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EDUCATING THE WHOLE LAWYER

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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.

On the cover

Ashley Peterson '24 in the Lynne L. Pantalena
Law Library at Quinnipiac University School of Law.






IT'S 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 NOT ALL ABOUT YOU.



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.” This quote from Dean Brian Gallini encapsulates the vision for Quinnipiac Law graduates. Our mission focuses on educating the “whole lawyer”—cultivating skilled legal practitioners who retain their personal values and authentic sense of self.

Brian Gallini, Dean
Quinnipiac University School of Law



→ **POINT OF DISTINCTION**
Professor Kevin Barry (left) leads students in a lively debrief and analysis following a simulated client counseling session. Such exercises hone crucial skills of lawyering—active listening, effective questioning, and identifying legal issues—and prepare students to work with real clients in our legal clinic.

The **whole lawyer** works to understand the whole client.

Whole lawyers think holistically about their clients by considering the complexity of their needs and situations—using their deep understanding of the law to have a greater impact, time and time again.

The **whole lawyer** embodies personal and professional values.

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.

→ **POINT OF DISTINCTION**

Quinnipiac Law students have a stunning array of opportunities that challenge them to think like lawyers, test themselves, and build 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.

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

BE
A LAWYER.



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

Julie Altimier '17

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 refugee 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.



Passion becomes **discipline.**

Be inspired:

Public Service

Families

Social Justice

Entrepreneurship

Creative Expression

Civil Rights

Health & Wellness

Education

Immigrant Rights

Business

Innovation

Sports & Entertainment

Communities

International Relations

Technology

Commerce

Environment

Kaylyn Terry '24, a member of the Quinnipiac Law Mock Trial Society competition team, presents her case in the trial practice room.



→ **POINT OF DISTINCTION**

At Quinnipiac Law, you can personalize your studies through coursework, engagement with faculty, and meaningful practical experiences that reflect your individual passion, while building foundational knowledge and true expertise. Our JD program offers rich opportunities to focus on individual interests, and our nine concentrations (listed on page 62) allow you to delve deeply into particular areas of the law.

Be yourself:

passionate
reliable
determined
advocate

Bren Routly '25 has been passionate about pursuing criminal law ever since he read *To Kill a Mockingbird* in high school. He has refined his litigation and writing skills on both the Mock Trial and Moot Court Societies. Bren is serving as the VP of External Relations for Mock Trial and as the Executive Editor for Moot Court during his last year of law school. He is interested in starting his career as a prosecutor, focusing on helping victims of human trafficking. In his free time, Bren likes to run, hike Sleeping Giant State Park across from Quinnipiac's Mount Carmel Campus, and read fantasy novels.

Rajan Doering '25 is interested in criminal law and government work, with a particular focus on appellate work. He is a Note Editor with the Probate Law Journal and Treasurer of the Student Bar Association. He also competes with the Moot Court Society, and is a member of the Human Trafficking Prevention Project, University Academic Integrity Board, and a Graduate Assistant for the University Honors Program. Outside of Quinnipiac, Raj is the Vice-Chairperson of the Wallingford Board of Education and is the Administrative Director of GLOW Food Pantry, a ministry of the Wallingford Church of the Nazarene.

dedicated
motivated
hardworking
leader




proactive
innovative
determined
fighter

Natasha Silva '26 is a first-generation college and law school student who is passionate about education and gaining as much hands-on experience as possible. Having no legal network prior to starting law school, she was determined to put her name out there and build connections. At the law school, she serves as the Co-Internal Competition Director for the Society for Dispute Resolution. As an active Quinnipiac Law Admissions Ambassador, Natasha says, "I believe it is important to share my experiences with others who are in the process of applying for law school. I know how stressful that process can be, so I enjoy being a mentor and resource for those in the midst of applying." Natasha is interested in litigation work, specifically in criminal law and personal injury. She held a legal clerk position at Paz Law LLC doing criminal defense work this past spring, and was a clerk at The Flood Law, a personal injury firm, this summer. In her free time, Natasha enjoys playing volleyball, traveling, and walking her dog.

A portrait of Madeline Diamont '25, a young woman with long, dark, curly hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark blue top and a necklace with a small pendant.

optimistic
earnest
sincere
motivator

Madeline Diamont '25 is focused on entertainment and intellectual property law, reflecting a fascination with the entertainment world that started during her college years in Austin, TX. She plans a career advocating for musicians and artists. "[Austin has] so many up-and-coming musicians, low-budget film production companies, and artists—one wonders if they are able to protect, and reap the benefits of their art." With that goal in mind, Madeline is also studying contracts and mediation; she holds a leadership position on the Sports and Entertainment Law Society and competes on the Society for Dispute Resolution team. Other passions include live music shows, crafting of all kinds (crochet, painting, collage, etc.), going on nature walks, and Margot, "the most adorable cat known to man."

A portrait of Shane Burns '25, a young man with short brown hair and glasses, smiling. He is wearing a light blue striped button-down shirt.

Shane Burns '25 added the title of law student to an already full resume—former fire lieutenant, entrepreneur, business owner, and U.S. Marine. He's considering a focus in civil advocacy and dispute resolution or employment law, and leaning toward a litigation-based career. He finds time to work as a research assistant and participate in numerous bar association events, and takes advantage of Quinnipiac Law's experiential learning opportunities to work part-time at a law firm while earning law school credits. Keeping an eye on priorities and perspective is key, says Shane. He should know: he's also a busy husband and father of two young children.

curious
ambitious
relentless
father

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INHALE.

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.

EXHALE.



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

Take a few steps into our grand ceremonial courtroom and you'll feel a range of emotions: excited, nervous, a sense of opportunity. It has been meticulously designed as a state-of-the-art courtroom, and that detail helps ensure our students are ready for their first case.

To practice law, first you have to practice.

A student takes a moment to run through his notes in the Brooke A. Goff Courtroom.

Our commitment to preparation is intrinsic to a curriculum that blends the theoretical and the practical throughout, and that gives you the foundation of law—research, writing, analysis—combined with experiences like mock trials, externships, student groups, and more.



→ **POINT OF DISTINCTION**
Professor Brad Saxton leads his Employment Discrimination class in a thoughtful roundtable discussion. After the 1L year, the average class size is just 18 students, which sets the stage for deep engagement, dialogue, and personal connection.

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.

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.

19 **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 real-world 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

1Ls 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 two-day 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 & Information Privacy.

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

→ POINT OF DISTINCTION

Every Quinnipiac Law student is **guaranteed** participation in one of our clinic or externship programs, and many take part in more than one. These experiences help students put theory into practice, preparing them to step into the profession. Here, graduates Greg Jones '17 and Alma Nunley '14 are in discussion at the Connecticut Supreme Court, where both served in the prestigious role of law clerk to justices on the Court. Alma is Assistant Attorney General and Special Counsel for Reproductive Rights and Greg is an attorney at Fazzano & Tomasiewicz LLC.





SCHOLAR.
ESTEEMED
PROFESSOR.

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

MENTOR.
COLLEAGUE.



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

→ **POINT OF DISTINCTION**

Quinnipiac's innovative **Day One Mentoring** program provides students with guidance and support from the very start. Students are paired with a peer mentor from the 2L or 3L class and also are encouraged to participate in the optional faculty mentoring component. Day One is something of an understatement—your first engagement with peer and faculty mentors is often in the lead-up to the start of classes, even before you have arrived on campus.

Personal mentoring begins before your first class.

We could tell you about our professors, but it's better to hear it from the people who were in your shoes not very long ago.

Professor Joseph Olivenbaum, director of the law school's academic support programs, meets with a student.



Professor Brad Saxton



Judge Jane Grossman '98
Connecticut Superior Court
New Haven District

“Anyone who has worked with Professor Saxton knows how much he cares about his students, and appreciates his great sense of humor! He is always there to be a listening ear and to help in any way he can.”

RAJ DOERING '25

“Professor Unger has made such an impact on the Quinnipiac law community in such a short time. He has an open-door policy where it doesn't matter if it's stressors about classes or just every day, he's always there to listen and give advice. Professor Unger—and of course his service dog, Arlo—are truly adored by the Quinnipiac community.”

ISABELLA NAZZARO '26

“Judge Grossman is not just a professor, she is a mentor. She has spent her impressive career as a lawyer, litigator, and judge, asking questions. She asks her students to consider why they might ask a specific cross-examination question, what factors a judge might use to decide whether to grant this restraining order, will the desired outcome truly serve the interests of your client? Judge Grossman does not just teach students, she builds thoughtful legal minds.”

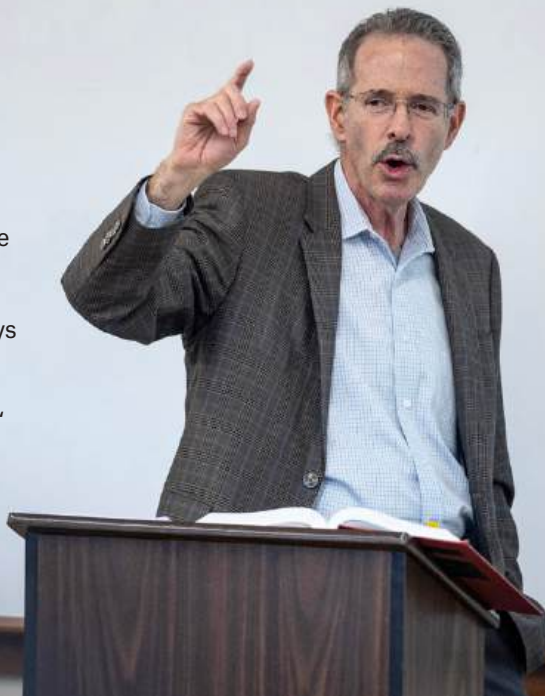
BRYAN NIXON '25



Professor Wayne Unger

“Professor Feigenson is immensely knowledgeable and passionate about the law. He skillfully conveys legal principles through creative and memorable presentations. Additionally, he provides insightful and constructive feedback on assignments that challenge students to consider alternative perspectives in the law. Outside of the classroom, Professor Feigenson is always willing to meet with students and go over topics from class or provide guidance in professional development.”

JEREMY GUSTAFSON, '25



Professor Neal Feigenson

“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



Professor John Thomas

“Professor Herbst is the most student-oriented professor whose teaching style provides many of those ‘A-ha!’ moments needed to pull legal concepts together. She weaves multiple areas of law into her classes so that we have a fundamental understanding of their interplay and a steady fund of knowledge to build upon. She is passionate about her teaching and is supportive of so many collaborative efforts between students and across disciplines. As a mentor, she embodies everything I hope to accomplish in my own career. Quinnipiac is a level above the rest with Professor Herbst on faculty.”

MELISSA CHAPLIK '25



Professor Jennifer Herbst

“Professor Ford is an excellent professor and mentor. She regularly applies course problems to current issues and challenges students to think beyond the textbook. Her real-world applications have provided an understanding of the material that will stick with me for years to come.”

GARRETT BORDEN '24



Professor Marilyn Ford

Professor Jennifer Levine shares a laugh with one of her students outside the law school.



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.

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.

FAR REACHING.



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
Environmental Law Society
Family and Juvenile Law Society
Federalist Society
Health Law Society
Human Trafficking Prevention Project (HTPP)
Intellectual Property Law Society
International Human Rights Law Society
Italian American Law Student Association (IALSA)
Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA)

Latinx Law Student Association (LLSA)
Military Law Society
Mock Trial Society
Moot Court Society
Muslim Law Students Association (MLSA)
National Lawyers Guild
OutLaws (LGBTQIA+ and allies)
Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity
Public Interest Law Project (PILP)
QU Law Basketball
QU Law Golf
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



Students connect between classes in the Jennifer Gerarda Brown Student Lounge.



Joycette Charles '25

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.

Kate Torres '25

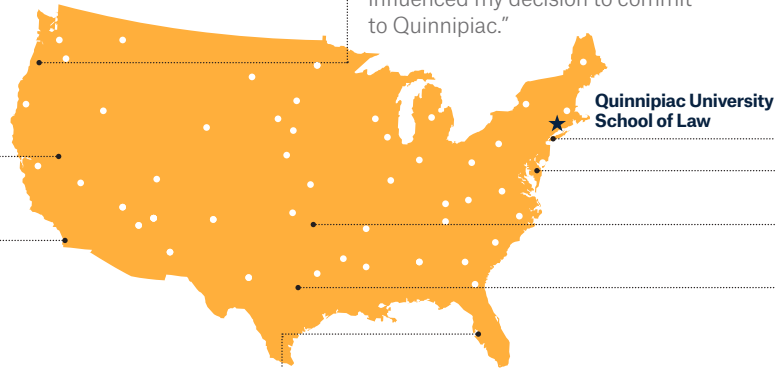
DAYTON, NEVADA

"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."

Lauren Arthenayake '26

CORVALLIS, OREGON

"At orientation, I had a gut feeling that I could succeed here. While I value the practical application of skills acquired in the classroom, I firmly believe that the fundamental abilities required to excel as a lawyer are refined through hands-on experience. The real-world opportunities the school can offer students significantly influenced my decision to commit to Quinnipiac."



Michael Bellantone '25

MORGANVILLE, 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 quiet and scenery of the law school make long study sessions feel not as long!"

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."

Alexandra Luehrman '26

FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

"Quinnipiac's small yet reputable nature allows for many opportunities that you would not gain at a bigger school. I have found it incredibly easy to connect with professors and faculty both on a professional and personal level. I enjoy coming to class every day and I am confident that the relationships I have made will follow me and serve me well in my future career."

Milo Cortese '25

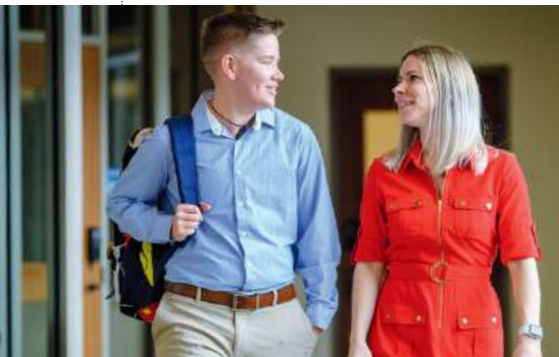
AUSTIN, TEXAS

"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!"

Shianne Taylor '26

BIXBY, OKLAHOMA

"Quinnipiac has offered me countless networking opportunities. The student organizations I am a part of, including the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), have given me a community of support. Law school is a different type of learning experience than any other, and the academic resources and support Quinnipiac provides are very helpful."





Study here.

Quinnipiac Law offers a diverse range of international experiences, unique courses, and a concentration in International Law and Policy that build global understanding, expertise, and skills for working across cultures. Opportunities include summer study abroad at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland; participation in the Oxford Consortium on Human Rights and Humanitarian Action; individual externships; and a service-learning program in Guatemala.

Travel here.



Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland



Hartford
37 minutes by car

Quinnipiac Law students with Professor Kevin Barry outside the Connecticut Capitol.

Work here.

Quinnipiac's location offers the comfort of a smaller campus with access to the Northeast power corridor. Being located in Connecticut provides opportunities to work on cases and interact with clients as early as your second year, while our location also means plenty of nearby networking opportunities. New Haven is an eclectic and progressive city and surrounding region where PhDs rub elbows with CFOs, creating an environment of opportunity and imagination that few places can match. Nearby Hartford, Stamford, and Bridgeport also bustle with life—and vast externship potential. Both Boston and New York are easy train rides away.

Play here.

New Haven
Lighthouse Point Park
20 minutes by car

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. Quinnipiac Law students (below) 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.

Grand Central Terminal, New York City
2 hours by train (approximately)

BAR
19 minutes by car



PASS THE BAR.

You will be prepared for the exam of all exams.

RAISE THE BAR.



Your impact will go beyond an exam, or even your first job.

Taylor Wolff '18

Associate, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
New York, NY

Taylor Wolff had his sights set on NYC, and thanks to a lead on an internship at a global accounting firm, plus guidance from Quinnipiac Law tax faculty and career development staff, he was on that path the summer of 1L year.

Fast forward to a full-time job with the firm and a move to the city following law school: "I learned a lot, made great connections, and worked on a variety of audit defense, general consulting, and mergers and acquisitions matters." Networking with the tax community led to "an opportunity to work at a large law firm where I would have a chance to litigate tax cases." He jumped at the idea of taking on new challenges, and has found "a great team of attorneys, paralegals, and support staff" at Pillsbury—and the support to stay involved in pro bono work he cares about.

He credits Quinnipiac Law for his preparation and the benefit of a supportive community.

Your story begins much like their stories.

They were once 1Ls, 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.





Geraldo Parrilla '19

Colorado Hispanic Bar Association's
Business Development Committee Co-Chair
Associate, Hall & Evans LLC
Denver, CO

"My focus at the firm is healthcare law, which is where my heart has been even before law school," says Geraldo Parrilla of his work representing clients in complex litigation. "Every day is an opportunity for growth."

"This is one of those jobs where you can't be afraid of failure because it often produces the best learning opportunities," he says. What helps along the way? "Supportive colleagues who have become mentors to me at this early stage in my career." He voices a similar appreciation of support he found at Quinnipiac Law: "The faculty really stand out—how available, present, reassuring, and validating they can be."

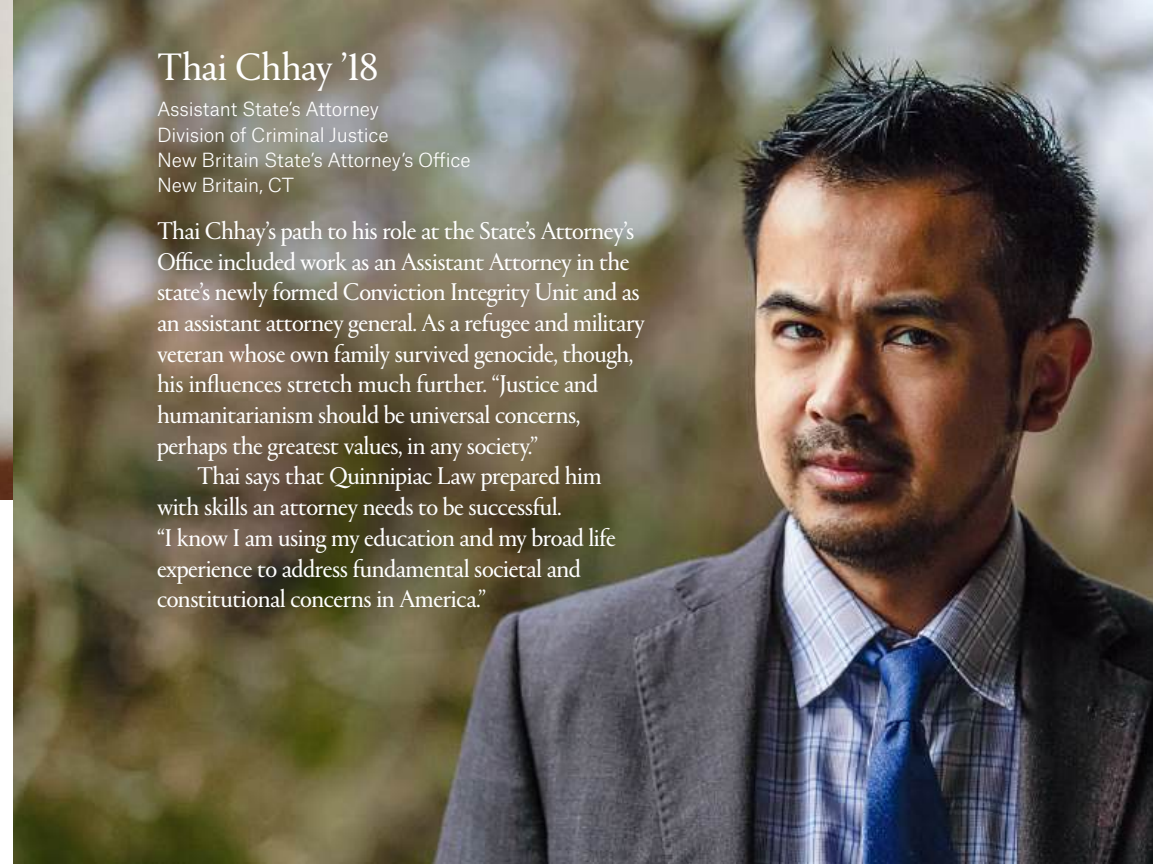


Alexa Massad Powers '22

Associate Attorney
Messier, Massad, Burdick & Assoc. LLC
New London, CT

"It was exciting to have the opportunity to be a part of our state judicial system in action," said Alexa Massad Powers, reflecting on 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 brought to the table considerable skills and experience, including her time serving as editor-in-chief of the Quinnipiac Law Review. "I am grateful for the opportunities, support, and overall experience that Quinnipiac Law provided me."



Thai Chhay '18

Assistant State's Attorney
Division of Criminal Justice
New Britain State's Attorney's Office
New Britain, 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."

From law school leaders to city hall

Arunan Arulampalam '14

Mayor of Hartford, CT

The leadership and optimism Arunan Arulampalam demonstrated at Quinnipiac Law is now on display as he serves as the city of Hartford's 68th mayor. A native of Zimbabwe whose parents were Sri Lankan refugees, Arulampalam worked as an attorney before embarking on a career in public service.

As the commencement speaker at this year's School of Law graduation, nearly 10 years to the day he delivered the student remarks at his own commencement ceremony, Arulampalam urged the graduates to seek out differences of thought and "dream dreams of worlds yet to be."

"Quinnipiac really prepared me to be a lawyer and that experience was invaluable at the state. I relied on my law degree on a daily basis and was able to work in drafting some really significant pieces of legislation and work on legal issues within our agency."



James Demetriades '18

Mayor of Cromwell, CT

As the youngest mayor (at age 29) ever to serve Cromwell, James Demetriades is infusing his Connecticut community with the same energy and enthusiasm which left his mark on the Quinnipiac Law community. Demetriades served in various leadership roles, including president of the Student Bar Association (SBA), president of the LGBTQIA+ Law Group OutLaws, and president of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society.

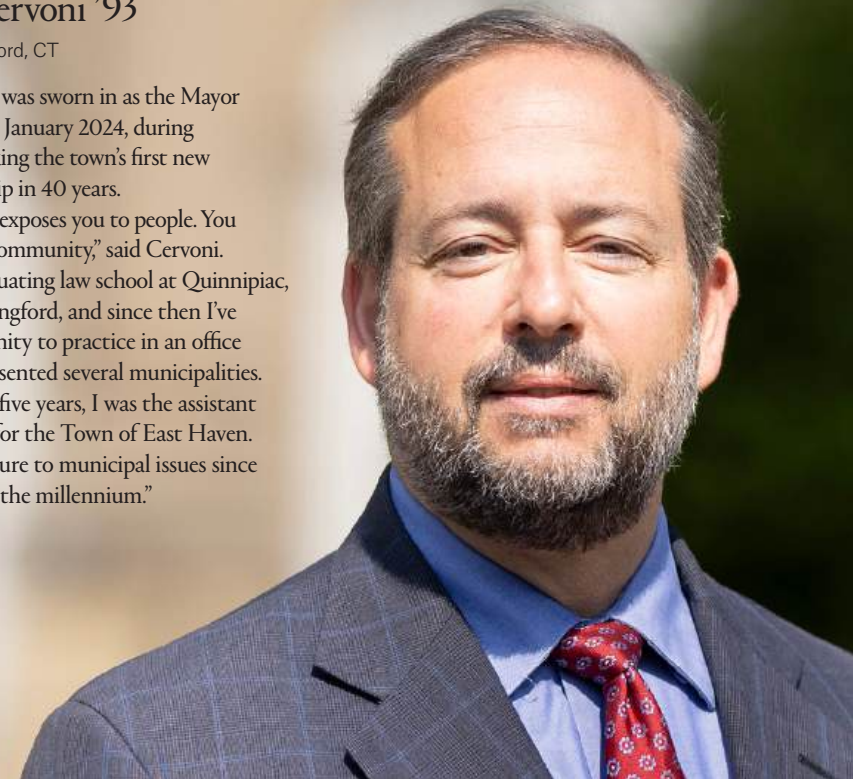
"The concept at the School of Law is that you want to educate the whole lawyer. We want our lawyers coming out of Quinnipiac to be well-rounded. We want them not only to be great advocates in the courtroom, but we also want them to be able to have the skills to be able to cut through conflict, to be civil, to think about the public policy impacts of things that they're doing, and how they can be the voices for the voiceless."

Vincent Cervoni '93

Mayor of Wallingford, CT

Vincent Cervoni was sworn in as the Mayor of Wallingford in January 2024, during a ceremony marking the town's first new mayoral leadership in 40 years.

"Law school exposes you to people. You become a small community," said Cervoni. "Right after graduating law school at Quinnipiac, I moved to Wallingford, and since then I've had the opportunity to practice in an office where they represented several municipalities. Additionally, for five years, I was the assistant Town Attorney for the Town of East Haven. So I've had exposure to municipal issues since the beginning of the millennium."





FACTS.

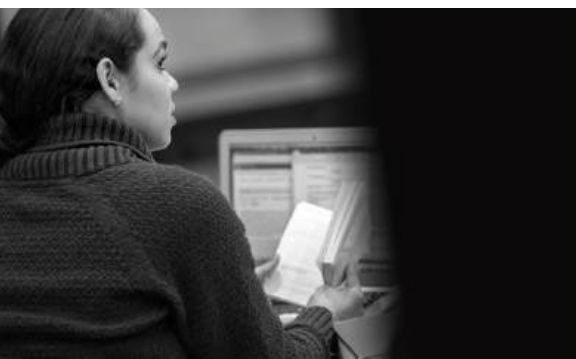
At the end of the day, our job is to make you the most prepared lawyer possible, and our student success reflects that.

FIGURES.



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.



153
Median LSAT

3.59
Median GPA

25
Average age

30%
Students of color

32%
First-generation students

10%
LGBTQIA+ students
(Self-identified)

394
Total JD students enrolled

148 →
Total number of first-year students enrolled

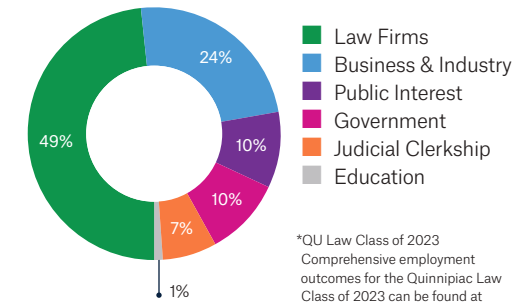
Data above as of August 7, 2024

Experience That Matters

90%

Percentage of our students that participated in our guaranteed clinic and externship experiences (Class of 2024).

Employment by Industry*



*QU Law Class of 2023 Comprehensive employment outcomes for the Quinnipiac Law Class of 2023 can be found at qu.edu/law/abaemployment

Student/Faculty Ratio

5:1

Externship Locations

350+

Students gain real-world experiences working with attorneys in corporations, government, nonprofits, and private practice.



Programs and Opportunities

Programs

- JD
- JD/MBA (Master of Business Administration)
- JD/MCEP* (Master of Climate and Environmental Policy)
- JD/MERL* (Master of Energy Regulation & Law)
- JD/MPP* (Master of Public Policy)
- JD/MSW (Master of Social Work)

*with Vermont Law

Concentrations

- Civil Advocacy & Dispute Resolution
- Criminal Law & Advocacy
- Cybersecurity & Information Privacy
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Law & Policy
- Tax 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
- Tax
- Transactional Law

Clinic Practice Areas

- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Defense
- Appellate Practice
- 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.

Working with the Connecticut General Assembly, one student, who supported the LGBTQ+ Justice & Opportunity Network by liaising with politicians and researching pending legislation, had the opportunity to **moderate a panel of activists at the State Capitol** entitled "Queer Joy & Queer Resilience."

Clinic students secured asylum for two sisters who suffered FGM/C (female genital mutilation/cutting) in Gambia and helped a young LGBTQ+ man who fled Ghana due to persecution based on his LGBTQ+ status to **obtain Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and present his asylum case**. All three clients are now pursuing their dreams of working in health care by continuing their studies in the U.S.

In the Privacy Department of the Office of the Attorney General, one student was integrally involved with a **multistate project coordinating privacy laws across the U.S.**, which required him to hone his ability to interpret privacy laws and assure that new and upcoming "connected cars" are not inadvertently exposing customers to privacy concerns.

Two students spent a semester working **as front-line prosecutors**, negotiating cases with the defense lawyers or self-represented parties, arguing motions, and participating in hearings and full trials by conducting direct

Legislative externs spent a semester in Hartford collaborating with the various lawyers at the state Capitol who support the work of the legislature. Students contributed to drafting new laws, including expanding mental health services for youth, authorizing new cannabis businesses, and providing additional mediation for families seeking special education for their children.



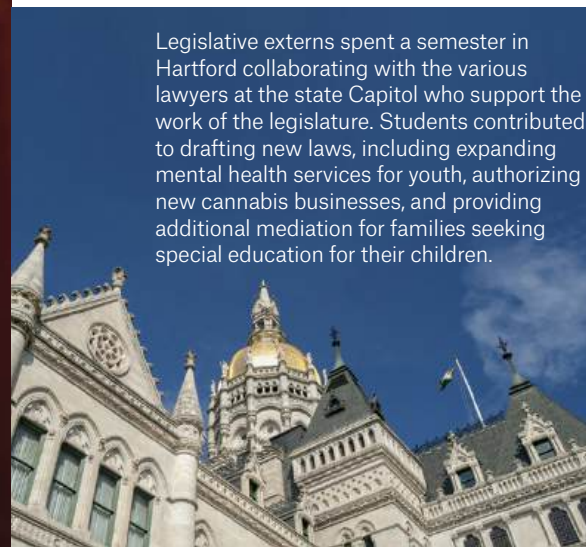
Students in the Human Trafficking Prevention Project (HTPP) and Civil Justice Clinic trained high school, college, and professional students, as well as youth in detention centers, on identifying and avoiding trafficking, reporting it safely, and understanding the different types and targets of trafficking beyond stereotypes.

and cross-examinations of the witnesses. As a result, they both were hired as full-time prosecutors upon graduation.

During an externship involving representing children in child protection cases with Lawyers for Children America, one student **participated in home visits, investigations, and various hearings** to ensure the children's needs were best represented. This included attempting to reunite children with their parents or finding safer living arrangements.

In the Appellate Clinics, students have the opportunity to research and write briefs and argue cases at the state Appellate and Supreme Courts. Quinnipiac Law 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.

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.



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 1. 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 2024–2025 academic year is \$54,960 for full-time students and approximately \$38,400 for part-time students, based on an average of 10 credits per semester at \$1,920 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 94 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

law.qu.edu/scholarships
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Accreditations

American Bar Association
Member of the Association of American Law Schools
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Hugs and smiles at Commencement—a cause for celebration.

