



**Windsor Law**  
University of Windsor

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### **Windsor Law announces temporary building relocation plan**

During a Town Hall session held on Monday, November 25, Windsor Law Dean Christopher Waters announced to students that in preparation for the Ron W. Ianni Law building renovations (construction scheduled to begin in Summer 2020—pending Board approval), the nearly 800 Windsor Law students, faculty and staff will temporarily relocate into “Law Clusters” across the University of Windsor campus in Spring 2020.

While there will be a few classes scheduled at the university’s downtown campus - as there are currently - the bulk of classes will remain on main campus—namely in the Odette School of Business, Toldo Health and Education Centre, and the Neal Education Building. Where classes are scheduled downtown, attention will be paid to leaving sufficient time to get to and from main campus.

A dedicated law student hub, comprised of an informal lounge and a meeting space, will likely be located in the CAW Student Centre. Student Services, Career Services and the Academic Coordinators will also be located in the CAW Centre, adjacent to the student hub. Faculty and administrative staff will be located in Vanier Hall’s Winclare room, and the deans’ offices will be located in Lambton Tower, close to the borrowed classroom spaces. The Law Library (with some additional dedicated law student space) will be located in the Leddy Library.

“While this kind of dislocation is never easy, the result will make us all proud,” says Windsor Law Dean Christopher Waters. “Meanwhile, please be assured that the administrative team, faculty, staff and student government will work together to ensure that student needs are met throughout the process and that we maintain our strong sense of community.”

Planning has allowed for there to be no interruption to the 2018-2019 academic year, as the Transforming Windsor Law renovation project is scheduled to begin in summer 2020. The renovation project is subject to Board approval, anticipated in January 2020. [Learn more on the Transforming Windsor Law project website.](#)

**More about the Ron W. Ianni Law Building:**

When the Ron W. Ianni building was conceived, the architects had in mind a new kind of law school. The building was bold and its lines, materials and common spaces were meant to reflect “law as a social process.”

The building has served us well for many years but is showing its age. In 2018, Windsor Law’s 50th anniversary year presented an opportune time to rethink our space needs for teaching, research, advocacy and service in a renewed building and on a [renewed University campus](#). It is exciting to conceive of a building that could serve Windsor Law for the next 50 years.

**More about the Transforming Windsor Law project:**

Pending Board approval in January 2020, the Transforming Windsor Law renovation project will begin in Summer 2020, with a relocation of faculty, staff and students in Spring 2020.

To help us plan for a transformed space, the Transforming Windsor Law Steering Committee has developed 5 guiding principles:

1. Create a welcoming and accessible place that instils pride in Windsor Law.
2. Increase usable building space in a way that puts the student experience at the centre and that supports dynamic teaching, research, experiential learning and service.
3. Design flexible and multi-purpose spaces that are forward-looking and open to change.
4. Connect the building to our local Indigenous peoples, physical environment, heritage and communities.
5. Promote environmental sustainability, health and well-being.

To learn more, visit the project website: [uwindsor.ca/law/TWL](http://uwindsor.ca/law/TWL)

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