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Our campus is a state-of-the-art center for study and collaboration—equipped to support your growth as a professional, designed to inspire you on that journey. It is also an emerging destination for the wider legal community to gather for professional meetings, conferences, speakers, even visiting sessions of the Connecticut Supreme Court. The law school is located on Quinnipiac University's beautiful North Haven Campus along with the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine and graduate programs from a variety of disciplines—a vibrant and connected academic community offering interprofessional opportunities.

Think of this book as your introduction to how we approach law school. It has all the facts and figures you need, but it also shows there will be many dimensions to your time at Quinnipiac University School of Law—and to your future life as a lawyer. You will find stories of recent graduates who are forging their paths, as well as the professors who taught and mentored them during their time here. You will learn about life both inside and outside of the classroom, and opportunities in the field. It's a **point-counterpoint** look at life at Quinnipiac Law and what distinguishes us from other law schools.





IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU.

IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT YOU.



Your time. Your effort. Your willingness to dive deep into the law, ask questions, hit dead ends, find a glimmer of light, emerge a better thinker—and a prepared lawyer.

It's about the law—the Constitution and its infinite interpretations. It's about the clients—understanding who they are and why they need you. By thinking fully about your clients, you will be the best lawyer you can be.

We educate the whole lawyer.

"Think like a lawyer, but feel like a human being." That's a quote from Dean Jennifer Gerarda Brown on what she sees as the goal for graduates of Quinnipiac Law. It is a philosophy centered around educating the "whole lawyer," which means law students should retain their personal values and sense of self while becoming skilled practitioners of the law.







Bring every part of yourself to Quinnipiac Law. All that you've learned, experienced, and been taught has shaped you. We will help find ways to deeply connect who you are with the professional you want to become, and the impact you can have on your clients and the world. Within this book, you will find stories of our students who have taken this approach to heart and found themselves in rewarding careers after graduation. We are excited to see where your journey as a lawyer will take you.

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→ Quinnipiac Law students have a stunning array of opportunities that challenge them to think like lawyers, testing themselves and building the capacity to meld knowledge, composure, and skill on behalf of clients. Among these are a slate of stellar competition teams with a national reputation for competitive excellence: Mock Trial, Moot Court, and Society for Dispute Resolution. Practice, preparation, teamwork, and talent—students bring all that and more as they immerse themselves in making the case across the region and around the country—learning the many dimensions of success, no matter the outcome.



BE YOURSELF.

BE A LAWYER.



You have experiences, viewpoints, and passions that are respected here. Bring your unique story with you.

The law is complex, nuanced, and ever-changing. To earn the distinction of "lawyer," you must know, respect, and honor the law.



Senior Refugee Officer U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Washington, DC

Julie Altimier learned firsthand about international human rights law during a Quinnipiac Law externship in South Africa with the country's Human Rights Commission. That experience helped her land a job with the U.S. Department of Justice, just outside Washington, D.C., which in turn led to her current post as a senior asylum officer with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Julie's job takes her to international locations where she conducts interviews of individuals applying to resettle in the United States. The role has enormous challenges and profound rewards, she says, and calls for respect across the board—for the system and for the individual. "It is a privilege being able to listen to what people have gone through," says Julie, speaking of her admiration for individuals determined to find a better life for themselves and their families despite difficult circumstances. "Just seeing the resiliency of the human spirit is the flip side of any challenge."

At Quinnipiac Law, she found the support and preparation she needed. "I left Quinnipiac confident that I had the skills necessary to successfully perform the job," she says simply. "QU taught me how to be a good lawyer."

Be the type of lawyer this world needs.

Lawyer—it is a title that carries weight, yet it also carries deep responsibilities. Who you are and what you stand for will define the lawyer you will be. At Quinnipiac University School of Law, we are focused on finding your interests and seeing how to translate them into your career. With true passion, you can represent clients, work to advance social justice, impact legislation, fight for those without a voice, and help businesses succeed and communities flourish. So find your inspiration and you will find your path to becoming a lawyer.











INHALE.

EXHALE.



Take it in. The courtroom is full. A jury sits to one side. Your opposition sits across from you, and the judge sits in front.

You are prepared for the moments ahead. You have studied and dug deep into the issues. You are ready.





Prepare to be immersed:

Opportunities to build your professional expertise begin as soon as you step through the door of our School of Law.

Connecticut's student-practice rule

Connecticut is one of a small group of states that allows supervised law students to represent real clients after only two semesters—as early as the summer after your 1L year. The bottom line? More potential experience by the time you graduate.

Practical experience: guaranteed

Every student is guaranteed participation in at least one of our clinics or externships, and many pursue more than one. If you are interested in gaining experience, you will.

Your professional network starts here

Our stunning campus is a center of activity for the region's legal community, which comes together to share knowledge and expertise with fellow attorneys and with our students. You will build your network and broaden your view.

Clinic Practice Areas
Make a powerful difference
in the lives of others
and learn valuable lessons
in real-world practice

48,000

Pro Bono Hours

Number of hours of direct legal services provided by the Civil Justice Clinic, Tax Clinic, and other Quinnipiac Law clinics over the past three years

350+

Externship Field Sites

One of the foremost ways to build realworld experience in corporations, government, nonprofits, and private practice 4

The Bridge to Practice series: four distinctive on-campus programs that build professional skill and agility

Foundations of Practice

ILs reflect on professional identity and explore foundational skills of legal practice in small, practitioner-led cohorts and large group sessions during this year-long course.

Gateway to Practice

Over 60 attorneys and judges come to campus to work with 1L students in this immersive twoday experience, creating mock law firms and tackling all aspects of a case for fictional clients.

Business and Financial Concepts Workshop

2Ls explore the financial considerations clients face during this intensive full-day session led by practitioners from business, government, and nonprofits.

Transition to Practice Workshop

3Ls and 4Ls dive into the business of law and the keys to running a successful practice with lawyers from different employment settings.

Competition Teams

Mock Trial Moot Court Society for Dispute Resolution

Our stellar teams have made a name for themselves competing against law students from across the country in both regional and national competitions.

Always Innovating

Our curriculum offerings expand to reflect emerging areas and in-demand opportunities. Case in point: our new concentration in Cybersecurity and Information Privacy.

See page 62 for a complete list of externship categories and clinic practice areas.





SCHOLAR. ESTEEMED PROFESSOR.

MENTOR. COLLEAGUE.



Faculty members at Quinnipiac Law are exceedingly accomplished, bringing diverse backgrounds and perspectives to every classroom.

Yet our faculty is extremely approachable. They build relationships that go beyond the classroom and become mentors for years to come.





"Professor Saxton works tirelessly to help his students achieve their highest potential. Anyone who wants to be a great writer should keep a copy of 'Saxton's Pet Peeves' in their desk drawer at all times!"

GRIFFIN KUTZNER '23

"I appreciate my time as a student of Professor Thomas—'JT.' He took the time to review practice exams paragraph by paragraph to ensure I understood how to answer a question, and he gave the same opportunity to all my classmates. Given his busy schedule, JT never rushed me or made me feel inadequate for not understanding immediately. He is kind, funny, and easy to talk to when you need help."

MAREESCA GORDON '24

"Judge Grossman bridges the gap between theory and practice, plain and simple. She is a fun and energetic professor who takes a personal interest in her students, drawing on her extensive experience as a litigator and judge to shape her students into the types of attorneys who will one day find success in the courtroom."

KEVIN BLACK '21





"Professor Feigenson brings a genuine spirit and passion for teaching to each class and meeting. During my first semester of law school, his support was invaluable—meeting with me regularly to discuss class concepts, providing individualized guidance, and challenging me to utilize different perspectives when analyzing the law."

JENNIFER GUZZARDI '23



JEREMY GUSTAFSON '25



"Professor Herbst's dynamic, caring, open, and engaging nature pushed me and everyone in our class to think beyond the immediacy and to consider the full implications of our reasoning. She forced us to expand our capacities in a kind and generous way."

MEGHAN DOYLE '23





An engaged professor:

listens supports shares plays to your strengths understands challenges has connections grabs coffee brings lessons to life answers text messages adapts takes the law seriously grows your network



CLOSE KNIT.

FAR REACHING.



You are embarking on a journey. You will pack a lifetime of questions and answers into your time at Quinnipiac Law. You'll look at the law—and the world—in ways you had never considered before. And the fascinating, accessible people who make up our law school community will challenge and support you along the way.

It is a community that looks out for one another—supports and accepts one another. It is a community that comes from all over the country and has an impact across the globe.

Become part of a community, not just a class.

Students seek out Quinnipiac University School of Law because of our standard of excellence and strong sense of community. Your future classmates will come from all over the country and will bring their own unique experiences and perspectives with them. And they will eventually become part of your professional network after graduation.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 30 student organizations, many focused on different areas of the law, will help you find peers with similar interests, who will become lifelong friends. You'll grow as a lawyer and a person.

American Constitution Society (ACS)
Asian Pacific American Law
Students Association (APALSA)
Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
Business Law Society
Cannabis Law Society
Christian Legal Society
Criminal Law Society
Family and Juvenile Law Society
Federalist Society
Health Law Society
Human Trafficking Prevention Project (HTPP)
Intellectual Property Law Society
International Human Rights

Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA) Latinx Law Student Association (LLSA) Military Law Society Mock Trial Society Moot Court Society National Lawyers Guild OutLaws (LGBTQ+ and allies) Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity Public Interest Law Project (PILP) QU Law Basketball QU Law Hockey QU Law Soccer QU Law Softball Quinnipiac Health Law Journal Quinnipiac Law Review Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal Society for Dispute Resolution (SDR) Sports and Entertainment Law Society Student Bar Association (SBA) Tax Law Society Trivia Club Women's Law Society Workplace Law Society



Law Society

Italian American Law Student

Association (IALSA)



"The professors are very supportive and

helpful with building connections. The

to know my peers and my professors,

small class structure helped with getting

which was important to me moving so far from home. The Quinnipiac community

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

is very encouraging."

Garrett Borden '24

PORTAGE, MICHIGAN

"At orientation, Dean Brown's words finished 1L year without. Law school is QU has been a good choice and a good fit for me."

Bridget Ertl'24

about being a team and supporting each other struck me. I have found friends and trusted colleagues that I could not have hard, moving to a new state is hard, but

Quinnipiac University

School of Law



QUEENS VILLAGE, NEW YORK

"We are a community of driven individuals who genuinely support each other despite the competitive nature of law school. The Black Law Students Association provided mentors, connections, and opportunities that I am beyond grateful for. Our community must be experienced to truly understand the power behind unity."

Why Quinnipiac?

In the last three years alone, our incoming students hailed from 28 states along with international locations. Our alumni can be found in 49 states, Washington, D.C., and abroad.



Dakota Flint '25 and Grace Flint '25

SPRING VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

"During orientation, we had a great opportunity to meet people from our own sections and others as well. Once we got into a classroom setting, those relationships helped foster others and really made the whole school feel like one big family. You never have to look very far to find amazing support."

Hunter Frenze '24

MONTROSE, COLORADO

"I was surprised by the large number of societies and organizations available to join at the law school. The location creates great opportunities for both outdoor and urban activities, from hiking in Sleeping Giant to the nightlife in New Haven. Quinnipiac is a welcoming community of fun and interesting people!"

Milo Cortese '25

AUSTIN, TEXAS

"The Quinnipiac community is really supportive. Law school is tough on you emotionally and I feel like the Quinnipiac community actually cares about my success. And the location is amazing because the major cities in the Northeast are so accessible. You can be in Boston or New York in under two hours. Connecticut itself is a really pretty place with great hiking!"

Saloni Naik '24

EDISON, NEW JERSEY

"Everyone is welcoming and understanding. The location, between two major cities and close to New Haven, is ideal for someone who wants the feel of living in a city without actually living in one. The guiet and scenery of the law school make long study sessions feel not as long!"

Kate Torres '25

DAYTON, NEVADA

"This is my first New England community, and I found a small college feel without compromising the value of networking or opportunity. The law school's social events were a wonderful way to get to know other students and faculty. Friendly faculty and peer mentors-I felt I could ask for advice without feeling intimidated."













Downtown New Haven

16 minutes by car

Play.

New Haven Lighthouse Point Park

Our law school community takes full advantage of dynamic New Haven, one of southern New England's liveliest centers for arts, dining, and entertainment. With a diverse music scene, acclaimed theaters, and a reputation as an adventurous dining destination, New Haven delivers. When the outdoors beckons, you can wander along the shoreline, rent a kayak, canoe, or stand up paddleboard, bike along miles of linear trail, or hike a nearby hill to catch a view of Long Island Sound. And when the road beckons, head in almost any direction for all that the Northeast offers—from the big cities of Boston and New York to the mountains of northern New England or the Atlantic beaches—all within easy reach of Quinnipiac Law.



Quinnipiac Law students (above) take a break from their studies at BAR in downtown New Haven. In a city where pizza is legendary, upstart BAR has earned plenty of buzz with wood-fired mashed potato pizza and live DJ nights. Along with great food, nightlife, and music venues, the New Haven area offers up a lively array of events, concerts, and festivals. Sometimes, though, a long run along a leafy trail (below) is just the thing—and there are plenty of those to be explored, too.





PASS THE BAR.

RAISE THE BAR.



You will be prepared for the exam of all exams. Our bar pass rate speaks to that. Your impact will go beyond an exam, or even your first job. We create lawyers whose impact will be felt for life.



Your story begins much like their stories.

They were once ILs, putting in long hours at the library and digging into Civil Procedure. Speak to a graduate of Quinnipiac University School of Law, and you will find a passionate, successful practitioner of law. But you won't find them in one particular area or limited by one discipline, because our alumni find themselves across the country, around the globe, and in the middle of all types of interesting careers. Here are just a few of our recent alumni success stories.



Thai Chhay '18

Deputy Assistant State's Attorney Division of Criminal Justice CT State's Attorney's Office Rocky Hill, CT

Thai Chhay's path to his role at the State's Attorney's Office included work as an Assistant Attorney in the state's newly formed Conviction Integrity Unit and as an assistant attorney general. As a refugee and military veteran whose own family survived genocide, though, his influences stretch much further. "Justice and humanitarianism should be universal concerns, perhaps the greatest values, in any society."

Thai says that Quinnipiac Law prepared him with skills an attorney needs to be successful. "I know I am using my education and my broad life experience to address fundamental societal and constitutional concerns in America."



Judicial Law Clerk Connecticut Supreme Court Hartford, CT

"It's been exciting to have the opportunity to be a part of our state judicial system in action," said Alexa Massad, completing her term as judicial law clerk to Connecticut Supreme Court Justice Andrew McDonald, where she researched nuances of the law and witnessed "the Court's contemplation of issues that haven't been addressed before."

In her role in the prestigious clerkship, Alexa also reviewed submissions of parties in legal proceedings, and wrote draft opinions for the state's highest court. She brings to the table considerable skills and experience, including as editor-in-chief of the Quinnipiac Law Review. "I am grateful for the opportunities, support, and overall experience that Quinnipiac Law provided me."







FACTS.

FIGURES.



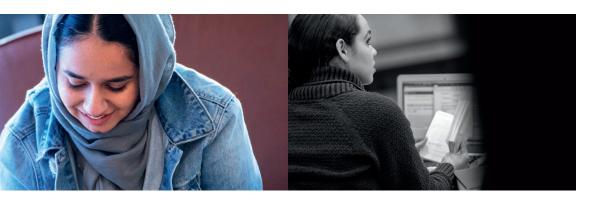
At the end of the day, our job is to make you the most prepared lawyer possible, and our bar pass rate, job placement rates, and student success reflect that.

The numbers tell the story, but just as important, our students continue to create their own unique impact on their field of study.

Our numbers are impressive, but you will never be a number; you will be a student of the law.



Data above as of August 9, 2023

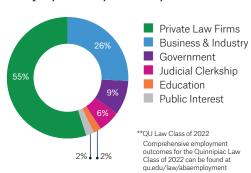


Employment Rate*

90%

*Percent of QU Law Class of 2022 graduates employed 10 months after graduation.

Employment by Industry**





Ultimate Bar Passage***

91.6%

***Percent of QU Law graduates who passed the bar within two years of graduation, per the American Bar Association (ABA).

Student/Faculty Ratio

6:1



JD/MSW (Master of Social Work) LLM in Health Law JD/MAPP* (Master of Animal

Protection Policy) JD/MCEP* (Master of Climate

and Environmental Policy JD/MERL* (Master of Energy Regulation & Law)

JD/MFALP* (Master of Food and Agricultural Law and Policy)

*with Vermont Law

Concentrations

Civil Advocacy & Dispute Resolution Criminal Law & Advocacy Cybersecurity & Information Privacy Family Law

Workplace Law

Externships Business Corporate Counsel Criminal Justice Employment & Labor **Environmental & Energy** Family & Juvenile Health Immigration Intellectual Property **Judicial** Legal Services Legislative Mediation Private Practice Probate Law Public Interest

Sports & Entertainment

Transactional Law

Tax

Criminal Prosecution Appellate Practice **Employment Law** Family Law

Human Trafficking Prevention Project Immigrants' Rights Policy

Immigration & Refugee Law Juvenile Justice

Mediation

Medical-Legal Partnership

Negotiation Prisoner Reentry

Prisoners' Rights Tax

Transgender Rights Veterans Advocacy

Veterans Benefits & Status Law

Women's Rights

Journals

Quinnipiac Law Review Health Law Journal Probate Law Journal

JD program offered full time and part time

Practical Impact

Working with individual clients and partnering with broad coalitions, Quinnipiac Law students have an impact tackling issues ranging from death penalty reform to gender identity protections.

Students helped to obtain the release of multiple women imprisoned at FCI Danbury after the Civil Justice Clinic filed habeas petitions in federal court, asserting that the women were being held in violation of the Due Process Clause and/or the First Step Act.

The work that students carry out in the **Human Trafficking Prevention Project** and Civil Justice Clinic involves training hotel and medical workers to identify victims of human trafficking—and what to do next.

Clinic students represented an immigrant victim of domestic violence by working with law enforcement to keep the client safe while they helped her obtain her visa without having to stay with her abusive spouse.

Mediation Clinic students successfully mediated a housing discrimination claim between a tenant and landlord and their respective attorneys.

In the Appellate Clinics, students research and write briefs and argue cases at the state Appellate and Supreme Courts. This year, students representing the State of Connecticut argued a murder case appeal, and handled a former death penalty capital case involving the murder of a Connecticut State Trooper.

> Legislative externs spent the spring semester in Hartford, working for the various lawyers at the state Capitol who support the work of the legislature. Students worked on drafting new laws such as **expanding mental health** services for youth, authorizing the new cannabis business, and providing more mediation for families seeking special education for their children.

Students have participated in the birth of a new legal concentration in Cybersecurity and Information **Privacy,** whether they are working with the Office of the Attorney General, healthcare companies or Password law firms representing business

Student externs at the Cold Case Unit of the State Attorney's Office examined witnesses at trial and otherwise functioned as a **key part** of the trial team on a case of first impression in Connecticut. They used genealogy DNA evidence to identify and convict a defendant of a series of sexual assaults committed in the 1980s.

One student working at the Office of the Attorney General's Environmental Unit assisted with a ground-breaking case, suing a major oil company for contributing to climate change.

Students in the Negotiation Clinic facilitated an agreement between two parties (one in the U.S. and one in Uganda) to develop a model for a non-punitive school system.

One student worked with the labor and employment unit for a major Connecticut city, helping with union negotiations and also handling discrimination claims at the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.



Great lawyers have questions. So ask us anything.

Admissions Information

Applicants aspiring to join our community must have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (or foreign equivalent) and have completed the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and writing sample. While past academic performance and LSAT scores are important aspects of an application, we also consider additional factors including (but not limited to): letters of recommendation; the clarity and quality of writing (throughout the entire application); advanced degrees; employment history; commitment to community service; experience navigating social, educational, physical, or economic challenges; moral character; academic growth and improving grades; rigor of undergraduate curriculum: extracurricular activities: distinctions/honors achieved; and life experience.

Quinnipiac Law accepts applications up until August I. We encourage applicants to apply as early as possible and suggest applications be submitted by early March for optimal fall admission and scholarship consideration.

We attempt to review applicants' files as soon as they are complete and to notify applicants of the Admissions Committee's decision as soon as possible. However, in an attempt to enroll the best possible class, many decisions are not finalized for the fall semester until March or April.

In addition to the full-time day program that begins each fall, we also offer fall enrollment for students who wish to study on a part-time basis in the evening. The part-time program typically takes four years to complete. Part-time students may transfer into the full-time program after successfully completing two semesters, potentially earning the JD degree in three years.

Learn more, or apply online:

law.qu.edu/admissions

For more information

Call the Office of Admissions: 203-582-3400 or email us at law@qu.edu

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Tuition for the 2023–2024 academic year is \$53,880 for full-time students and approximately \$37,600 for part-time students, based on an average of 10 credits per semester at \$1,880 per credit. Students incur additional expenses for housing, food, transportation, and books. Financial assistance is available to students through federal and private loans, scholarships, and Federal Work-Study. Approximately 90 percent of all enrolled students receive funding through these sources.

Dean's Fellows

Application deadline: February 1
Full-tuition scholarships
\$1,500 educational stipend
Opportunity for work as a faculty
research assistant
Special networking opportunities

Merit Scholarships

Applicants are automatically considered for various merit-based scholarships during the admissions process.

Awards range from \$5,000 to \$50,000

Financial Aid

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Our FAFSA federal school code is: 001402

Learn More

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Accreditations

American Bar Association
Member of the Association of American Law Schools







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