



Windsor Law
University of Windsor

WINDSOR LAW

Community. Access. Transformative.

Viewbook

Windsor Law sits on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi. We respect the longstanding relationships with First Nations people in this place in the 1000-mile Windsor-Essex peninsula and the straits - les détroits - of Deroit.

We are committed to ensuring that Indigenous legal orders are fully acknowledged and respected in our teaching, research and community engagement.

To educate ethical, justice-seeking lawyers through teaching, advocacy, research, and service.

“Your Windsor Law degree will open a world of career possibilities for you. From the day you begin your studies at Windsor Law, you will be surrounded by intelligent, hard-working, creative, and social-justice-oriented students.”

Reem Bahdi,
Dean, Faculty of Law

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Dean's Message

Welcome to Windsor Law. We are a community of staff, students, scholars, and alum who share a passion for law and justice. For more than 50 years, Windsor Law has had a rich history of upholding an access to justice mission. We define ourselves as a justice-seeking, people-centered, and community-engaged law school. Our commitment to championing our mission and supporting the success of Windsor Law remains strong.

I am deeply honoured to be Windsor Law's Dean and am proud of our faculty. Our faculty includes scholars who focus on impactful research on relevant topics such as data and privacy, decolonization, class actions, Indigenous legal orders, banking law, injunctions, immigration, migrant workers, Third World approaches to international law, entrepreneurship, and more. Coming together in a spirit of inquiry, our faculty members are leaders in both academia and the legal profession. They publish scholarly articles and books, sit on national and international boards of directors, shape policy, and collaborate with access to justice leaders globally. We also have a team of staff who show unparalleled care for our students and alumni. They will help you with career planning and placements, health and wellness, academic planning, and extra-curricular engagement.

I am equally proud of our students. Committed to access to justice, our students work diligently and compassionately to serve the community around them. We welcome students into our program who have varied life experiences in the belief that excellence is served when diverse voices are heard. Our commitment to inclusive excellence is reflected in the diverse student body.

If you are a prospective student and our access to justice theme, our people, our programs, and our environment resonate with who you are and what you hope to accomplish, I hope that you will apply to attend Windsor Law. If you are a current student, thank you for choosing Windsor Law for your legal education.

Sincerely,

Reem Bahdi,
Dean, Faculty of Law

Windsor Law Trivia

Professor Bahdi is the first Palestinian Law Professor in Canadian history and the first Palestinian Law Dean in North America.



Learn more about Dean
Bahdi [here](#).

Read the Dean's full
message [here](#).

About UWindsor

The University of Windsor is a comprehensive, student-focused university with a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs. We have strong student-faculty relationships, exceptional award-winning faculty, and innovative staff. An atmosphere of excellence across all of our programs encourages lifelong learning, teaching, research, and discovery. Located next to North America's busiest international border

crossing, the University of Windsor campus looks out on the beautiful Detroit River waterfront. Windsor is also Canada's southernmost city and enjoys some of the country's best weather. This location speaks to UWindsor's strength as an internationally oriented, multi-disciplined institution that actively enables a broad diversity of students, faculty, and staff to make a better world through education, scholarship, research and engagement.

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[About UWindsor](#)

[Office of the President](#)

[Office of Student Experience](#)

[Lancer Recreation](#)

[University of Windsor Student's Alliance](#)



About Windsor Law

Windsor Law is a transformative law school for the next generation of lawyers. For over 50 years, Windsor Law has advanced access to justice through various academic and experiential learning initiatives, including clinical and placement opportunities. We are a justice-seeking, community-engaged and people-centered law school. Windsor Law adheres to its core values, scaling up its role as a socially conscious legal institution. It embeds access to justice into every step of its programming.

Learn more about Windsor Law [here](#).



Windsor Law Trivia

After being established in 1968, Windsor Law became Canada's inaugural Access to Justice law school.

Who We Are

Mission

To educate ethical, justice-seeking lawyers through teaching, research, advocacy, and service.

Vision

An enriching educational experience where thought, action, and analysis inspire a community that is passionate about using legal knowledge to achieve a more just and equitable world.

Values

People-centred: putting people and their experiences at the centre of legal education.

Community-engaged: Advancing theory and practice of law at the Canada-US border and in relationship with our local, national, and transnational communities.

Justice-seeking: Building on longstanding commitment to social justice that seeks fairness, equity, and dignity, with particular focus on relationships with Indigenous peoples.

Dynamic: Using the law as an adaptive tool for social change within comprehensive, rigorous legal education.

Inclusive: Offering robust student supports as part of a broader commitment to striving for accessible legal education that is engaging, warm, and welcoming.



Windsor Law Population

Windsor Law's commitment to access and justice invites diversity in thought and new perspectives.



22%

FIRST IN FAMILY TO
ATTEND UNIVERSITY



83%

FIRST IN FAMILY TO
ATTEND LAW SCHOOL



52%

RACIALIZED
STUDENTS



58%

SPEAK A SECOND LANGUAGE

57% FEMALE
IDENTIFYING

22% MALE
IDENTIFYING

21% DID NOT
IDENTIFY

Windsor-Essex

Windsor is one of Canada's most diverse and affordable cities, offering students the opportunity to study law in a community shaped by migration, culture, labour, and cross-border connection.

As a border city with deep multicultural roots, Windsor is home to vibrant Black, Arab, South Asian, Indigenous, Caribbean, and newcomer communities whose histories and experiences contribute to the social and legal landscape of the region. Students benefit from living in a city where conversations around access to justice, labour, immigration, housing, public health, and cross-border policy are part of everyday life.



Arts-Windsor Essex



Comerica Park



Willistead Manor



Detroit Art Museum



Windsor Waterfront



Windsor Pizza



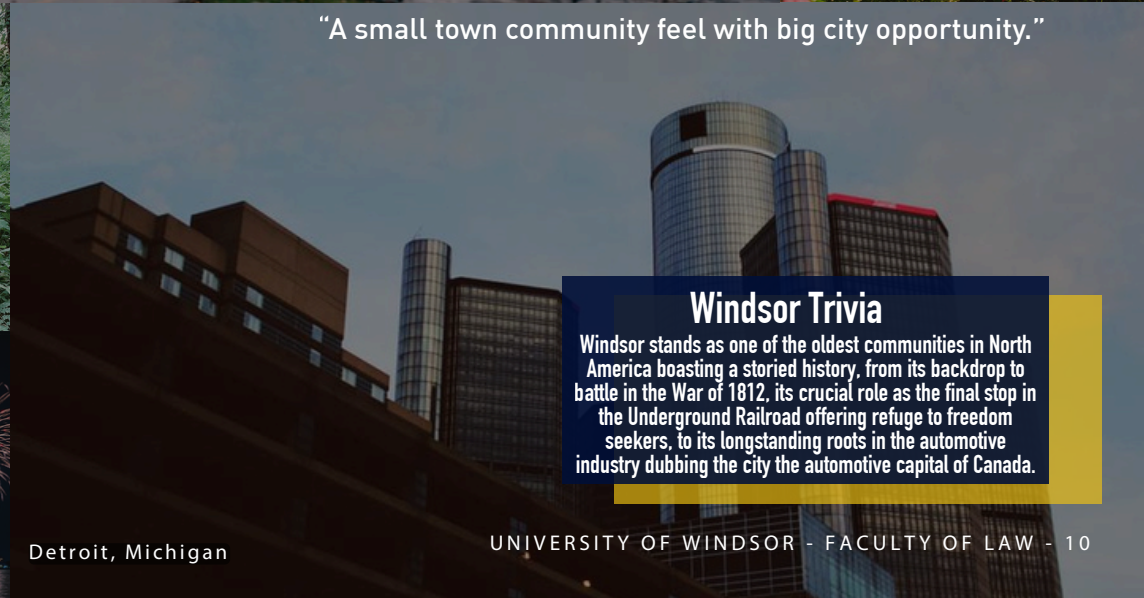
Point Pelee National Park



Ojibway Park



Annual Ford Fireworks



Detroit, Michigan

"A small town community feel with big city opportunity."

Windsor Trivia

Windsor stands as one of the oldest communities in North America boasting a storied history, from its backdrop to battle in the War of 1812, its crucial role as the final stop in the Underground Railroad offering refuge to freedom seekers, to its longstanding roots in the automotive industry dubbing the city the automotive capital of Canada.

Academic Programs

Juris Doctor (JD)

Our three-year Juris Doctor (JD) program that prepares students to practice law across Canada.

Canadian & American JD (Dual JD)

The Canadian & American Dual JD Program allows students to earn both Canadian and American law degrees in just three years.

Master of Laws (LLM)

Windsor Law's Master of Laws (LLM) program is designed for students and legal professionals seeking advanced legal research and specialized academic study.

Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA)

The JD/MBA program combines legal and business education in a condensed four-year curriculum offered jointly by Windsor Law and the Odette School of Business.

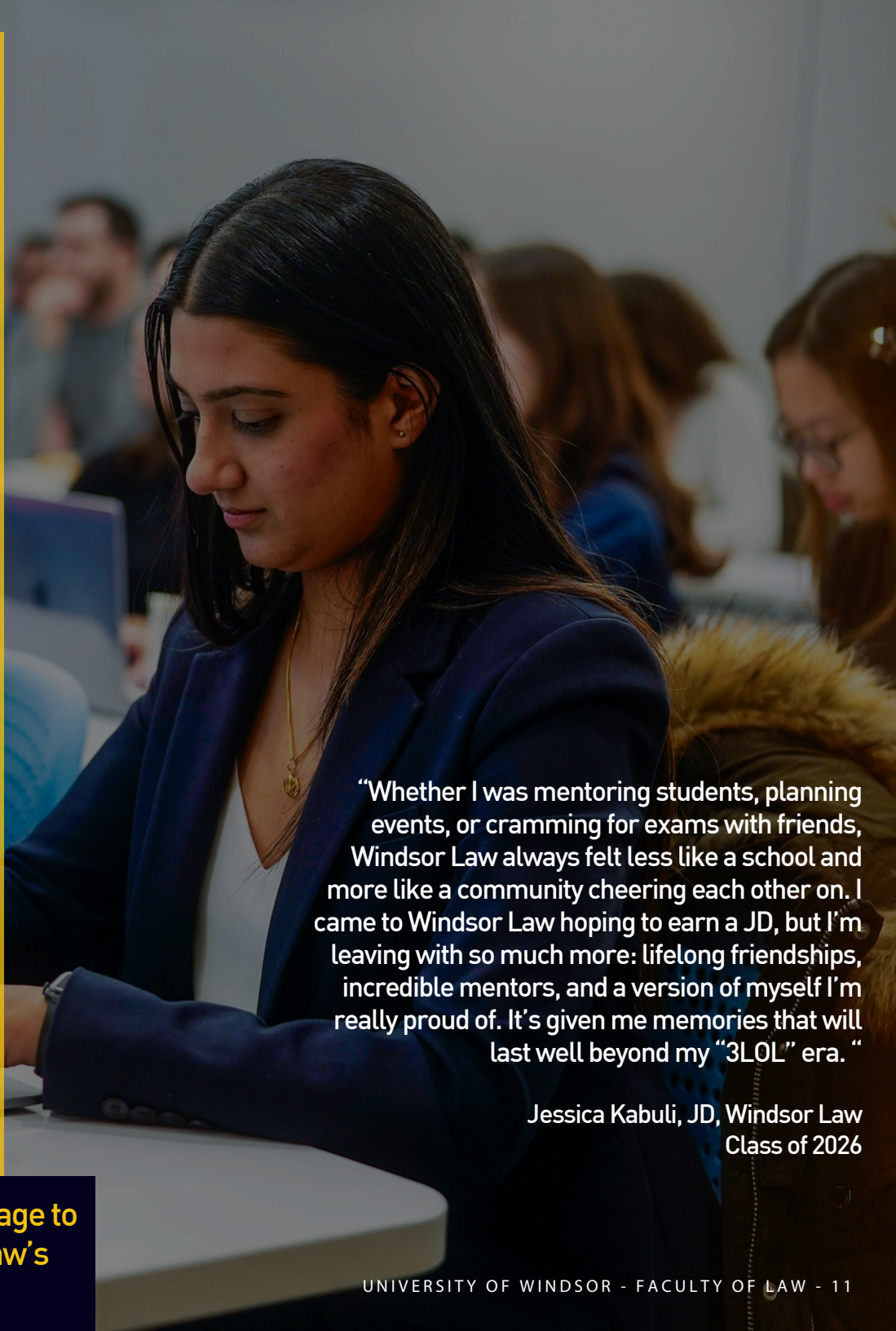
Juris Doctor / Master of Social Work (JD/ MSW)

The JD/MSW program allows students to complete a law degree and a Master of Social Work in four-years.

PhD in Argumentation Studies

PhD program in Argumentation Studies is interdisciplinary and provides a specialization in the field of argumentation studies.

Visit our [Academic Programs](#) page to learn more about Windsor Law's offerings.



"Whether I was mentoring students, planning events, or cramming for exams with friends, Windsor Law always felt less like a school and more like a community cheering each other on. I came to Windsor Law hoping to earn a JD, but I'm leaving with so much more: lifelong friendships, incredible mentors, and a version of myself I'm really proud of. It's given me memories that will last well beyond my "3LOL" era."

Jessica Kabuli, JD, Windsor Law
Class of 2026

Admissions

Windsor Law actively seeks a diverse student body through an innovative holistic admissions process. We look for students who will excel in the study of law and can contribute creatively and meaningfully to the community. Our faculty are trailblazers in their respective fields, talented teachers and respected researchers who are socially aware. Windsor Law offers an unparalleled educational experience with a wide range of degree programs and clinical program opportunities. Our commitment to excellence in legal education makes Windsor Law an ideal choice.

Application Pathways

General Pathway

Indigenous Pathway

Learn more about:

- [Holistic Admissions Criteria](#)
- [Applying to the JD program](#)
- [Applying to the Dual JD program](#)
- [Applying to the LLM program](#)
- [Applying to the JD/MBA program](#)
- [Applying to the JD/MSW program](#)
- [Applying to the PhD program](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Transfer Applications](#)
- [Indigenous Pathway Initiatives](#)

Application Deadlines

November 1 for first-year JD entry
April 15 for first-year Dual JD entry
May 1 for upper-year entry

Apply on ouac.on.ca

Experiential Learning and Clinical Programs

Through clinics, externships, placements, moots, research opportunities, and judicial internships, students gain hands-on experience working with clients, lawyers, judges, advocacy organizations, and grassroots communities, allowing students to connect legal theory to practice while developing practical skills, professional confidence, and a deeper understanding of how law impacts people's everyday lives.

Clinical Opportunities

Clinical placements offers students gain practical experience while developing a stronger understanding of how legal systems affect marginalized and underserved communities.

Externship Program

Students are placed in law firms, courts, tribunals, legal clinics, government offices, non-profit organizations, and community-based advocacy spaces under the supervision of practicing lawyers and legal professionals. Placements are designed to challenge students while providing mentorship, support, and meaningful professional development.

"Windsor Law's Externship Program gives hands-on experience to students in a wide variety of legal contexts. This innovative program is perfect for students who want to try out different areas of law and orient themselves to the basics of practicing law. Students are placed in supportive and challenging environments with expert super-vision, creating professional networks that last a lifetime. We can't wait to work with you!"

Gemma Smyth,
Externship Program Director



20+
Externship Opportunities

80+
Clinical Placements

Windsor Law Trivia

Did you know, Windsor Law was the first to establish a Class Action Clinic in North America and first to establish a Migrant Farmworkers Clinic.



Canada's First Class
Action Clinic, founded by
now Justice Jasminka
Kalajdzic and Staff
Lawyer, Andrew Eckart.



First migrant farmworkers
law and organizing clinic
established by Dr. Vasanthi
Venkatesh and Justicia 4
Migrant Workers

"The experiential learning opportunities at Windsor Law shaped my experience the most, especially my time at Legal Assistance of Windsor. Working in a clinic where lawyers and social workers work closely together taught me to look beyond the legal issue in front of me and understand the broader context of a client's life. I learned so much from being in a space where advocacy was not approached from a purely legal perspective, but from a more holistic and human one."

Hannah Joseph,
Juris Doctor, Class of 2026

Indigenous Legal Orders Institute

Launched in 2019, the Indigenous Legal Orders Institute (ILOI) supports the revitalization, research, and sharing of Indigenous legal orders through relationship-building, collaboration, and community-engaged learning. The Institute brings together Indigenous communities, students, faculty, and researchers to support Indigenous legal traditions and strengthen legal education grounded in respect, responsibility, and reciprocity. Located on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy comprised of the Ojibway, Odawa, and Potawatomie peoples, Windsor Law integrates Indigenous legal orders into teaching, research, and experiential learning while working alongside communities to support knowledge-sharing and legal revitalization initiatives.



Land-based learning
through Haudenosaunee
and Anishinaabe law
camps



Mandatory first-year
course, Indigenous Legal
Orders integrated into
curriculum.



Community partnership
through local and
international collaborative
initiatives.

“Waawiiatanong” is an Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) phrase. It translates to “Where the River Bends” in English. The phrase describes a specific location along a river, highlighting the natural bend or curve in the river’s path. The term is often associated with the Detroit River area, reflecting the Indigenous peoples’ connection to the land and waterways. Windsor Law, sits across from the Detroit River on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy, which is comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi. We are committed to fully acknowledging and respecting Indigenous legal orders in our teaching, research, and community engagement. Our Faculty of Law curriculum is rich with Indigenous-specific courses, including a mandatory first year course on Indigenous Legal Orders and several upper-year options, such as Indigenous law camps. Additionally, we have established an Indigenous Legal Orders Institute and offer an elder-in residence program.

WHERE THE RIVER BENDS

[Visit the ILO webpage to learn more.](#)

WISDOM



LOVE



RESPECT



BRAVERY



HONESTY



HUMILITY



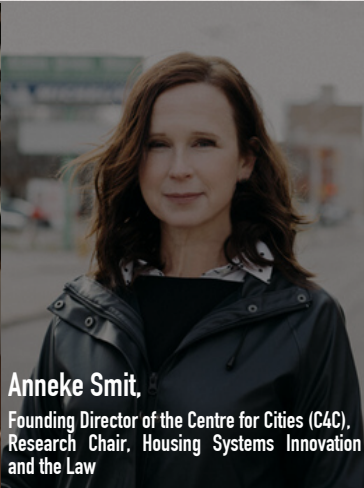
TRUTH

Faculty & Research

Learn from professors whose research informs legal reform, influences public policy, advances human rights, strengthens access to justice, and contributes to conversations shaping the future of law in Canada and internationally.



Vincent Wong,
Co-developed an original course on Asian Canadians and the Law.



Anneke Smit,
Founding Director of the Centre for Cities (C4C), Research Chair, Housing Systems Innovation and the Law



Joshua Sealy-Harrington,
Chair, Palestinian Human Rights in Canada, Board Member, Community Justice Collective, Counsel, Power Law



Shanthi Senthe,
Panelist at the 2024 Culture Connects Conference in Detroit.



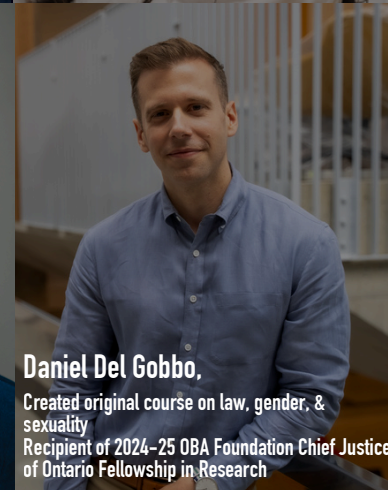
Sylvia McAdam,
Co-Founder of "Idle No More"



Danardo Jones,
Co-Director, Institute for Indigenous Justice
Executive Council Member, UWindsor Black Scholars Institute
Committee Member, Homelessness and Justice Involvement
Advisory Committee, JHS Ontario



Vasanthi Venkatesh,
Co-Director,
Migrant Farmworker Clinic



Daniel Del Gobbo,
Created original course on law, gender, & sexuality
Recipient of 2024-25 OBA Foundation Chief Justice of Ontario Fellowship in Research

Areas of Expertise

-  Housing and Social Policy
-  Immigration and Migration
-  Labour & Employment Law
-  Human Rights
-  International & Transnational Law
-  Access to Justice
-  Equality Law
-  Indigenous Legal Orders
-  Disability Rights
-  Constitutional Law
-  Technology & Artificial Intelligence

Windsor Law Trivia

First Canadian (Professor Laverne Jacobs) selected to United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

[Learn more about faculty and research here.](#)



Life at Windsor Law

Career Development

350+
Internal paid
opportunities

400+
External paid
opportunities

350+
Volunteer and for
credit opportunities



Our Career Services team works hard to create as many opportunities for students. This includes:

50+
Career
Events

1,200+
Career
Advisory Sessions

300+
Mock
Interviews

Campus Life and Student Services

Mental Health and Wellness

Equity and Inclusion

Study Abroad

Peer Mentorship Program

Clubs and Committees

Toldo Lancer Centre

Residence - with a floor dedicated entirely to Law Students!

University of Windsor Student's Alliance



Life at Windsor Law Community and Student Support



Life at Windsor Law

Community and Student Support

Counselling Services

Confidential, on-site counselling to support navigating stress, anxiety, transitions, grief, and other personal challenges.

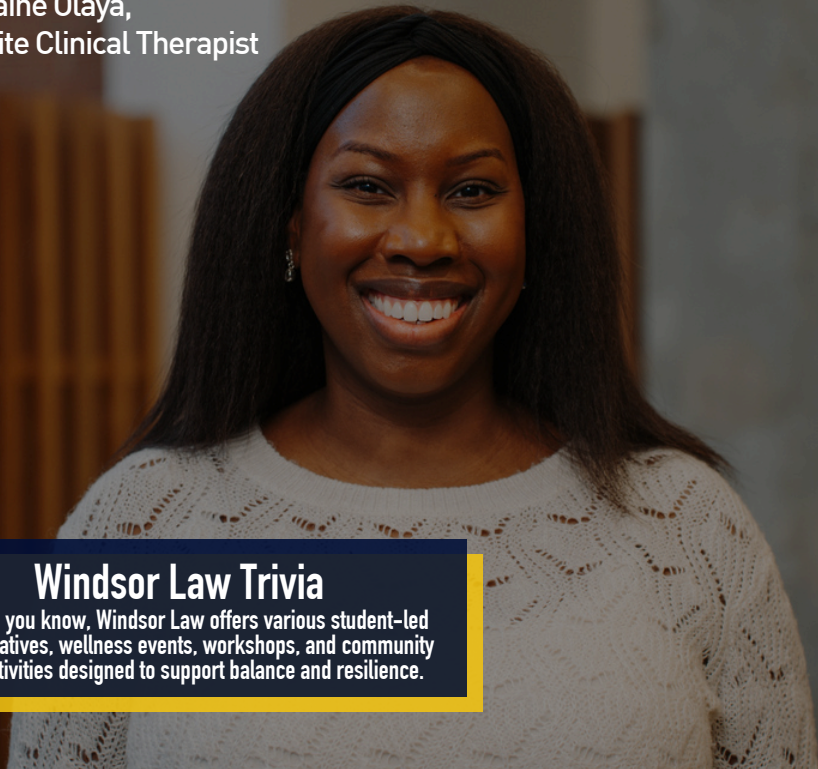
Peer Mentorship

Upper-year students help first-year students navigate academics, campus life, and the transition into legal education.

Elder in Residence

Students can connect with our Elder-in-Residence for guidance, cultural teachings, support, and community connection.

Lorraine Olaya,
On-site Clinical Therapist



Myrna Kicknosway
Elder in Residence



Windsor Law Trivia

Did you know, Windsor Law offers various student-led initiatives, wellness events, workshops, and community activities designed to support balance and resilience.

Life at Windsor Law

Student Awards

At Windsor Law, our goal is simple: financial barriers should not prevent talented and motivated students from pursuing a legal education.

120+
active annual scholarships

\$1,000-\$15,000
ranges in scholarship and funding opportunities

50%
of our students receive funding in addition to provincial student loans.

Transforming Windsor Law

Built around the student experience, the renewed Ron W. Ianni Law Building was designed to support the way legal education is experienced today, through collaboration, discussion, experiential learning, community engagement, and wellness.

Every space was reimagined with students in mind, creating an environment that is more accessible, flexible, welcoming, and connected to the communities we serve.

At Windsor Law, the building is more than a place to attend class. It is where students study together, prepare for moot competitions, meet with faculty, connect with mentors, engage in advocacy work, and build lifelong friendships.

4 new accessible ramps and entrances

3 dedicated smudging-capable spaces

70% of classrooms designed for flexible learning configurations

53% more library study space

Visit our website to see the
before and after!

Beyond Windsor Law

Students build a legal education around the issues, communities, and career paths that matter to them.

Every student arrives at law school with different interests, experiences, and ambitions. Some are passionate about advocacy and social justice. Others are drawn to business, public policy, litigation, technology, or international law. Many arrive still exploring where their legal education will take them.

With a broad range of courses, clinics, externships, research opportunities, moots, and interdisciplinary programs, Windsor Law allows students to create a learning experience that reflects who they are and who they hope to become.



John Bitove

Founder of the
Toronto Raptors



Jacqueline Horvat

Judge of Superior Court of
Justice in Ontario (2024)
Treasurer of LSO (2022)



Arun Krishnamurti

Senior Counsel
at Google Canada



Asha James

Partner at Falconers LLP,
one of Canada's leading
human rights firms

Beyond Windsor Law

96% HIRE RATE AFTER GRADUATION

100% OF THE 2025 CLASS DUAL JD GRADUATES WERE HIRED ONE YEAR AFTER GRADUATION

Tyler DeMarce
Class of 2024

*This data only includes information from students in the Classes of 2023 and 2025 who provided updates after graduation

Beyond Windsor Law: Judicial Excellence

Windsor Law has been fortunate to count 150+ Judges within its alumni ranks since we opened our doors in 1968. We are justifiably proud of our Judicial alumni as they serve the profession and people of Canada.



Justice Lloyd Dean



Justice Christopher Uwagboe



Justice Jasminka Kalajdzic

"I loved the 15 years I spent at Windsor Law. It is an incredible place to work and grow as a legal scholar," Kalajdzic said. "I am honoured now to be a judge of the Superior Court of Justice in Windsor, and to continue serving the community I call home."

Windsor Law Professor Jasminka Kalajdzic was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario in Windsor.



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