It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Willamette University College of Law, and to invite you to get to know us better. Established in 1883, we are the second-oldest law school in the West, and part of a small private university that is older than the state of Oregon itself.

AN INTIMATE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

At Willamette, we take pride in being one of the smaller law schools in the country. Most classes have fewer than 25 students, and those students get to know each other and their professors well. We have excellent nationally and internationally known scholars on our faculty, and what students appreciate is how accessible they are outside of class. Faculty members serve as valuable mentors to students throughout their time at Willamette and beyond.

LEARNING WHERE LAWS ARE MADE

Our campus sits directly across the street from the state Capitol. Our students have easy access to state agencies, courts and the Legislature for both traditional courses and for externships and in-house clinics. Most students gain some sort of real-world experience while in law school, and we offer many classes taught by leaders in the Oregon bar. At Willamette, you can learn statutory interpretation from a current justice of the Oregon Supreme Court or civil trial practice from one of the most experienced civil litigators in the state.

AN OUTSTANDING ALUMNI NETWORK

Because of our 130-year history, we have a hugely successful and far-reaching alumni network. Our alums include the governor of Washington, a U.S. Senator, counsel and deputy legal counsel for the governor of Oregon, a current justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, and the two most recent chief justices of Oregon. We also have countless alumni who are partners in prestigious law firms and businesses throughout the
Pacific Northwest, Northern California and overseas. Our alumni are very proud of their association with Willamette and actively mentor our students and recent graduates.

PRACTICE-READY EDUCATION

We offer a curriculum that prepares students for the practice of law and for leadership in business or government in the 21st century. A choice of electives in the first year helps students tailor their education to their own interests. In upper-level years, students can pursue certificates focusing on certain areas or participate in externships or in-house clinics that offer practical experience dealing with clients — including a full-time externship that allows students to spend an entire semester away from campus getting experience in the geographic location in which they hope to practice.

As a result of these programs and of our alumni network, our class of 2012 had the best placement success of all the law schools in Oregon and the second-best rate in the Pacific Northwest for jobs that either require or prefer the JD degree.

Of the 28 schools on the West Coast, we had the 7th-best placement rate. Of those schools, though, our tuition is among the lowest.

AN ENViable LOCATION

Finally, our campus is in beautiful Salem, Oregon, which is in the heart of wine country and a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Situated close to the Pacific coast and the Cascade Mountains, Salem offers world-class recreational opportunities including hiking, biking, skiing, fishing, golf and boating of all kinds. The cost of living is very affordable, and Portland’s cultural amenities are less than an hour away.

We encourage you to get to know us better. If you can, come visit. I think you will see why Willamette is such a special place.

Warmest regards,

Curtis Bridgeman
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For 130 years, Willamette University College of Law has prepared students for a life spent mastering the law.

Willamette’s learning environment is distinctive among law schools. We are committed to the pursuit of academic and professional excellence and to providing a supportive environment that maximizes each student’s unique potential.

We emphasize small enrollment, excellence in teaching and a high level of faculty-student interaction. Our student-faculty ratio is about 13 to 1. Our select enrollment of fewer than 400 students creates an intellectual intimacy unmatched by most law schools in the United States.

Willamette’s law school has a rich and diverse curriculum. Specialized certificate programs in Law and Business, Law and Government, Sustainability Law, Dispute Resolution and International and Comparative Law underscore the strong academic foundation we provide and help distinguish Willamette students from other law school graduates.

In addition, students gain important practical skills training through intensive trial practice and targeted externships. Students also acquire real-world experience working with clients in the Clinical Law Program. These programs provide students with an insider’s view into the lawmaking process and valuable hands-on experience in the practice of law.

Willamette law students should expect to be challenged, to defend their opinions, to think and rethink their ideas, and to graduate with a heightened respect for themselves and confidence in what they can do. Guided by a highly gifted and dedicated faculty, our students leave the school well equipped to become notable leaders in their chosen fields.

Graduates of the College of Law serve the profession and their communities with honor and distinction throughout the United States — on the bench and the bar, in state and national government, in Fortune 500 corporations, and in nonprofit agencies. Equally important, they proudly uphold the Willamette tradition of being dedicated public servants, leaders of the bar and good citizens.
5 REASONS TO COME TO WILLAMETTE

Intimate Learning Environment
Connected to Government
Alumni Network
Practice-Ready Education
Enviable Location
an **intimate learning** environment

**PERSONALIZED INSTRUCTION**

Unlike other law schools, many of which seem to believe bigger is better, Willamette is a small school dedicated to nurturing its students in a learning environment that fosters rather than discourages collaboration. This is in keeping with Willamette University as a whole, which is proud of and faithful to its 179-year history as a university that places students at the center of its mission. Three quarters of all courses taken in the second and third years of law school have 19 or fewer students. Many have fewer than 10 students. As a result, students work closely with faculty members and fellow students. Education at Willamette is rigorous, but it is never impersonal.

Willamette’s distinctive approach to legal education and our belief that the best lawyers are individually trained, not mass produced, create a different type of law student and a different type of law school. Professors are not inaccessible, aloof figures you only see standing at a lectern in a lecture hall; rather, they interact with students regularly outside of class and become lifelong mentors, both academically and professionally, to their students. Fellow students are colleagues rather than competitors. The small class sizes have the feel of seminars or workshops, which provides students with the opportunity to develop their critical thinking skills and powers of persuasion. As a result, upon graduation, Willamette law students join a community of alumni who value one another as friends and fellow professionals.

**Willamette keeps classes small to ensure effective faculty-student interaction and an intimate learning environment.**

Throughout the last 10 years, a notable 31 percent of law classes had fewer than 10 students, 22 percent of classes had fewer than 20 students, and 15 percent of classes had fewer than 25 students.
Located just steps away from the Oregon Capitol and Supreme Court, Willamette offers students the opportunity not just to study the law, but to work with the actual individuals engaged in making the law and even to participate in the lawmaking process as students. Lawmakers, judges, and public officials regularly come to campus to speak to students, and several officials — including a current Oregon Supreme Court justice and two former chief justices — teach courses at the law school.

Willamette’s proximity to state government — an advantage that cannot be matched anywhere else in the region — also provides students with a unique ability to work with state officials while pursuing their studies. Students can do externships, including part-time and full-time externships for a semester, at the Legislature, Supreme Court, or Oregon Department of Justice, among other places. And far from being passive observers, students actively participate in the creation of law. Several students have served in leadership roles in the Oregon Legislature while attending law school, and the Oregon Law Commission, housed at Willamette, allows students to draft new legislation that is submitted to the Legislature. No wonder that so many positions of power and leadership are filled with graduates of the College of Law.

“I love that Willamette is right across the street from the state Capitol and I have lots of access to people who work there. I have more networking opportunities than if I’d gone to a bigger school in a bigger city.”

MAE LEE BROWNING, 3L
From the leading law firms on the West Coast, to the halls of power in state capitols, to the corporate boardrooms of international businesses, Willamette law alumni are prominent leaders in their fields of work, both throughout the nation and across the globe. Founded in 1883, Willamette was graduating lawyers for decades before many of the other law schools on the West Coast were even established. As a result, graduating from Willamette means more than just receiving a degree; it means joining a large and ever-growing community of alumni who occupy positions of leadership in law, business, and politics. These alumni feel a special bond with Willamette and work to help each other and current students achieve professional success throughout their lives.

The size and prestige of Willamette’s alumni network pays immediate dividends to current law students. Alumni are active participants in the school’s mentorship program, which links students in their first weeks as law students with an alumnus in the area in which the students intend to practice. Alumni also take an active interest in ensuring that students find a rewarding job after they graduate. The results speak for themselves: For the class of 2012, the most recent one for which data is available, Willamette outperformed the other Oregon law schools in attaining employment nine months after graduation for jobs in which a JD is either required or an advantage. That is the second-best record of any school in the Pacific Northwest, and seventh-best record of any of the 28 schools on the West Coast.

“Looking back, I know that I benefited as a person, a lawyer and a judge from a Willamette legal education.”

PAUL J. DE MUNIZ JD’75

PAUL J. DE MUNIZ JD’75 is the former chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court and teaches a judicial writing class at Willamette, in which students draft opinions for the Oregon appellate courts. Having spent more than two decades on the bench, De Muniz is a leading voice for sustainable court funding, the importance of state courts in America, and reforming the judicial election system.
SUNG YANG JD’01 is a director, corporate counsel in the Law & Corporate Affairs Department at Starbucks Coffee Company. At law school he served on Willamette Law Review and was a member of the Multicultural Law Students Association. Yang worked for Davis Wright Tremaine, one of the Pacific Northwest’s most prominent law firms, directly after graduation. He also worked as an in-house attorney for Expeditors International of Washington, Inc., a Fortune 500 global logistics company based in Seattle. At Starbucks, Yang’s responsibilities range from supporting business personnel with high-value commercial agreements to complex business alliances.

“Willamette breeds a level of camaraderie you may not see at a school with a thousand graduates every year. The circle is kind of special.”

SUNG YANG JD’01

MICHAEL WASHINGTON JD’87 is a senior assistant attorney general in the Trial Division/Civil Litigation Section of the Oregon Department of Justice. He previously served as the chair of the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision and was the board’s longest-serving member. Washington also was a Senior Assistant Attorney General for the Oregon Appellate Division and was a prosecutor in Multnomah County directly out of law school.

“There are a lot of people in the Legislature and on the courts who are Willamette grads. They will look at a Willamette student a little more closely than students coming from other law schools because they have that history with Willamette.”

MICHAEL WASHINGTON JD’87
Willamette was among the first law schools in the nation to incorporate skills training into its curriculum, and we remain a leader today. More than 60 years ago, Willamette established the first legal aid clinic in the West. Today, Willamette students have a large menu of in-house clinical courses from which to choose ranging from the business clinic to the international human rights clinic and more. In addition, students also have access to a wide selection of practical skills courses, many of which are taught by current practitioners. Civil Trial Practice, a course in which students engage in a real trial simulation, is taught by a practicing litigator who has handled more than 200 civil trials. Pre-Trial Civil Litigation is taught by a former chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, and Oregon Criminal Procedure and Practice is taught by yet another former chief justice, who did groundbreaking criminal defense work before becoming a justice.

Last but not least, through the school’s externship program, students may work with a practicing attorney, learning first-hand how to practice law today. Because of Willamette’s location in the state capital and its close proximity to the business hub of Portland, there are many part-time externships available while students take traditional classes. The full-time option allows students to take advantage of the many externship opportunities across the country, enabling students who wish to practice outside the Pacific Northwest to begin building their professional connections there before they even graduate.

STEVE WYNNE ’74, JD’77 is executive vice president of Moda Health, a broad-based health insurance provider. In his long career, Wynne has been vice president of global marketing for JELD-WEN, one of the world’s largest manufacturers of windows, doors, millwork and specialty products; a co-founder of the Portland law firm Ater Wynne LLP, ranked by U.S. News and World Report as a top law firm in Portland; and former CEO of Adidas America. Wynne sits on the boards of several corporations, including FLIR Systems, JELD-WEN and Pendleton Woolen Mills. Wynne also is chairman of Willamette University’s Board of Trustees.

“The value of a law degree at Willamette is that you have an opportunity to build a skill set that suits your particular aspirations, but at the same time you can explore a number of different things to find out what you really like.”

STEVE WYNNE ’74, JD’77
When you’re ready to go out on your own, you’ll have plenty of support from Willamette. The law school offers a class that covers the nuts and bolts of opening a practice, which aided ERIC MCCLENDON, MICHAEL OWENS JR., AIDAN MELIA and RICHARD MCBREEN — all from the Class of 2010 — who opened their own law firm in Portland. They’ve become so successful that they’ve been invited back to lecture in the very class they took on how to build a law practice, and they recently took their first pro bono case.

“All the lawyers we talked to said, ‘this could be your destiny.’ It was a conscious decision.”
MICHAEL V. OWENS JR. JD’10

“You get more experience faster because you have the opportunity to do everything.”
AIDAN C. MELIA JD’10

“Coming out of Willamette, I had more practical knowledge of how to hit the ground running than people who went to other law schools. If you want to be a lawyer and want to help solve problems, Willamette is right up there.”
TIM SNIDER JD’03
Litigation partner, Stoel Rives
practice-ready education
INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS
practice-ready education

LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Willamette prepares today’s students to become tomorrow’s leaders. Graduates have gone on to become governors, senators, representatives, judges and mayors. From Paul J. De Muniz JD’75, who served as chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court from 2006 to 2012; to Jay Inslee JD’76, the current governor of Washington; to Lisa Murkowski JD’85, a U.S. senator from Alaska, our alumni serve in positions of power and leadership across the Northwest and beyond.

Located directly across the street from the Oregon Legislature, Oregon Supreme Court, and various state agencies, Willamette makes the most of its connection to state government, enabling students to learn from and work closely with judges, legislators and executive officials during their time at the school. Students are able to take advantage of and become involved in a variety of government-oriented programs at the school, such as the Oregon Law Commission, a public-private partnership between the state Legislature and Willamette, the Center for Constitutional Government, and the Center for Religion, Law and Democracy.

For students especially interested in public service, Willamette offers a Certificate Program in Law and Government. Through personalized and rigorous training, certificate students develop a deep understanding of the legal structure and lawmaking processes of national, state and local government institutions. In addition, the Law and Government clinic, one of the school’s in-house legal clinics, allows students to work closely with Department of Justice attorneys on pending cases involving the State of Oregon. Meanwhile, through its externship program, students are able to work closely with Supreme Court justices, legislators, district attorneys or public defenders, or agency officials, either part-time while taking classes, or — for those students interested in an intensive experience — full-time for a semester.

Coupled with its strong network of alumni in top positions of government, politics and the judicial system, these programs prepare graduates for a career in public service or politics.

ANGELA WILHELMS JD’13 didn’t just study law at Willamette; she lived it. Throughout her time at the law school, Wilhelms was chief of staff for the Republican co-speaker of the Oregon House. Wilhelms drew praise for her behind-the-scenes work on legislation in the politically split Legislature in 2012.

VIRGINIA LINDER JD’80 was the first woman in Oregon to win a contested election for an open seat on the Oregon Supreme Court. She has served as the Oregon solicitor general, who is the chief appellate lawyer for the state; and as a judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals. Currently she serves on the Oregon Supreme Court. While at Willamette she clerked for the Appellate Division of the Oregon Department of Justice and handled about 50 appeals, all while she was still a student.
“In law school I learned how important context and history are, especially Court of Appeals and Supreme Court decisions. I would never be the U.S. Attorney if I hadn’t gone to Willamette.”

AMANDA MARSHALL JD’95

AMANDA MARSHALL JD’95 is Oregon’s U.S. Attorney, overseeing the prosecution of all federal crimes and civil matters on behalf of the United States. Prior to her appointment as U.S. Attorney, she worked for the Oregon Department of Justice for 10 years as an assistant attorney general and attorney in charge of the Child Advocacy Section, representing the Department of Human Services/Child Welfare. She also worked as a deputy district attorney in Coos County for five years, prosecuting a variety of cases — from property crimes to murder — and overseeing the Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit.

As a student at Willamette, she served as the tribal court clerk for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

“I could have gone to a number of places, but in the end I decided to go to Willamette. You’re going to get the solid legal education to do anything you really want to do.”

MARCI ELLSWORTH ’93, JD’03
Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Western District of Washington

“I chose Willamette primarily for its location in the seat of government. I knew I wanted to be around the workings of government, and that choice has directed my career.”

VIRGINIA LINDER JD’80
LAW AND BUSINESS

Willamette takes seriously the preparation of lawyers ready to perform the sophisticated legal work demanded in today’s increasingly globalized business world. Many of Willamette’s graduates go on to successful careers in law firms throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond, representing commercial enterprises of all sizes, from Fortune 100 companies to small technology start-ups. Some graduates go on to become in-house counsel at multinational corporations like Boeing, Nike and the Starbucks Coffee Company, while others become entrepreneurs or business executives themselves.

The Certificate Program in Law and Business provides Willamette law students with the knowledge and skills to become outstanding business lawyers. Our program offers a unique, integrated approach to the study of business law. The program exposes students to a wide range of legal disciplines and provides them with the tools necessary to advise today’s increasingly demanding business clients. Students are encouraged to take

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

Graduates of the Joint Degree Program receive a JD from Willamette’s College of Law and an MBA from Willamette’s Atkinson Graduate School of Management. The program enables students interested in business law to earn two professional degrees in four years rather than in the usual five. The Joint Degree Program requires 120 semester hours of coursework. At least 72 semester hours of coursework must be completed at the College of Law. During the first two years, students complete one academic year in each school. Students may begin the program at either school. During the third and fourth years, two-thirds of a student’s courses are taken at the College of Law.

Willamette’s JD/MBA Joint Degree Program is accredited by the American Bar Association and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. For information about the MBA component of the program, contact the Atkinson Graduate School of Management’s admission office at 503-370-6167 or mba-admission@willamette.edu.
BRINTON SCOTT JD’95 is a Shanghai-based corporate commercial lawyer with Winston and Strawn LLP, a 1,000-member firm and the oldest one headquartered in Chicago. Scott has hired several Willamette students as externs and as summer clerks.

“The Willamette students I’ve had working for me have always been impressive. They’re willing to roll up their sleeves and do whatever it takes to get it done. Willamette is a very personal, hands-on school.”

BRINTON SCOTT JD’95

Courses developed by faculty from the College of Law and Atkinson Graduate School of Management explore the intersecting perspectives of lawyers and business executives on a wide range of issues. Students learn core business concepts such as organizational structure, corporate finance, risk management, taxation and business planning.

Electives enable students to explore a range of related topics such as intellectual property, antitrust, mergers and acquisitions, securities regulation, debtor-creditor issues, real estate, employment law, sales and leases, and international transactions.

Upon graduation, certificate holders are well-positioned to join the ranks of Willamette’s business lawyer alumni, providing clients with sound and effective legal advice or running a business themselves.

“The degrees I earn will open doors to the jobs I’m looking for, and the job experiences will set me apart from other applicants.”

TRAVIS HARRIS 3L
SUSTAINABILITY LAW

Willamette, a pioneer in its sustainability initiatives, believes that lawyers have a role in creating environmental and natural resources law and policy to sustain and protect our global resources and to ensure social justice for all. Our graduates help lead the nation and the world toward a more sustainable future by challenging the government on behalf of environmental groups fighting to preserve the country’s wild places and natural resources and by working with corporations to practice environmental stewardship.

The Certificate Program in Sustainable Environmental, Energy & Resources Law (SEER) places special emphasis on the role of the lawyer in formulating environmental and natural resources law and policy. The program’s full course of study was designed by the Willamette law faculty to be both comprehensive and intensive. Students enrolled in the SEER Certificate Program will receive a solid foundation in all areas of the law, but they also have the academic flexibility to specialize in specific areas related to sustainability and the environment. The program trains students to think about environmental issues in concrete ways and to translate broad legal theory into targeted public policy and litigation. The program also provides new insights into environmental, energy and natural resources law, with a keen focus on the long-term sustainability of our world.
RALPH BLOEMERS JD’98 founded the nonprofit Crag Law Center in 2001. It serves as a complete legal resource for conservation groups, allowing small groups to be represented on major issues such as old-growth timber sales, the federal designation of new wilderness and the Clean Water Act. While at Willamette, Bloemers did an externship at the environmental group 1000 Friends of Oregon and had a fellowship at The Nature Conservancy.

“I went to law school to do this, not just to make money. I couldn’t have dreamed it would turn out as well as it did, and that the community would respond the way it has.”

RALPH BLOEMERS JD’98
Situated in Oregon, a part of the Pacific Rim, Willamette is an ideal place to study international and comparative law. Willamette is the only law school in the Pacific Northwest with a comprehensive international law program. Our faculty are recognized globally for their research, publications and contributions to international and comparative law. They have prosecuted war criminals, taught at The Hague and have served as officers of the American Society of Comparative Law, the American Society of International Law, the International Association of Sports Law and the International Association of Legal Science. Dean Emeritus Symeon Symeonides is one of the world’s experts in conflicts of law and advises the European Union on law reform.

Willamette offers a Certificate in International and Comparative Law. A rich blend of coursework and practical training provides students with a foundation in the fundamentals of public international law and dispute resolution, international business transactions, comparative law and private international arbitration and litigation. The college’s partnership with the Atkinson Graduate School of Management, located next to the law school, gives law students access to international business courses. Students may participate in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Competition and edit the Willamette Journal of International Law and Dispute Resolution.

Opportunities for Study Abroad

One of the most effective ways to understand international legal issues is to be immersed in them. The College of Law offers three opportunities for study abroad, providing students with coursework and practical education to help prepare them for successful careers in national and international spheres.

East China University of Politics and Law
Shanghai, China

Established in 1984, Willamette’s month-long summer study is the oldest law school summer exchange program in China. The program provides six hours of transferable, ABA-approved credit. Classes are taught in English.
LLM IN TRANSNATIONAL LAW

Willamette offers an LLM in Transnational Law, combining the strengths of the school’s comprehensive curriculum in domestic law with its well-established international programs and transnational courses taught by internationally acclaimed scholars and teachers. Alumni of the program include established lawyers with thriving careers who have expertise in international business transactions, comparative law and public international law, among other subjects.

Non-U.S. lawyers have the opportunity to prepare for an American state bar exam where available.

Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador
Quito, Ecuador

Since 1995, the College of Law has administered a spring semester study program at the premier law school in Ecuador for second- and third-year law students. Courses are taught in Spanish.

Bucerius Law School
Hamburg, Germany

Created in 2002, this fall semester study program in Hamburg is the only ABA-approved semester program for legal instruction at a private law school in Europe. Courses are offered in English and German.

NATELLA SVISTUNOVA ’96, JD’00 is a Foreign Service officer for the U.S. State Department. Prior to her posting abroad, she worked at the Ater Wynne law firm and at Nautilus Inc.

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Willamette’s Center for Dispute Resolution was the first of its kind in the western United States. The center has earned numerous accolades since its founding in 1983 and is ranked among the top 10 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. The CDR faculty challenge students to respond in innovative ways to legal disputes.

The Certificate Program in Dispute Resolution trains students to enter the legal profession as dynamic thinkers and expert problem solvers. This specialized program of study provides a foundation in mediation and negotiation for all law students, but is particularly valuable to those interested in exploring problem solving, deal making and decision theory. Students develop vital expertise in negotiation, mediation, arbitration, trial process and conflict theory and learn important aspects of psychology, economics and other disciplines that bear on dispute resolution. They gain hands-on experience mediating real cases, designing dispute resolution strategies for organizations and producing scholarly works on conflict resolution.

“He’s just so respectful. Other coaches want to dismantle you and put you back together, and that’s painful. Everything he does is to build you.”
LINDSAY FREEDMAN JD’12
LLM IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION
Willamette offers an LLM in Dispute Resolution, giving students an advanced education in theory and practice in this fast-growing field. Courses include cross-cultural dispute resolution, mediation workshops and international arbitration. With hands-on experience, students mediate cases at circuit courts and take classes from some of the top dispute resolution scholars in the Pacific Northwest. Additionally, the Center for Dispute Resolution offers externship opportunities with local, national and international mediators.

“At Willamette there’s a real effort to connect the academic world with the world of practice. People like me are always willing to have students shadow us.”

SUSAN HAMMER JD’76

SUSAN HAMMER JD’76 was one of the first mediators in Oregon. She is a distinguished fellow in the International Academy of Mediators and has been recognized in Oregon Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America for alternative dispute resolution. Formerly a partner at Stoel Rives LLP, one of Portland’s largest law firms, she is one of the West Coast’s most sought-after commercial mediators.
Willamette’s Class of 2012, the most recent for which data is available, had the highest rate of graduates employed in long-term, full-time jobs within nine months of graduation of any law school in the Pacific Northwest. In addition, Willamette has more graduates from the Class of 2012 in jobs requiring a JD and in jobs where a JD is an advantage than any other law school in Oregon and the second-highest in the Pacific Northwest.

**CLASS OF 2012**

**79.2 PERCENT** of all graduates have a full-time, long-term job.

**72 PERCENT** of all graduates have full-time, long-term jobs or jobs that require a JD or in which a JD is an advantage.
ATTORNEY-STUDENT MENTOR PROGRAM

Willamette’s College of Law has one of the longest-running and most robust practitioner-student mentor programs in Oregon. Our Mentor Program pairs first-year students with more than 150 lawyers and judges in the region, who serve as mentors throughout the students’ three years of study at the College of Law. The program enables students to form a personal relationship with an active legal professional and gain invaluable advice on the practice of law.

The mentor relationship serves as the first building block in a rich network of connections students will make throughout their legal careers.

from incarceration back to the community. Numerous attorney practice panels and speakers round out the department’s career development offerings.

The Placement Office also works with employers for on-campus interviewing opportunities and sponsors a Northwest Public Service Career Fair in Portland and Seattle each year. Mock interviews with volunteer attorneys and Career Center coaches/advisors help students hone their interview skills.
clinics and externships

Willamette founded one of the first legal aid clinics in the West. Continuing that legacy today, Willamette’s outstanding Clinical Law Program provides students with the opportunity to learn how to practice law by representing real clients in actual legal cases and transactions while still a law student.

In addition to the law school’s highly regarded clinics in business law, family law and child advocacy, Willamette’s clinical law program is the only one in the state that offers clinics in international human rights, refugee law and asylum, state government, and trusts and estates. Willamette’s clinical law program houses all of its clinics on campus, which allows students to avoid having to commute to a distant legal office.

Willamette’s location at the heart of state government also creates unique opportunities for our students. Clinic students can work with an assistant attorney general from the Oregon Department of Justice. Moreover, students regularly handle cases in the Oregon Supreme Court, the Oregon Court of Appeals, and Marion County Circuit Court, all of which are within walking distance of the clinic offices.

PROFESSIONAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Besides learning theory, students at Willamette get direct exposure to a wide range of practice areas through the law school’s Externship Program. An externship is an opportunity for students to earn academic credit by working under the guidance of a practicing attorney or judge. The program allows a student to be exposed to different areas of practice or courts, learn an area of substantive law through practical application, develop professional lawyering skills, and build a direct understanding of a lawyer’s professional responsibility, commitment and identity. Students may enroll in part-time externships during the semester while taking other classes. They also can enroll in the full-time externship program in which they work full-time with a lawyer for the semester or the summer to receive the most intensive exposure to the real-world practice of law.

Willamette law students have worked in a variety of externships locally as well as across the United States. Placements include government agencies, private law firms, non-profit organizations — including human rights organizations — and local, state and federal trial and appellate courts. Whether serving as an extern with a legislator, a national corporation, a prestigious municipal bond firm or the local prosecuting attorney or legal aid office, the Externship Program encourages students to dream big and works with them to achieve their goals. The Externship Program is directed by the Career & Professional Development Center, and all law students are eligible to participate after completing their first year of law school.
DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

Willamette University College of Law’s JD program requires students to complete at least 90 hours of credit, 75 of which must be in letter-graded classes. Students also must have a 2.3 GPA to graduate. Recipients of Willamette University College of Law scholarships must maintain a 2.9 GPA to renew their annual scholarships.

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

Graduates of the Joint Degree Program receive a JD from Willamette’s College of Law and an MBA from Willamette’s Atkinson Graduate School of Management. The program enables students interested in business law to earn two degrees in four years rather than the usual five. Willamette’s JD/MBA Joint Degree Program is accredited by the American Bar Association and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. For information about the MBA component of the program, contact the Atkinson Graduate School of Management’s admission office at 503-370-6167 or mba-admission@willamette.edu.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Willamette offers four degree programs: the Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD); the Joint Degree Program, which enables students interested in business law to earn both a JD and an MBA in four years rather than the usual five; an LLM in Transnational Law; and an LLM in Dispute Resolution. An LLM is an advanced degree for students who have completed their law degree at an ABA-accredited American law school or its equivalent from a law school outside the United States.

The law school also offers a part-time day program for students who want to attend school and work at the same time. Candidates for this program must meet the same admission requirements as full-time students. They may take between eight and 12 credits per semester and pay approximately 75 percent of full-time tuition.

Additionally, students interested in earning bachelor’s and law degrees at the same time may enroll in one of the law school’s “3+3” programs. The programs, open to undergraduates at Willamette University and Oregon State University, allow qualified students to earn a bachelor’s of arts or science and a juris doctor in six years instead of the traditional seven. The “3+3” students must complete the same application as all law school candidates, but may do so during their junior year of college.
The College of Law is housed on the 60-acre campus of Willamette University in the Truman Wesley Collins Legal Center. The college is situated across the street from the state Capitol, the Oregon Supreme Court, the Oregon Court of Appeals and several state agencies.

The J.W. Long Law Library houses more than 300,000 volumes and microform equivalents include state and federal primary law sources, as well as the leading treatises, periodicals and other secondary sources vital to a full understanding of the law. The library, a Selective Federal Government Repository, houses special collections in public international law, tax law and labor law. Professional reference librarians are available to assist law students with legal research.

Within easy walking distance are the collections of Willamette University’s Mark O. Hatfield Library, which maintains a strong liberal arts and graduate business collection; the State of Oregon Law Library, which houses briefs of the Oregon Supreme Court and the Oregon Court of Appeals and contains rare historical Commonwealth materials; the Oregon State Library, the repository of state government documents; and the Oregon State Archives, which houses all historical Oregon legislative documents.

Both the Collins Legal Center and the law library are accessible to law students 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
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CAMPUS LIFE
— AND BEYOND

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

Willamette University has long been associated with the beginnings of law and government in the Pacific Northwest. In 1842, 17 years before Oregon became a state, Willamette University was established. Today, the university remains true to its founders’ spirit of discovery, renewal and innovation. It is a vibrant school, where the old coexists harmoniously with the new and where uncompromising integrity and hard work merge in the pursuit of academic excellence.

CAMPUS OFFERINGS

Law students may access all the facilities of Willamette University, including the dining commons, the Putnam University Center, the Willamette Store and an on-campus bistro. Rick’s Café on the ground floor of the law school offers items for breakfast and lunch. The Sparks Center houses a swimming pool, handball and racquetball courts, a weight room, gymnasiums and shower and locker facilities. The university’s Hallie Ford Museum of Art is the third-largest art museum in the state, and Smith Auditorium hosts regular performances of the Oregon Symphony in Salem. The Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center offers state-of-the-art acoustics for small performances of jazz, choral and chamber music, and recitals.

The university also hosts a wide range of intramural sports, cultural offerings, student organization activities, special events and lectures, as well as the camaraderie of 2,000 other Willamette students. In addition, the school provides numerous opportunities for law students to become involved in campus and community activities, such as charity events, legal education programs and pro bono projects.

COLM WILLIS, 2L, PART-TIME DAY PROGRAM

Willis has researched state tax policy as a U.S. Senate staffer and campaigned for candidates around the country. He attends Willamette while holding down a full-time job as director of Oregon Right to Life’s political action committee. “I really get the sense that every professor here wants me to succeed,” he says. “I have certain political views that not everyone shares, but it has been a super-loving, nice environment for me.”
LIFE IN SALEM

Law school at Willamette is about more than studying. Situated in the middle of wine country and a 90-minute drive from the ocean and the mountains, Salem offers all the amenities of a larger city but retains its hometown charm and affordability. Housing is varied and plentiful, with rents well below that of law schools in bigger cities.

This historic riverfront city is surrounded by award-winning vineyards and orchards that support countless wine and food festivals. Minto-Brown Island Park, with its 900 acres of open and wooded areas for jogging, biking, hiking and rollerblading is located near downtown Salem, and recreational opportunities such as kayaking, canoeing, fishing and rock climbing are only a short drive away. In the winter, Oregonians ski or hit the sun-filled Central Oregon high desert and go camping in temperatures that rarely climb above 80 degrees.

Metropolitan Portland, with its premier music and art venues, sports and world-class dining, is just 45 minutes to the north — close enough to indulge in diversions from law school but far enough to avoid the hassles of big-city living.

“I liked Salem and I still live here. The cost of living is lower than Portland. Willamette is conveniently located near the Capitol, the Oregon Supreme Court, and downtown Salem. During law school, I walked and biked everywhere, which was really nice.”

ALLISON BOOMER JD’09
Magistrate, Oregon Tax Court
Now that you’ve had a chance to read about Willamette’s innovative programs, inspiring faculty and great location, we highly encourage you to visit in person. We want you to learn as much as possible about the school and its faculty and staff.

You’ll see firsthand that Willamette offers a unique law school experience thanks to small class sizes, an intimate learning environment and a vibrant educational community. But we also want you to experience the countless intangibles that make Willamette such a special place to study law.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus. Talk with an admission representative about your goals and how we can help you achieve them. Meet the professors who will guide you toward a successful career in law. Tour the law school and get to know the supportive, helpful staff in the Office of Student Affairs and the Placement Office. Peruse the law library, take a walk along the stream that runs through campus and grab a latte, Italian soda and a snack at Rick’s Cafe. Chat with current law students and get the real scoop on life at the College of Law.

We look forward to the opportunity to meet you in person and provide you with much more than photos and testimonials. We’ll show you a picture of what your future holds as a student at Willamette University College of Law.

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TO PLAN A VISIT, just give us a call at 503-370-6282 or send an email to law-admission@willamette.edu.
THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Willamette University College of Law enrolls a small first-year law class with a wide range of career goals and backgrounds distinguished by academic achievements. Applicants are urged to apply as early as possible, preferably the fall prior to the year of intended enrollment. Applications are reviewed closely to ensure an informed and fair decision.

**When to Apply**

For best consideration, prospective students should apply by March 1, although if space is still available applicants are considered and accepted after that date.

**How to Apply**

To apply for admission to Willamette University College of Law, a candidate must complete the application process described here, register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). For more information, contact LSAC at LSAC.org, lsacinfo@lsac.org or 215-968-1001.

To apply to law school at Willamette University, go to the College of Law website at willamette.edu/wucl/admission. You will be automatically redirected to the LSAC site, which maintains an approved electronic-format application for Willamette University College of Law. The $50 application fee is waived for candidates who apply online.

**Additional Requirements for Joint Degree Students**

Applicants to the Joint Degree Program should apply to the College of Law and the Atkinson Graduate School of Management separately. Admission to one does not guarantee admission to the other. Students admitted to the Joint Degree Program who choose to start the program at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management should contact the College of Law Office of Admission to make special arrangements about the seat deposit and a special one-year deferment.

**Additional Requirements for International Applicants**

Willamette University welcomes applications from international students interested in admission to the JD program. Foreign nationals must meet a number of additional requirements. For a detailed list of these requirements and admission instructions, visit the law school’s website at willamette.edu/wucl/admission/apply/international.

**Admission as a Transfer or Visiting Student**

Detailed guidelines for applying can be found on the school’s website at willamette.edu/wucl/admission/apply/transfer.
EARLY DECISION

Willamette offers an Early Decision Admission Program. Individuals must submit a complete application, along with an Early Decision commitment letter, by Nov. 15. Early Decision applicants will be notified of a final admission decision no later than mid-December, and, if they are admitted through the program, applicants are guaranteed a scholarship award good for all three years of study at the law school as long as they remain in good academic standing. Willamette guarantees that all students awarded the Early Decision scholarship will never pay more — and in some cases may pay less — than the officially disclosed in-state tuition and fees charged by any of the public university law schools on the West Coast during their three years at Willamette. Individuals admitted through early decision must submit a deposit postmarked by Dec. 30 and withdraw from consideration at all other law schools.

Admission to BA/JD and 3+3 Programs

Eligibility requirements and application processes may be found at: willamette.edu/wucl/admission/apply/BAJD.

Applying to the LLM Program

Willamette’s College of Law offers an LLM in Transnational Law and an LLM in Dispute Resolution. An LLM is an advanced law degree available to those who have completed the JD at an ABA-accredited American law school or its equivalent from a foreign law school. For information on applying, visit willamette.edu/wucl/llm.

ADMISSION DECISIONS

The Admission Committee reviews each application to ensure the fair appraisal of candidates’ files. The committee is primarily interested in evidence of academic achievement. The decision to admit a student is based primarily on the strength of the candidate’s undergraduate work and performance on the LSAT, but maturity, leadership and character also should be evident. The committee expects to read a thoughtful, well-developed personal statement and values the insights provided in letters of reference.

For participants in the school’s Early Decision Program, notifications of admission decisions are mailed in early to mid-December. For applicants in the regular admissions cycle, Willamette uses a modified form of “rolling admission.” The overall strength of the application and the date of completion determine how quickly a candidate is notified of admission.

ADMITTED STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

• Admitted students are required to reserve their seats with a nonrefundable seat deposit, which is applied toward their tuition. Failure to submit deposits by the deadlines stated in the admission letter will result in a withdrawal of the offer of admission.
• Admitted applicants must send a sealed, official transcript to Willamette that confirms the receipt of an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution.
• Deferments for admitted candidates are considered on a case-by-case basis. Candidates must contact the College of Law Office of Admission for instructions regarding deferment requests and procedures.
AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION AT A PRIVATE LAW SCHOOL

Willamette University College of Law offers one of the best values in private legal education on the West Coast. We offer some of the most competitive scholarship packages in the region — which means our students graduate from a select, private law school with minimum debt.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AID

The fiscal stability of Willamette University enables the College of Law to offer a strong program of financial aid to its students. Merit-based financial aid is awarded by the College of Law in the form of scholarships. The Office of Financial Aid of Willamette University awards need-based aid in the form of loans and work-study monies. For information about financial aid from Willamette and from other sources such as the Oregon State Bar, visit the Financial Aid Office’s website at willamette.edu/wucl/admission/finaid.

TUITION AND EXPENSES

Estimated Expenses for the 2013–14 Academic Year*

Tuition ............................................ $36,210
Student Bar Association fee .............. $180
Estimated books ................................ $1,534
Total law school expenses ........... $37,924

Living expenses** .......................... $15,300
Health insurance*** ....................... $2,695
Total living expenses ................. $17,995

TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES ...... $55,919

*These charges are subject to change each academic year.

**Estimated living expenses include transportation and room and board during the nine-month academic year, based on the needs of a law student with no spouse, partner or dependents.

***The Willamette University-sponsored student health insurance is provided by Aetna. Full benefit information and information regarding how to waive student health insurance is available at willamette.edu/dept/health/insurance.
This viewbook was designed to give prospective students an accurate picture of the law school curriculum, faculty, environment and related subjects. Over the course of its shelf life, changes may be made to the curriculum, faculty and other important areas. Information about such changes will be disseminated to the public as appropriate. However, all provisions contained herein are subject to change without notice and do not constitute a contract or offer to contract with any person.

Willamette University is a diverse community that provides equal opportunity in employment, activities and academic programs. The university shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, marital status, veteran status and sexual orientation. Willamette is firmly committed to adhere to the letter and spirit of all federal and state equal opportunity and civil rights laws, including but not limited to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and their implementing regulations.

Willamette University complies with the Student-Right-to-Know Act, the Campus Security Act and Clery Act, the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). For information on who to contact with questions regarding the University’s compliance with these laws, contact the Office of Human Resources, Willamette University, 900 State St., Salem, OR 97301, 503-370-6210. Additional information can be attained from the Institutional Research and Planning Support website, willamette.edu/dept/ir, or by calling the Office of Institutional Research at 503-370-6017.

The security of all members of the campus community is a vital concern to Willamette University. Information regarding crime prevention advice, the law enforcement authority of the Office of Campus Safety, policies concerning the reporting of crimes that occur on campus, and crime statistics for the most recent three-year period may be viewed on Willamette University’s website at willamette.edu/dept/safety/security/; a paper copy can be requested from the Office of Admission, Willamette University, 900 State St., Salem, OR 97301.