

#### $\rightarrow$ POINT OF DISTINCTION

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. Here, Caitlin Murphy '20 makes her case during a Mock Trial competition in the law school's Ceremonial Courtroom. In spring 2020, Caitlin placed seventh out of 170 law students from 67 law schools across the country in the first National Online Trial Advocacy Competition, showing skill and professionalism as competitions pivoted to a virtual format.



### 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.













## 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 law center. Starting in your 2L year, you will be able to represent real clients through our externships and legal clinics, working under the guidance of a supervising attorney.

Connecticut's generous student-practice rule allows supervised law students to represent actual clients after their first year—gaining exceptional practical experience ahead of students in many other states. You will strengthen your skills, broaden your knowledge, and explore what it means to be part of the legal profession.

Throughout your Quinnipiac Law experience, you also will have the chance to engage with professionals from across the legal spectrum who visit our campus for panels, workshops, and conferences, building your network and expanding your worldview.

### **Professional Development**

You will learn early how attorneys and judges process the challenges of day-to-day practice through hands-on exercises, including Gateway to Practice, an immersive two-day experience for ILs. During the program, students work in mock law firms alongside practicing attorneys drawn from the ranks of the area's legal professionals, taking on all aspects of a case for a fictional client.

Our programs prepare you for the many dimensions of actual practice—and the complex situations faced by your future clients. No matter which area of the law you pursue, you will need to understand the financial drivers and challenges your clients face, and as a 2L you will get a grounding in business and financial literacy during Business Concepts Boot Camp. You can also explore the business and organizational aspects of the field during the Transition to Practice Workshop offered in the spring.

#### **Externships**

Your 2L year opens the door to externships, one of the foremost ways to build real-world experience. At Quinnipiac Law, you can choose from more than 350 externship field sites in

corporations, government, nonprofits, and private practice in a range of legal areas. During your externship, you might engage in a variety of practical skills and experiences, from working with in-house counsel at area corporations to interviewing witnesses and preparing trial strategy, from representing adults and children in alternative dispute resolution settings to assisting executive branch lawyers at the State Capitol.

### **Legal Clinics**

Starting as a 2L, you can also make a powerful difference in the lives of others—and learn invaluable lessons in real-world practice through work in our legal clinics, representing clients who otherwise may not be able to afford an attorney. Learn to gather and analyze evidence, prepare legal memoranda and briefs, testify at the state legislature, or argue before judges on behalf of clients working in our Civil Justice Clinic. Represent low- and moderateincome individuals in administrative and court proceedings before the IRS working in our Tax Clinic. In our Defense Appellate Clinic, you may represent indigent criminal defendants and argue appeals before the Connecticut Supreme Court.

#### **Competition Teams**

You will find challenging opportunities to test your abilities in competitive and collegial settings like those provided by our stellar competition teams, Mock Trial, Moot Court, and the Society for Dispute Resolution. Students who participate on these teams discover an extraordinary training ground for courtroom and collaborative skills as they compete against law students from around the country.

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 are extremely approachable. They build relationships that go beyond the classroom and become mentors for years to come.





"The first thing that stands out to me about Professor Saxton is how enthusiastic he is about teaching. He is incredibly knowledgeable excited about what he is teaching and dedicated to helping students pick up the material."

NICHOLLE MAILLE '20

"Professor Thomas welcomed me into the QU Law family a few days prior to orientation and I later found out he would be my Civil Procedure professor in the spring semester! He made learning civil procedure very practical and simple, incorporating various learning styles into his teaching process. He met with me on a weekly basis to go over the material, making sure I had the resources to succeed."

KAYDEEN MAITLAND '21

"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."

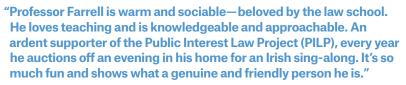
**KEVIN BLACK '21** 





"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



SARAH MARKHAM '21



"Not only did Professor Herbst help me learn the complex subject of Civil Procedure, but she always made time to talk outside of class—whether about a specific class topic, other interesting areas of law, career advice, or life generally."

NIKO DIMOPOULOS '21





### 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, interesting 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.

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

Students Association

Latinx Law Student Association (LLSA) Military Law Society Mock Trial Society Moot Court Society National Lawyers Guild, QU Chapter OutLaws (LGBTQ and allies) Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity Public Interest Law Project (PILP) 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

Jewish Law Society





BRONX, NEW YORK

"There were multiple moments throughout my first year that made Quinnipiac feel like home to me. One of the first times was when I met my mentors. their full support at orientation really put me at ease."

### Samantha Figueroa '21

Having upperclassmen be there to help me with whatever I needed and showing

Quinnipiac University

School of Law



"When I first stepped foot into the law

that I had in my mind. The Quinnipiac

one that has allowed me to make the

most out of law school."

library I was surprised by the similarity it shared with the ideal picture of law school

community is a close-knit and collaborative

Ryan Bentz '21 EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### **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 48 states, Washington, D.C., and abroad.



### Akua-Aferba Ashong '21

MICKLETON, NEW JERSEY

"It's a tight-knit family and there is a lot of support from peers and faculty. I was surprised at how the professors were so willing to help the students and really made themselves available whether it was during office hours, email, or by phone."

### Diana Lamb '21

Nathan Schaller '23

"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."

MINDEN. NEVADA

ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA

"Quinnipiac is located in a state and area that has so much history. It is a train ride from NYC and a lot of opportunities. Moving across the country was a big change, but the Quinnipiac community made me feel welcome on day one. The faculty and staff care about our success and are very supportive."

### Taylor Wilcox '20

AUBREY, TEXAS

"Quinnipiac Law instantly made me feel like family. I was so confident in my decision that I committed without ever seeing the campus or even visiting Connecticut. I have never regretted my decision. The faculty, the administrative offices, and the law school strive for excellence and encourage each of their students to achieve their potential."

### Meagan Corugedo '21

MIAMI, FLORIDA

"I went to the Admitted Student Open House and it felt like a perfect fit. The size of the school makes a perfect setting for really focusing in on the field. It's so welcoming, with so much to do and so many groups to join."

### Patrick Hoerle '21

ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

"Everyone is supportive of each other and really has an 'all for one and one for all' mindset. The amount of student-run groups gives a variety of experiences that students can try during their time at Quinnipiac."

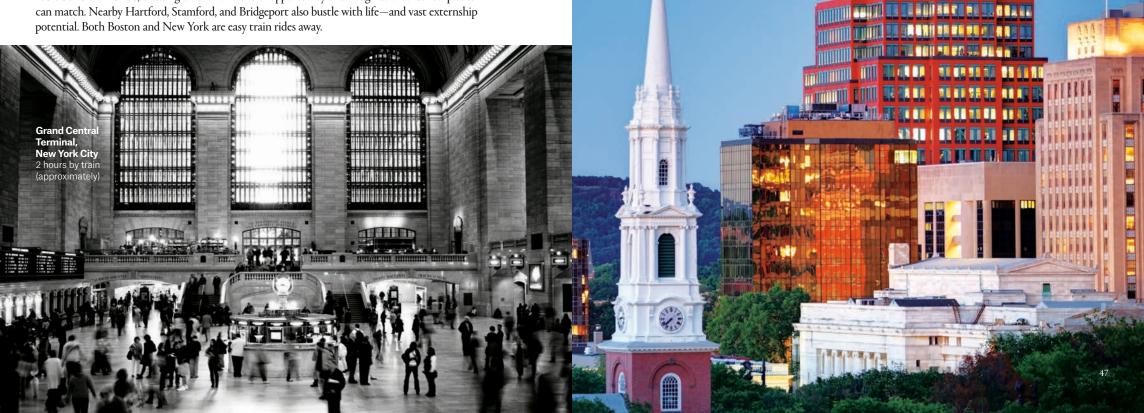












**Downtown New Haven** 

### 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 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.





### Stefan Savic '13

Co-founding Partner SavicFoley P.C., New York, NY

After growing up in Belgrade, Serbia, and attending Columbia University in New York, when it came time to find a law school, Stefan Savic wanted a place that could help him escape the grind of New York to focus on his studies. "I wanted to be somewhere still close to New York, but quiet enough so I wasn't distracted." Quinnipiac's surroundings worked for him, but it was the community that helped him grow into the lawyer he is today.

Stefan worked at a civil litigation firm in lower Manhattan after graduation, and later joined Shipkevich PLLC, a small boutique firm, bringing with him his expertise as a litigator and establishing a litigation department at the firm. Earlier this year, Stefan co-launched a new firm, SavicFoley, taking his career to the next level.

"Quinnipiac taught me the practical ways of how to run a firm, deal with clients, and run a business," says Stefan. Now a founding partner in his own firm, he still stays in touch with his classmates and professors, and is grateful to have people around the world whose opinions he values—many of whom trace back to his time at Quinnipiac Law.

### Geraldo Parrilla '19

Litigation Associate
Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP, Denver, CO

As Geraldo Parrilla prepares for his new job at a litigation boutique in Denver, he reflects on what he has gained in his current post as a judicial law clerk at the U.S. District Court in New Haven. "I've improved as a writer, a legal thinker, and in my research ability." Serving as a law clerk also prepared him to work at a rigorous pace. "You're moving as quick as your docket," he laughs.

Geraldo hadn't originally planned on applying for a clerkship, but a passion for Moot Court and encouragement from professors, friends, and colleagues brought that path into view. "I wouldn't trade the experience for anything," he says.

Now he's ready for his next step. "I really want to litigate, do trial work, argue motions—go to court and be on my feet." His new job as a litigation associate at Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP, which focuses on defensive litigation across multiple practice areas, checks a lot of those boxes.

Through it all he praises Quinnipiac Law professors and the dean as making a difference in his overall development. "The faculty really stand out—how available, present, reassuring, and validating they can be."





## 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 13, 2021

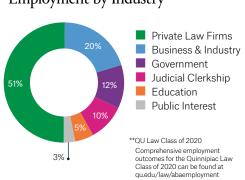






\*\*\*Percent of QU Law graduates who passed the bar within two years of graduation, per the American Bar Association (ABA).

### Employment by Industry\*\* Employment Rate\*





\*Percent of QU Law graduates (Classes of 2018, 2019, 2020) employed 10 months after graduation.

Student/Faculty Ratio





(Master of Business

Administration)

JD/MSW (Master of Social Work) LLM in Health Law JD/MELP\* (Master of

Environmental Law & 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 Family Law Health Law Intellectual Property

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 Tax

Transactional Law Clinic Practice Areas

Constitutional Law Criminal Defense 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

**Empowering individuals and communities** Quinnipiac Law students have had an impact in recent years on issues from death penalty reform to gender identity protections, working with individual clients and partnering with broad coalitions. One example is the all-out effort of the law school's Human Trafficking Prevention Project's partnership with the Connecticut Bar Association Committee on Human Trafficking and local nonprofits to advance an important anti-trafficking statute. The new legislation was signed into law this spring.

Advocating for justice and compassion Legal clinic students take on cases that are life changing—even lifesaving. Professor Sarah Russell led a Quinnipiac Law team in litigating a class-action suit filed on behalf of people incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury, Connecticut, calling for an improved response to COVID-19, including review of medically vulnerable individuals for release to home confinement. Following a settlement agreement, Quinnipiac students have been busy communicating with clients, participating in hearings, and reviewing medical records as cases are considered. Another effort, the Mediation Clinic's Homelessness Mitigation Mediation Project, expanded the types of cases handled to include individuals displaced following the moratorium on evictions.

Practicing real-world resilience Innovation was everywhere this year, from the law school's first-of-itskind virtual Negotiation Clinic engaged in Conscious Contracts work, which is a values-driven approach to business deals, to an exciting expansion of probate opportunities, including a new option that allows students to work with both a probate judge and probate lawyer to experience this area of law from both sides. Students in the field saw history unfold—judicial externs had a ringside seat to how a whole court system can change seemingly overnight to continue administering justice in the face of a public health crisis.

Developing a wider view The law school will continue to offer ways for students to engage more broadly, including involvement in the ABA Legal Education Police Practices Consortium, an initiative that will leverage the expertise of the ABA and law schools to collaborate on projects to develop better police practices. Students also benefit from opportunities for international engagement. Examples from recent years: World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, Oxford Consortium on Human Rights and Humanitarian Action, service trips to Guatemala, and summer study at Trinity College in Dublin.









## 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 and have completed the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and writing sample. The two most important criteria for selection are undergraduate scholastic record and LSAT score. The Faculty Admissions Committee also considers factors such as advanced degrees, work experience, extracurricular activities, and writing skills. We welcome applications from students of color, nontraditional students, and all students who add to the diversity of our student body because we believe that diversity enhances our dynamic learning environment.

Quinnipiac Law has a priority application deadline of March 1 for optimal fall admission and scholarship consideration. We encourage you to apply early; however, we operate on a rolling admissions basis and accept applications until August 1.

We attempt to review applicants' files as soon as they are complete and to notify applicants of the 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:

qu.edu/law/admissions

### Priority application deadline

March 1 (rolling admissions)

### **Application deadline for Dean's Fellows Awards** February 1

#### For more information

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

### Financial Aid & Scholarships

Tuition for the 2021-2022 academic year is \$51,780 for full-time students and approximately \$36,200 for part-time students, based on an average of 10 credits per semester at \$1,810 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 92 percent of all enrolled students receive funding through these sources.

#### **Dean's Fellows**

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

#### **Merit Scholarships**

\$5,000 to \$40,000

### **Distinguished Scholar Awards**

Diversity-based awards Awards range from \$10,000 to \$40,000

#### **Financial Aid**

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

### **Learn More**

qu.edu/law/scholarships qu.edu/law/financialaid 203-582-3405

To learn more about campus visits and prospective student events, including virtual information sessions, visit law.qu.edu.

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#### Accreditations

American Bar Association Member of the Association of American Law Schools





### Quinnipiac/Law

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