

UW Law: *Leaders for the Global Common Good*

Vision:

The University of Washington School of Law aspires to be the best public law school in the nation and one of the world's most respected centers for interdisciplinary legal studies. We strive to be leaders for the global common good by shaping and defending just and sustainable laws and policies through our scholarly discovery, our ethical advocacy, our inspired teaching, and our generous public service.

Identity/Mission:

The University of Washington School of Law's mission is to be a Leader for the Global Common Good and to educate our students to have both the capacity and the commitment to promote that mission. To serve our increasingly complex and connected world, we prepare our graduates to be its most capable and honorable interdisciplinary problem-solvers. In both our *Juris Doctor* and graduate programs, we develop our students' intellectual sophistication, professional and leadership skills, and moral courage so that they not only do things right, they also do the right thing. To help our students and alumni achieve what is best for themselves, their families, their clients, and society, we assist them in identifying their values and goals and in charting a life in the law that is balanced and fulfilling.

To accomplish our goals, we nurture a student-centered, culturally competent, and collegial community united by our commitment to sustainable excellence in achieving our vision and mission. Our educational programs provide our students a rigorous integration of theory, doctrine, policy, and application to prepare them to serve society as ethical and effective leaders. We enrich our educational programs through strategic alliances within our university and with our many external partners, including business and industry, the equal justice community, our alumni, and other educational and community organizations. An integrated part of one of the world's most distinguished research universities, our students and faculty enjoy significant opportunities for multi- and interdisciplinary study and research across UW's 16 outstanding schools and colleges. We also leverage our location in Seattle, a global economic and cultural hub, to provide our students and faculty professional opportunities in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.

Our faculty members are the intellectual leaders of our community; they are culturally and intellectually diverse, distinguished in their respective fields, and dedicated to furthering the highest standards of academic excellence in their scholarly and teaching pursuits. As members of a professional school in a public research university, the faculty is equally devoted to imaginative, influential scholarship and to enthusiastic, effective teaching. Our staff members and librarians are valued and vital partners in our students' learning and professional development and in our faculty's accomplishments in teaching, scholarship, and service. Proud of being Washington's only public law school, we enroll more outstanding students from Washington than from any other state, while also welcoming talented and diverse students from every state in the nation and many other countries. We honor our Washington roots by contributing to the welfare of our state while also expanding our global reach and influence.

In Washington and around the world, UW Law is recognized as a Leader for the Global Common Good -- a vibrant community respected for our ideas and our actions, our aspirations and our operational discipline, our traditions and our innovations.