of Southeastern Wisconsin). Being the only game in a town with such a robust legal industry has its privileges. Our students truly have the legal community’s support, which goes a long way when it comes to building a professional network and applying for those coveted internships.

To all of the advantages this city offers you as a law student, you can add another: As a major metropolis, Milwaukee has all the big-city culture and cosmopolitan cache you’d expect, yet it’s so friendly. Don’t be surprised if you never want to leave.

100 FESTIVALS

From May to October, Milwaukee’s festival season celebrates food, beer, ethnic heritages, and, of course, music.
“Milwaukee has a charm to it that some of the other cities I’ve been to just don’t have. I can definitely see myself living here long term.”

— Jessica Delgado, CLASS OF 2019

Read more about Jessica  ➤  p. 19
What do you want from your law school experience?

Practical, real-world experience

Marquette offers its law students more than 75 different clinics, judicial internships, and supervised fieldwork program externships that take full advantage of the school’s proximity to and relationship with courts, prosecution and defense agencies, and a host of governmental and public interest organizations. These practical, hands-on programs are varied enough to offer something for everyone, and consistently more than 70 percent of students from each law school class complete at least one experience.

CLINICS

Wisconsin state statutes permit Marquette Law School students to practice law under an approved supervising lawyer in a number of legal clinics, including prosecutor and public defender clinics, clinics in unemployment compensation and mediation, and our newest clinic in law and entrepreneurship — the first program in Milwaukee to offer free legal services to startup businesses and entrepreneurs, with a focus on clients who cannot afford qualified legal counsel.

JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS IN THE CIRCUIT AND FEDERAL COURTS

Available with judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit, Wisconsin Supreme Court, Wisconsin Court of Appeals I and II, federal trial courts, and Milwaukee County Circuit Courts, these research- and writing-intensive internships offer valuable insight into civil and criminal litigation and appellate law.

SUPERVISED FIELDWORK/EXTERNSHIPS WITH GOVERNMENT AND NONPROFIT LEGAL SERVICE AGENCIES

Marquette students can work in a practice setting outside of school in an area of interest such as health care, immigration, tax, labor, family law, and more. Politically inclined students may be drawn to opportunities in the offices of state legislators, the Wisconsin governor’s office, or our Washington, D.C., Initiative, which supports student internships with a variety of organizations in the nation’s capital.

Newer opportunities that extend student experience in environmental and water law include those with Midwest Environmental Advocates and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District.

MORE THAN

400

INTERNSHIP POSITIONS AVAILABLE ANNUALLY

(Supply exceeds demand — 271 internships completed in 2017)

126

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SUPERVISED FIELDWORK* POSITIONS IN 2017 AT

47

SITES

*The largest component of the Law School’s internship programming

PREPARE
CASER FOR TRIAL BEFORE THE U.S. TAX COURT

ASSIST
ASSIST JUVENILE PUBLIC DEFENDERS WITH PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL ADVOCACY

TRY
A JURY CASE FOR THE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Charles Sharman  
CLASS OF 2015  
Associate, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Houston

EXPANDING HORIZONS

A Texas native from a family of lawyers, Charles Sharman knew Wisconsin from childhood trips to the Northwoods with his grandmother. That compelled him to consider Marquette when he was seeking a Jesuit law school, even though he had never lived anywhere but Texas. “I decided to try something different,” he says.

That openness to new experiences led to his involvement with Marquette’s Black Law Student Association. “I learned quite a bit and made a lot of friends,” Sharman says. He was part of a BLSA mock trial team that traveled to a regional competition.

“Marquette provides a lot of hands-on, practical training,” adds Sharman. He participated in Mediation Clinic, which provides a window into real-life, small claims disputes in a court just two blocks from the Law School. “My experience mediating in small claims court was pretty eye opening.”
Brittany Kachingwe
CLASS OF 2014
Assistant District Attorney, Milwaukee County

THE APPEAL OF MOOT COURT

Brittany Kachingwe came to Marquette from Iowa to pursue sports law. But when she walked into Appellate Writing and Advocacy at the beginning of her 2L year, she “physically, metaphorically, and literally fell in love with appellate litigation,” and by extension, moot court. Pouring “blood, sweat, and tears” into her appellate court brief and oral argument, she clinched a spot in Marquette’s Jenkins Honors Moot Court Competition and eventually made it to the finals. As a 3L, she was the Associate Justice of Intramural Competition, writing the competition problem and helping to run the competition weekend.

“I gained confidence in my writing ability and my oral argument skills that has helped me succeed as a practicing attorney,” she says.

As a student, Kachingwe took full advantage of Marquette’s variety of clinical education options, completing two internships — at the Wisconsin Court of Appeals and the Sheboygan County District Attorney’s Office — and an externship at the Wisconsin Department of Justice. “Those experiences were the most instrumental in helping me choose my path and advance my career.”

Even as a practicing attorney, Kachingwe has continued her involvement with the Jenkins Honors Moot Court Competition. She has graded briefs, judged competitions, and coached teams.
Beyond the classroom

To be prepared to practice law, law students need to practice what they are learning. Marquette provides a long list of opportunities for hands-on experiences, in school and in the field. In fact, these are a key component of our curriculum, and the best way to learn how the law works in real life.

MOOT COURT

Students interested in moot court first hone their brief-writing and oral-argument skills in the fall Appellate Writing and Advocacy course. The top 16 to 20 performers may compete in the Jenkins Honors Moot Court Competition hosted by the Law School. Marquette students also compete in regional and national moot court competitions.

CLIENT SKILLS COMPETITIONS

These intramural, regional, and national competitions focus on the dispute resolution process, enabling students to apply classroom concepts and develop fundamental skills relevant to any practice area. In cooperation with the American Bar Association, the Wisconsin State Bar, and other organizations, an all-student board administers competitions in client counseling, negotiation, representation in mediation, transactional lawyering, and more.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops provide more hands-on experience at practicing law in a given area of interest. Additionally, students can choose from more than 15 capstone experiences — that is, advanced courses that mix doctrine with the practical lawyering skills needed to practice in that area of law. With course titles that include Criminal Practice, Energy Law, Mental Health Law, and Patent Prosecution and Evaluation, you’re bound to find a workshop that appeals to you.
What do you want from your law school experience?

The opportunity to make a difference

Marquette University’s motto is Be The Difference. A key part of the Law School’s mission is to foster a commitment to service among our students and encourage them to contribute to social justice long after they graduate. Our Office of Public Service coordinates opportunities for students, faculty, and alumni to practice legal skills in ways that serve those with barriers to accessing the justice system. Our assistant dean for public service and her team oversee the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics and other pro bono projects designed for involvement of busy law students and lawyers. The Law School recognizes top student volunteers with induction into the Pro Bono Society.

DOING GOOD, TOGETHER

The need for free legal services far outweighs their availability, and Marquette’s volunteer legal clinics exist to create more access to justice. They also provide our students with unparalleled opportunities for learning and networking. “We have about 300 volunteer lawyers who work at our pro bono clinics — from sole practitioners to those working for the biggest firms in town — with whom our students work one-on-one,” says Angela Schultz, assistant dean for public service. “The networking opportunity for law students doing pro bono work can’t be overstated. Pairing up with a volunteer lawyer to provide a public service to a client in need is an easy and fulfilling way to build a professional relationship in a low-pressure setting. What is a better networking opportunity than that?”

NEARLY 70% OF MARQUETTE STUDENTS VOLUNTEER FOR PRO BONO WORK, COMPLETING APPROXIMATELY 10,000 HOURS OF SERVICE EACH YEAR TO HELP 5,000 MARQUETTE VOLUNTEER LEGAL CLINIC CLIENTS, PLUS OTHERS

“Marquette is unique in the wide range of practical experience we provide for students, even in the 1L year, through our pro bono offerings. These opportunities expose students to a variety of areas of law. Students see classroom concepts come to life and sometimes discover new areas of interest.”

—— Angela Schultz
ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE
Even 1L students can serve their community at one of four volunteer legal clinics.

Marquette’s Mobile Legal Clinic visits isolated neighborhoods and has won numerous innovation awards.
What do you want from your law school experience?

The right connections

Whether you come to law school knowing very few lawyers or hundreds, we’ll make sure you leave here with a broad professional network that will be invaluable throughout your career. We invite the legal community to the Law School on a regular basis, hosting speaker events and receptions. Your professors are glad to connect you with anyone they know you should meet. And, of course, you share a special bond — of shared culture, of a desire to use law as a force for good in the world — with other Marquette lawyers.

“I. Alen Lagazo
CLASS OF 2018
Compliance Counsel
CNH Industrial,
Greater Chicago Area

“Each fall, Marquette hosts a networking reception celebrating diversity in the legal profession. In attendance are private practitioners from big to solo law firms, in-house attorneys, professors, and federal and state court judges who are all willing to talk with students and offer ongoing guidance. Right away in my first year, I met lawyers who mentored and helped me plan my classes and internship experiences to align with my career goals. These connections have been valuable to me, and I look forward to networking with and helping law students now and in the future.”

Community commitment:
Hopes to leverage his background in immigration and asylum law to help immigrants and refugees
Meeting of minds

At the heart of Eckstein Hall is Zilber Forum, a place to convene and connect. In addition to hosting networking receptions and other Law School events, it has become known as a space that’s wide open to all points of view.

Any given week in the forum, you’re likely to hear discussions aimed at solving society’s toughest problems — particularly those that affect Milwaukee and other urban areas. You might catch a debate between political candidates, a discussion with a judge about violent crime, or a candid conversation about urban poverty moderated by Mike Gousha, distinguished fellow in law and public policy, for his popular speaker series, On the Issues.

The Lubar Center for Public Policy Research and Civic Education was created in 2017 to extend the Law School’s engagement in public policy research and civic education through a variety of initiatives. A key example is the Milwaukee Area Project, which examines regional conditions, public policy, and public opinion on a variety of interrelated topics and applies data analysis to develop an integrated picture of the region.
Help finding a job

Whatever you’re looking to do after law school, Marquette will help you get there. Our Career Planning Center professionals get to know you as an individual, remember your specific situation and goals, and work closely with you on your resume, cover letters, and interviewing prowess. You’ll get guidance on structuring your classes and fieldwork in a way that can give you a competitive edge. And at every turn, you’ll be making key connections with alumni and practicing attorneys in your field of choice.

“As a 1L, I worked extensively with career services because prior to law school, I never had a job in the corporate sector, and certainly never one in the legal field. I got incredible coaching from career services on the interview process, which was completely different than anything I had ever done. I did so many mock interviews, they were probably like, ‘You’ve had enough practice, now get out of here!’ They were also such a valuable resource when I had to choose a law firm. They knew me so well, and as a result, they could really say with confidence, ‘Quarles is the right choice for you.’”

— Steven Kruzel
CLASS OF 2014
Associate, Labor and Employment Practice
Quarles & Brady LLP, Milwaukee

Both sides: Interned at MillerCoors during law school, and now provides them with legal counsel as part of his job at the law firm
“I came to Marquette intending to work in New York City or Dallas, Texas, so I started meeting with the Career Planning Center as a 1L. The career planning administrators were fantastic. They helped me polish my resume, draft cover letters, and look for internships and jobs. Through on-campus interviewing, I obtained an internship with the West Allis City Attorney’s Office (just outside Milwaukee). This internship gave me trial experience that helped my resume stand out when I applied to be an assistant district attorney at the New York County District Attorney’s Office in New York City, a position I discovered via the Career Planning Center.”

—Taylor Brisco
CLASS OF 2019
Assistant District Attorney at New York County District Attorney’s Office, New York

Still loves: Sports law, which originally drew her to Marquette (she served as editor-in-chief of the Marquette Sports Law Review in her 3L year)

RAISING THE BAR
Wisconsin has the diploma privilege—meaning that Marquette Law School graduates who meet course requirements and character standards can be licensed for practice without taking the state bar exam. For those who need to prep for another state’s bar exam, Marquette offers intensive preparation in the form of a class called Bar Essay Writing as well as a Bar Prep Boot Camp and a Bar Prep TWEN page.

“The boot camp is very helpful,” says Taylor Brisco, who knew she’d be taking the storied New York bar exam. “There are also weekly meetings, practice questions, and mock exams.”

The boot camp was added to respond to student demand. “The administration adapts so well to what students need,” Brisco says. “They want students to do well in other states.”

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