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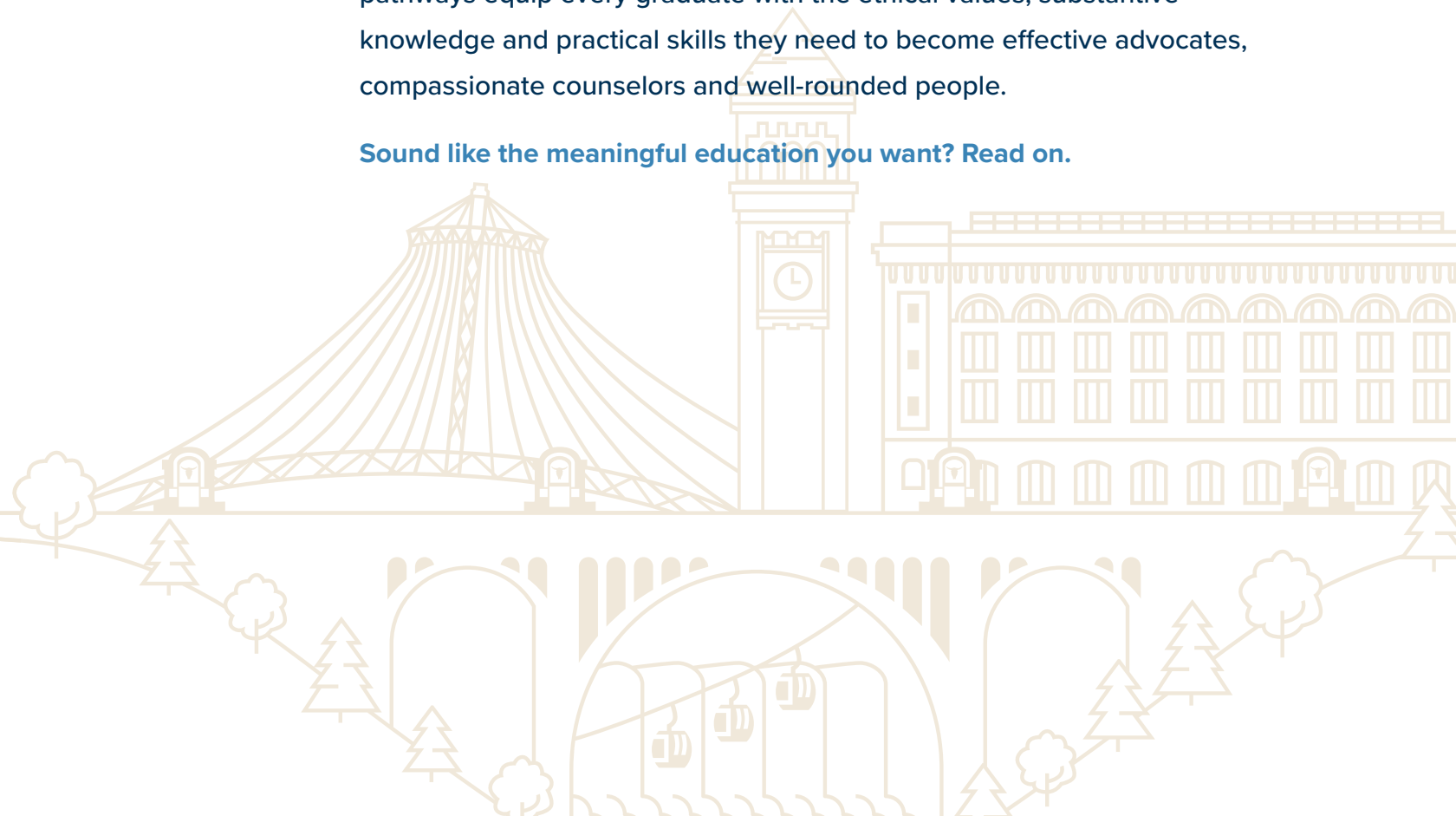
School of Law

**You're committed to  
doing good in this world.  
So are we.**



Gonzaga University's School of Law prepares you, as a professional and as a person, to use the law to advance the greater good. Our challenging pathways equip every graduate with the ethical values, substantive knowledge and practical skills they need to become effective advocates, compassionate counselors and well-rounded people.

**Sound like the meaningful education you want? [Read on.](#)**



## DISCOVER

# Gonzaga University School of Law

No list of facts and figures will cover exactly what it's like to come to Gonzaga and meet an entire campus full of inquisitive, inspiring Zags. That you'll have to experience for yourself. In the meantime, here are some of the basics you should know about our School of Law.

### ESTABLISHED

**1912**

### FACULTY

**27** FULL-TIME | PART-TIME **44**

ACCREDITATION  
**American Bar  
Association**

**76%**  
FIRST TIME PASS-RATE  
OF THE WASHINGTON STATE  
BAR EXAM (2023)

### ENROLLMENT

**554**  
(AS OF 2023)

### 2023-24 TUITION

**\$52,574**  
(Full-time tuition)

### MISSION:

*Provide an excellent legal education informed by Gonzaga's humanistic and Jesuit traditions and values.*



GONZAGA LAW SCHOOL

### **OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY**

Gonzaga University School of Law actively cultivates a vibrant and resilient community that values the dignity of all its members and fosters their personal and professional growth. We recognize diversity, equity and inclusion as cornerstones of social and economic justice, and we seek to intentionally build a community that welcomes those who have been historically excluded from the legal profession.

# Journey to your J.D.

## We are often asked: “What is Gonzaga Law known for?”

The answer is, quite honestly, producing strong, well-rounded J.D. candidates that are ready to practice law in their chosen area. Our faculty and staff are prepared to support you as you discover your area of focus. Each year, we produce exemplary candidates in Human Rights, Intellectual Property, Environmental Law and everything in between. We’re not in the business of assigning you to a “track.” We are in the business of investing in humans to become the best versions of themselves for others.

## What will you learn at Gonzaga Law?

To think deeper, argue more persuasively, collaborate more intensely and pour your passion into your study of the law. We offer two challenging, fully accredited J.D. program tracks, each with multiple pathways to your area focus allowing you to customize your studies. Each pathway is rigorously designed and taught by expert faculty to prepare you for the Uniform Bar Exam, land a career that makes a genuine difference in the lives of others and practice at the top of your profession.



## Pathways to Your J.D.

### TRADITIONAL THREE-YEAR J.D.

- Three-year completion track with 90 course credits taken over six semesters
- Optional summer enrollment available including study-abroad at our campus in Florence, Italy
- A curriculum focused on practical skills and legal theory to prepare you for the day-to-day realities of a legal career
- Classes begin late-August

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### EXECUTIVE TWO-YEAR J.D.

- Ideal for those with existing professional experience who want to earn their J.D. faster
- Two-year completion track with 90 course credits taken over 24 consecutive months, including a full course load during the summers
- A structured curriculum featuring business and leadership coursework in addition to traditional legal theory
- Classes begin late-May

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## DISCERN YOUR FOCUS

# Experiential Learning

At Gonzaga Law, you are not alone as you discern your future. A law degree is not a checkpoint on your life's journey; it is the doorway to your vocation. As part of your academic course of study, you will have many opportunities to gain experience in a variety of different settings. These experiences are the practical backbone of your legal education and the place where you will begin building your professional experience and your own personal network.

### Center For Professional Development and Externship Program (CPDEx)

Beginning as early as the summer before your 1L year, you will have an opportunity to begin meeting with our CPDEx team to talk about your interests, both short- and long-term. Our team of four professional attorneys is your go-to resource for exploring all the career opportunities your J.D. will open for you. From job postings, interviews and networking events, to offering detailed assistance to sharpen your resume, cover letters and interviewing skills, CPDEx supports you every step of the way.





**GAIN NEW PERSPECTIVE**

## Academic Centers

Our Center for Civil & Human Rights (CCHR) and Center for Law Ethics and Commerce (CLEC) exist to supplement your more formal internship or externship experience with multiple programmed or ad hoc opportunities to learn about your chosen area of focus. Our centers each house multiple legal clinics and offer slates of programming to explore the law in a variety of settings.

**CCHR:** Gonzaga Law is deeply committed to solving complex systemic problems and creating lasting, meaningful change. Our Interdisciplinary CCHR focuses on the law as an essential tool in the ongoing fight for equity. The CCHR creates opportunities to learn how race influences criminal justice, advance border justice for immigrants, work on sealing juvenile records and provide legal services to people of moderate means who might not otherwise have access to counsel.

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**CLEC:** CLEC helps students explore the law as it relates to business, technology and innovation—and how each can be advanced in ways that are as good for a company as they are for humanity. As a student, you can participate in a national project affecting outcomes in commercial law issues; learn from experts about privacy, technology, regulation and social media; and work directly with clients through the Business Innovation Clinic and the Federal Tax Law Clinic.

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## SERVE THE COMMUNITY

# Clinical Legal Programs

As one of the first law schools in the nation to require students to participate in hands-on clinical legal education, Gonzaga Law asks you to take what you learn in the classroom and put it into practice to serve our local community and beyond. Managed by expert faculty and supervised by practicing attorneys, our clinics are modeled after a general law practice firm with the intent of exposing you to a range of real-world legal activities so that you graduate ready for success.

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### **CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY CLINIC**

Learn and apply the theories and strategies used by attorneys to identify, investigate and challenge laws and policies targeting historically marginalized and traditionally disadvantaged groups.

### **COMMERCIAL LAW AMICUS ADVOCACY CLINIC**

Write “friend of the court” briefs for cases that have statewide or national implications.

### **BUSINESS INNOVATION CLINIC**

Provide general business-related and intellectual property-related legal advice to small and large businesses, start-ups, entrepreneurs and non-profits.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES IMMIGRATION CLINIC: CLIENT ADVOCACY**

Work with individuals and families in need of immigration law representation and advice on family reunification, citizenship, DACA and asylum.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES IMMIGRATION CLINIC: POLICY ADVOCACY**

Partner with immigrant justice organizations, local governments and nonprofits to address systemic problems in immigration law through policy analyses, amicus curiae briefs, community outreach campaigns and more.

### **ELDER LAW CLINIC**

Represent and counsel low-income Spokane County seniors on variety of matters, including basic estate planning, public benefits and housing.

### **FEDERAL TAX LAW CLINIC**

Assist low-income taxpayers with Federal tax problems before the Internal Revenue Service and the United States Tax Court.

### **INDIAN LAW/GENERAL PRACTICE CLINIC**

Represent clients facing various legal challenges related to family law, children’s rights, consumer law, misdemeanor criminal law and prisoners’ rights. The clinic also provides civil and misdemeanor criminal services to members of the Kalispel Tribe.

### **LINCOLN LGBTQ+ RIGHTS CLINIC**

Advance the equal rights and dignity of individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ by assisting clients with a variety of legal issues such as correcting government identification cards, family law, domestic violence and discrimination.

**[gonzaga.edu/lawclinic](http://gonzaga.edu/lawclinic)**

## BE YOUR BEST

# Support Resources

At Gonzaga Law, balance matters and is encouraged in our students. You will regularly hear the phrase *Cura Personalis*. Rooted in our Jesuit mission, this translates to “care for the whole person,” and it’s a tenet that drives everything that we do.

We believe that we have a responsibility to help each of our students grow in mind, body and spirit—to become a person of intelligence and integrity, strength and humility, courage and compassion. To help you fulfill your purpose as the best student, attorney, community member and human you can be, we offer many campus resources to support your needs and goals.

### ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM

The Academic Success Program (A.S.P.) houses our academic support and bar preparation team. In service to our mission, all new 1Ls take a course called Professional and Academic Foundations (ProFound) during your 1L year to springboard the skills you need to be successful in law school.

To further develop those skills, Gonzaga Law has partnered with BARBRI a global legal education support provider. This partnership provides access to preparation materials, discounted courses and diagnostic check-ins throughout your entire law school journey.

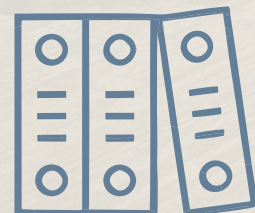
Additionally, the A.S.P. houses our Smitty Teaching Fellows. Our Smittys are 2L and 3L peer advisors who provide mentoring and coaching as you navigate your first year of law school.

### LAW SCHOOL MINISTRY

Regardless of your faith tradition, the Law School’s chaplain can support you in your spiritual journey.

### STUDENT AFFAIRS

Our Student Affairs team builds a culture of community at Gonzaga Law. This looks as diverse as trivia nights in the Chastek Library, a petting zoo before finals or simply connecting you with campus resources to help meet your need at any moment. Gonzaga Law students have access to all student resources at Gonzaga University, including our on-campus Health and Counseling Center, Disability resource office, wellness-focused workshops and more.





*“When your faculty go out of their way to know you as an individual outside of your identity as a student, that’s not something you’ll find at other law schools. This is a pretty unique culture. The faculty want to see you succeed as an individual.”*

- KATIE HANDICK ('23)

## EXPLORE A GLOBAL CLASSROOM

# Study Abroad

We believe that to do good in the world, you must first explore it in all its diversity and dimension. Through intentional study, travel and research, you can deepen your understanding of how to connect with and advocate for people of all cultures and experiences.

By learning about legal practices across the world, you will gain a richer understanding of how to serve your future clients with an informed mind and open heart.

### GONZAGA LAW IN FLORENCE

The centerpiece of our global programs, the Florence Summer Law Program takes place on Gonzaga's stunning Florence campus in June of each year. This immersive program includes coursework on international human rights, restorative justice, comparative labor and employment law, and technology as it impacts oppressed and marginalized peoples.

[gonzaga.edu/florencelaw](https://gonzaga.edu/florencelaw)









## BUILD YOUR NETWORK

# Alumni Support

Gonzaga is a close-knit community of people who want the best for—and from—each other. We actively support all the members of our Zag family, both during our time on campus and long after graduation.

Of our 7,500+ alumni worldwide, some are currently shaping policy in the Senate, pursuing justice in the Washington State Supreme Court, protecting rights through the ACLU, managing business interests with corporate conglomerates, serving their country in the JAG Corps, and, of course, advocating for everyday citizens in endless ways.

In addition to providing you with plenty of inspiration, the Zag Law alumni network can also help you further your career goals, connect to internships and employment openings and get involved in mentoring the next generation of law students.



## MEET YOUR NEW HOME

# Get to know Spokane

A city with a small-town feel—that's Spokane. It's full of cultural experiences, natural beauty and a welcoming community where neighbors know, help and celebrate one another.

Located in Eastern Washington, Spokane has about 230,000 residents, while the surrounding metro area has nearly 600,000. Sitting near the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, this region boasts plentiful ski areas, breweries, golf courses and lakes for you to explore during four distinct seasons. In Séliš, one of the languages of the Indigenous peoples of the Northwest Plateau, Spokane means "People of the Sun."

**20**  
GOLF  
COURSES

**3** MAJOR  
SHOPPING MALLS  
ALL WITHIN A SHORT  
DRIVE OF CAMPUS

**6**  
STATE PARKS &  
RECREATION AREAS

**55+**  
BREWERIES  
& WINERIES

**76**  
LAKES

**5**  
SKI AREAS

DIRECT FLIGHTS TO  
**22**  
DESTINATIONS VIA

**8** AIRLINES  
FROM SPOKANE  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

LIVE THEATER &  
BROADWAY PLAYS

SPOKANE  
SYMPHONY

**2**  
PROFESSIONAL  
SPORTS TEAMS

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## KNOW YOUR RESOURCES:

# Aid & Scholarships

Financing your J.D. is an important piece of the puzzle as you consider law school. Nearly 100% of Gonzaga Law students take advantage of the various financial aid programs we offer. We are committed to transparent communication about how financing fits into your future.

This conversation begins with consideration for merit-based scholarship. Gonzaga Law awards nearly \$6 million in scholarships to incoming 1L students. **All Gonzaga Law scholarships are fully guaranteed and renewable for the traditional duration of your program.** There are no conditional strings attached. Your application for admission is your application for merit-based scholarships.

This investment in your success is our commitment to you. We are dedicated to helping you pursue your educational and career goals by providing financial information and resources in a professional and individualized manner.

Our staff at Gonzaga Law are committed to helping you understand not just how to get in the door, but to bar passage and beyond.

### CARL MAXEY SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Provides full-tuition scholarships to students from diverse backgrounds, defined broadly as race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, disability status, gender identity and expression, immigration status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, and socioeconomic background. The program requires a commitment to social justice through ongoing pro bono and public service work.

### THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. BURGESS LAW SCHOLARSHIP

Supports a diverse incoming student who demonstrates academic excellence.

### DIVERSITY IN TECHNOLOGY & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SCHOLARSHIP & INTERNSHIP

Supports a student from a diverse or underserved background who has a bachelor's degree in hard science or engineering and an interest in technology and I.P. law.



**Thanks to the generous financial support of our alumni and foundation, Gonzaga Law waives 100% of student application fees.**

To learn more about financing your Gonzaga education, contact our admissions office by emailing [admissions@lawschool.gonzaga.edu](mailto:admissions@lawschool.gonzaga.edu)

You can also find additional scholarship information at [gonzaga.edu/law/scholarships](http://gonzaga.edu/law/scholarships)

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

# We cannot wait to meet you.

If Gonzaga University School of Law sounds like the place you want to pursue your passion for good, we'd love to talk, meet and help you take the next steps to becoming a Zag.

## SCHEDULE A VISIT

Set up a time to come see our Spokane campus at [gonzaga.edu/law/visit](https://gonzaga.edu/law/visit)

## TALK WITH THE ADMISSIONS TEAM

Email us at [admissions@lawschool.gonzaga.edu](mailto:admissions@lawschool.gonzaga.edu) or call **509-313-5532**

## READY TO APPLY?

Visit [gonzaga.edu/law/apply](https://gonzaga.edu/law/apply) to submit your application.









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