### THE DIFFERENCE DEFINES US



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"Liberty and justice for all" is a noble objective, and it will be your responsibility as an aspiring lawyer to live up to it.

That's where the Marquette difference shines through. Our Jesuit roots inspire us to value people as people, regardless of their place in society — and to go the extra mile in caring for each person.

The values instilled in you throughout your time at Marquette University Law School will go far to mold you into a practicing attorney versed not only in legal expertise, but also compassion, fairness, and the ability to walk a mile in the footsteps of your future clients.



"Marquette Law School is a profound experience, and the connections I've developed with the people on this journey with me are incredibly special. They're friendships that I hope to have forever."

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Kendall Means, Class of 2023

At Marquette University Law School, our commitment is to your legal education and to you as a person. We embrace the Jesuit principle, often heard at Marquette, of *cura personalis*: care for the individual person. Your intellect and learning are important attributes. Yet your character, insight, and spirit will also be further shaped by your law school experience. 1

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Here at Marquette, we provide a rigorous classroom experience, extraordinary clinical and professional opportunities in the real world where lawyers work, and countless occasions to develop both personal and professional relationships. In short, you will find a community that will embrace and empower you as you form yourself into a Marquette lawyer.

**Joseph D. Kearney** Dean and Professor of Law

LAW SCHOOL

#### PATHS TO PURSUE YOUR PASSION

#### **COURSE STREAMS:**

**Business and Commercial Law Criminal Law Dispute Resolution Environmental Law Estate Planning Family Law Health Law Intellectual Property** and Technology Law International Law Labor and Employment Law Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research Litigation **Public Interest Law Public Law Real Estate Law Sports Law** Taxation Water Law

# **PURSUE** THE DIFFERENCE

# At Marquette, the difference begins with broad knowledge.

Our intellectual curiosity powers our drive to take legal studies to new heights. Not simply for the sake of our institution, but for the advancement of a justice system that works harder to serve those impacted by it, from clients and lawyers to anyone who has a stake in a fair outcome.

Our academic experience will prepare you for a rewarding legal career. A strong emphasis on litigation, transactional work, and alternative dispute resolution will give you the tools you need to succeed in any legal discipline you choose.

#### **AN ESSENTIAL FOUNDATION: LEGAL WRITING**

Your ability to use words as a tool will be integral to your work as a lawyer, whether you're composing a memo, creating compelling arguments, or drafting contracts.

Marquette legal writing faculty, partnered with law librarians, work to ensure that all Marquette law students graduate with outstanding analysis, writing, and research skills. All of our legal writing faculty have a decade or more of experience in the discipline. You can expect individualized attention that makes it easier for you to hone essential competencies and boost your legal writing abilities.

An advanced legal research (ALR) course in a topic of your choice will further solidify your skills. Taught by a Marquette law librarian, ALR topics cover a variety of practice areas, including business law, criminal law, family law, federal law, intellectual property, sports law, and Wisconsin law.



"Law is an achievable set of skills, and every one of our students has the ability to attain them. I feelit's my job to help them think through strategies they can use to succeed."

Kali Murray Professor of Law

#### **SKILLED PROFESSORS PREPPING YOU FOR SUCCESS**

Study under professors accomplished in their fields and genuinely interested in your advancement. With years of experience, they're among your best resources when it comes to wrestling with complex legal doctrine.

You can rely on our professors to prepare you with the foundational knowledge and fundamental skills that make an excellent lawyer. Our program immerses you in the facts, case law, and legal theory you need to know, as well as the core abilities — research, legal writing, oral advocacy, negotiation — that will get you ready to practice.

#### LEADING-EDGE PROGRAMS AND AN EVOLVING CURRICULUM

Studying at Marquette Law opens many career paths for you and lets you explore and follow your interests. We offer multifaceted opportunities to specialize, whether it's through our course streams, additional certification, or gaining experience in an internship or a workshop.

Here are just a few examples of the innovative areas of practice you will find:

**WATER LAW** – focuses on securing, allocating, managing, and adjudicating water rights

**SPORTS LAW** – focuses on many specialized areas of law and how they combine to govern the complexities of the sports industry

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE** – focuses on training students how to support victims and communities in the process of healing from the effects of crime



"Faculty and staff have provided candid career advice which has helped me immensely in my job search. Their support helped me earn a coveted summer associate position at Greenberg Traurig (Chicago office), from whom I also received an offer to join the firm as an associate attorney upon graduation."

Jeremy Fernando, Class of 2023

#### **MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS**

Our Ignatian heritage teaches us to lead through help and service to others.

"We must work not only for fairness toward particular individuals but also to eradicate structures that make unjust actions and situations possible."

**Rev. Gregory J. O'Meara, S.J.** Associate Professor of Law

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY



#### Networking that happens naturally

Everyday life in Eckstein Hall provides casual opportunities to get to know your professors and your peers. And the close relationships you form will serve you not just during your time in law school but throughout your career.



You'll spend a lot of time here, so lockers give you a place to stash everything from books to workout gear.





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Settle in to study with a great cup of coffee and delicious snack n our cafe.







Open architecture fosters interaction and idea exchange among students and with faculty.



#### **STAY FULLY ENGAGED**

Deepen relationships and get involved in causes and topics that are important to you in our 30+ student organizations. They cover a wide range, including the Student Bar Association, the Association for Women Lawyers, the Business Law Society, the Organization for Student Wellbeing, and the First Generation Professionals, to name a few.





over 75% of 2022 graduates

participated in at least one internship



"Each of my internship experiences put me in the room with important people and organizations. While Marquette Law School put me in prime positions to establish these connections, it also offered courses that prepared me well to work in the federal government."

**Pierson Furnish,** Class of 2021 Personal Aide and Legislative Correspondent, Washington, D.C. "My internship experiences have allowed me to apply the knowledge I learned in class to real cases and court proceedings. In my first internship, I practiced my legal writing and research by assisting in drafting decisions on motions for pending cases, some of which have been published. In the second, I had a chance to represent the State of Wisconsin in court proceedings and argue for the protection of my community."

Abigail Kincheloe, Class of 2023



# **EXPERIENCE** THE DIFFERENCE

### Learn, work — and get ahead

At Marquette, there are plenty of opportunities to take learning outside the classroom and put your legal skills to work. In fact, we offer more than 75 different clinics, judicial internships, and supervised fieldwork program externships. Since we're the only law school in the Milwaukee metro area (and in all of southeastern Wisconsin), you'll have a distinct advantage when it comes to building a professional network and securing coveted internships.

#### **CLINICS**

Wisconsin state statutes permit Marquette law students to practice law under an approved supervising attorney in a number of legal clinics, including prosecutor and public defender clinics, clinics in unemployment compensation and mediation, and entrepreneurship.

#### JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS IN LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL COURTS

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

#### SUPERVISED FIELDWORK/EXTERNSHIPS WITH GOVERNMENT AND NONPROFIT LEGAL SERVICE AGENCIES

These opportunities allow you to work in a practice setting in areas such as health care, immigration, tax, labor law, family law, and many more.



STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN CLIENT SKILLS COMPETITIONS EVERY YEAR



"From moot court, I learned three valuable lessons: First, consider your argument from every angle possible. Second, be the most prepared person in the room and you'll never feel like you failed. Third, you can persuade someone with just your words, and that can be very powerful."

Julie Leary, Class of 2020 Attorney, Cannon & Dunphy, Milwaukee, WI Marquette Moot Court Coach

### **BUILD PROFICIENCY TO BOOST YOUR CAREER**

Marquette lawyers are leaders in their communities, known for professional expertise and practical skills. Earning that reputation begins with multiple hands-on experiences while you are a student. They're a key component of your legal education.

#### **MOOT COURT**

Deepen your writing and oral advocacy skills with Marquette's moot court program, a simulation of appellate court. Students interested in moot court hone these skills in the Appellate Writing and Advocacy course, where they compete for a spot in the annual intramural Jenkins Honors Moot Court Competition held at the Law School. Marquette students also compete in regional and national moot court competitions.

#### **CLIENT SKILLS COMPETITIONS**

Practice negotiation, arbitration, mediation, and client counseling skills in these friendly contests that take place at regional and national levels.

#### **WORKSHOPS**

Workshops are advanced courses that mix doctrine with skill-building in a specific area and provide real-world experience. Choose from more than 15 options.





### Pro bono opportunities

Some 300 Marquette students set aside study and free time every year to serve those who need legal help but can't afford it. It's a win for both students and the community. You gain knowledge that boosts your career — and have the privilege of helping others improve their lives.

#### WORK ALONGSIDE ATTORNEYS AT THE MARQUETTE VOLUNTEER LEGAL CLINICS

- Work with people facing small claims, evictions, and bankruptcy issues
- Navigate family law matters including divorce, child support, and paternity
- Complete expungement and pardon paperwork
- Assist small businesses and nonprofits with entity formation, tax, and real estate issues

"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

### **10,000** HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK

Typically, our students contribute over 10,000 hours per year to our volunteer legal clinics and other pro bono programs. Nearly 70% of students participate annually.

### **CROSS EXAMINATION**

Whether it's a quick question after class, a deep discussion about a legal concept, or just some personal advice, Marquette professors are here for students. Your faculty will know you — and they delight in supporting you during your time as a student and throughout your career.

What do you think makes Marquette Law School stand out?

**GRACE D'SOUZA** 

Class of 2024

**Professor Grossman:** One way we stand out is our focus on practice-ready instruction. In class, we go beyond doctrine so students learn to do what a lawyer does, and experiences like pro bono and internships teach students to think and behave like lawyers.

*Grace:* Yes, I've seen the benefits of the practical approach play out in my internship. I feel equipped to tackle the job. What else makes Marquette unique?

**Professor Grossman:** A community that's genuinely invested in your success. We go the extra mile to support each other. As a faculty member, I love the privilege of helping students develop their identities as lawyers. It's very rewarding to know that you're preparing professionals who are going to go out and do a good job.

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Associate Dean

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Affairs and Professor of Law

# WELCOME TO THE FRESH COAST



Fiserv Forum is our home court for Marquette basketball. When the Golden Eagles aren't playing, you can catch a concert or take in a Bucks game.



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Milwaukee is on the shores of Lake Michigan — and the Marquette campus is just two miles from the lake. Beyond our many miles of beaches and trails, you will find world-class performing arts, high-profile professional and collegiate sports, both contemporary and traditional restaurants, breweries, and nightlife. You'll fall in love with Milwaukee.



## **LIVE** THE DIFFERENCE

What happens in your life and career after graduation is the ultimate difference in a Marquette Law School education.

Who you know will have an impact on where you go. Leverage our proximity to and relationship with courts, prosecution and defense agencies, law firms and corporations, and a host of governmental and public interest organizations to make valuable career connections. Faculty and staff will introduce you to many seasoned professionals, and our vast alumni network will provide colleagues to call on throughout your career.

#### **ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE BEST JOB FOR YOU**

The experienced staff at the Career Planning Center will offer you individualized attention and advising.

They'll support you in exploring and defining your personal career objectives, crafting job search strategies that complement those goals, developing and refining professional skills, and cultivating the relationships necessary for your job search success.

"Marquette's Career Planning Center (CPC) was a one-stop shop for getting my applications ready for on-campus internship interviews. As a first-year law student, I worked directly with CPC staff and attended all their formal training events. I can definitively say that the assistance I received from the CPC significantly contributed to receiving an internship offer. I accepted a position with Kohler Co. as a legal intern with their in-house Labor and Employment Team, which was an invaluable experience."

Philip Fons, Class of 2024

"The Career Planning Center (CPC) is so necessary for law students. When I started law school, I remember feeling out of place and like the odds were already stacked against me. Having the CPC there to educate me on what opportunities existed and what resources were available was very motivating. Not everyone enters law school on an equal playing field. During my time in law school, I felt like the CPC helped provide balance."

Jennifer Martinez, Class of 2022 Foley and Lardner, LLP, Milwaukee, WI

#### **PRACTICE WITHOUT TAKING THE BAR**

Graduates of ABA accredited law schools in Wisconsin (like Marquette) have diploma privilege, which means our graduates may be admitted to the practice of law in Wisconsin without taking a bar exam, as long as they receive a J.D. degree and meet character and fitness requirements.

If you plan to sit for a bar exam in another state, Marquette Law offers the guidance and resources to ensure you're well-prepared.

#### 94.7% EMPLOYMENT RATE FOR 2021 GRADUATES

Within 10 months of graduation; 99.0% of graduates reported.



### Apply today



Admission to Marquette Law School is comparative, competitive, and selective. No combination of undergraduate grade point average and Law School Admission Test score guarantees admission or denial. We review all applications for both qualitative and quantitative factors, including LSAT score and GPA; overall performance and nature and rigor of your course

work; letters of recommendation (as indicators of academic ability, moral character, and potential to contribute to the profession); special strengths and skills; community service; extracurricular activities; personal and professional accomplishments; and qualities that will enhance our diversity and enrich the experience we provide. Please see our most current class profile information at **go.mu.edu/law-class-profiles**.

Marquette University does not discriminate in any manner contrary to law or justice on the basis of race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, disability, veteran's status or national origin in its educational programs or activities, including employment and admissions. At the same time, Marquette cherishes its right and duty to seek and retain personnel who will make a positive contribution to its religious character, goals, and mission in order to enhance the Catholic, Jesuit tradition.

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.





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