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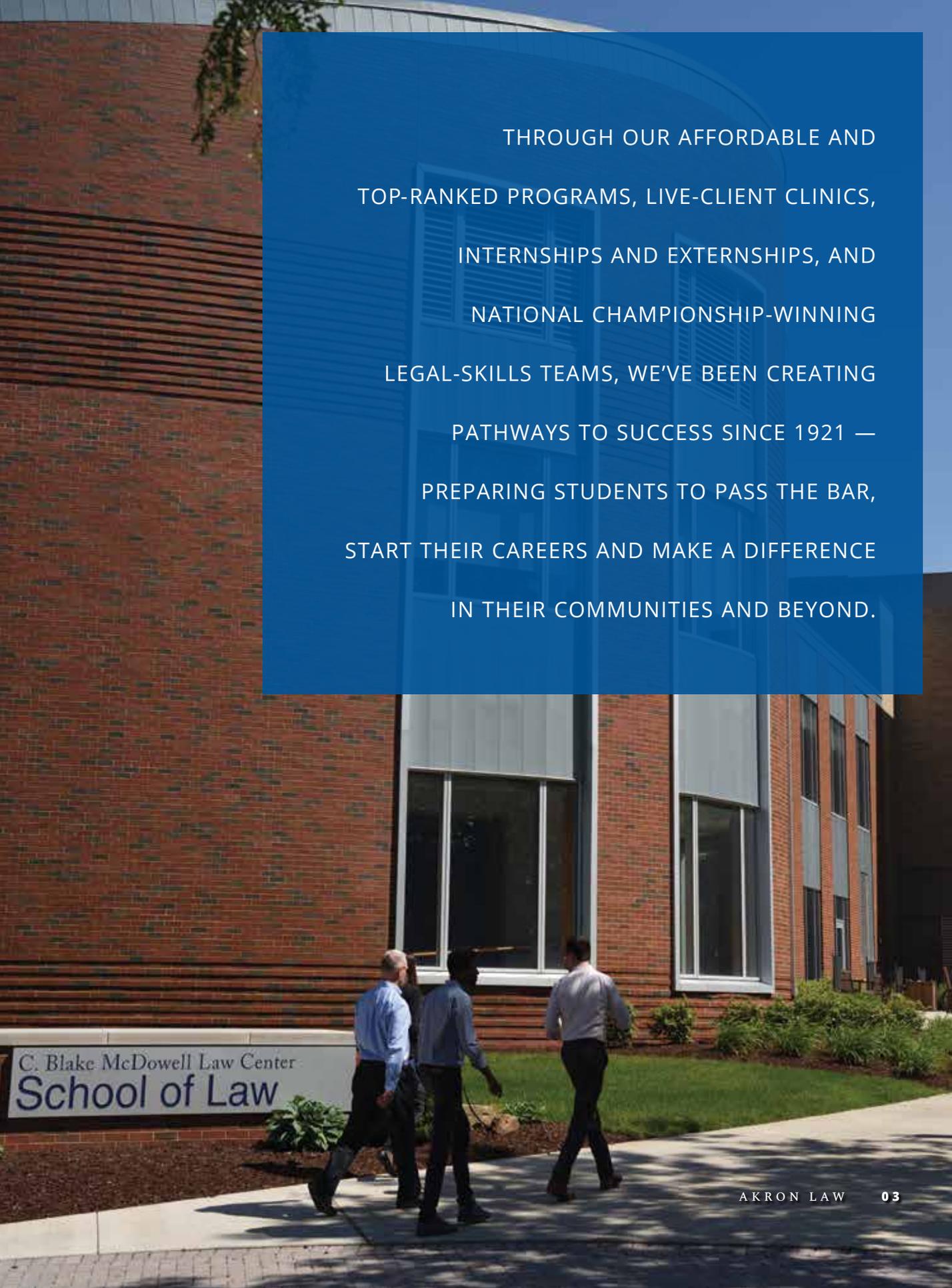
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.
PROVEN SUCCESS.
PROUDLY AKRON.

The
University
of Akron





THROUGH OUR AFFORDABLE AND
TOP-RANKED PROGRAMS, LIVE-CLIENT CLINICS,
INTERNSHIPS AND EXTERNSHIPS, AND
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING
LEGAL-SKILLS TEAMS, WE'VE BEEN CREATING
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS SINCE 1921 —
PREPARING STUDENTS TO PASS THE BAR,
START THEIR CAREERS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND BEYOND.



C. Blake McDowell Law Center
School of Law



85% OF OUR
FULL-TIME FACULTY
HAVE LEGAL-PRACTICE
EXPERIENCE



Real-World PERSPECTIVES

Our completely renovated facility features state-of-the-art classrooms and a light-filled central atrium with a fireplace and café.

Below: C. Blake McDowell Professor of Law Willa Gibson advises a student.



At Akron Law, our commitment to your success begins with an outstanding faculty of leading scholars, teachers and practitioners. Our students learn from and are inspired by exceptional professors who love teaching and who bring a wealth of real-world experience and scholarly

knowledge to every lecture, clinic and one-on-one meeting.

We take pride in producing practice-ready graduates. That is why we offer numerous skills-focused electives, weave skills development into the core curriculum and emphasize legal research and writing courses and support. Our professors understand both legal theory and law practice. They have written leading textbooks and published law journals. And they have served as prosecutors, judges, corporate general counsel, business executives and as law firm partners in Manhattan and on Main Street.

Akron Law students comment that their professors foster a vibrant intellectual environment and provide them with a top-tier educational experience inside and outside of the classroom. Not only does Akron Law ensure that you will graduate with a foundation in the essential skills needed to practice law or succeed in other professional settings, but we continually adapt to both your individual needs and those of the marketplace.

AREAS OF STUDY

Business Law
Constitutional Law
Criminal Law
Family Law
Health Law
Intellectual Property Law
International Law
Social Justice Law
Trial Advocacy & Dispute Resolution



"YOU HAVE ONE OF THE TOP
IP PROGRAMS IN THE NATION ...
THE PROGRAM YOU HAVE
HERE IS AMAZING."

DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE ANDREI IANCU AT
THE AKRON LAW IP SYMPOSIUM



RANKED HIGHEST AMONG OHIO
LAW SCHOOLS FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY AND
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW (TIED):
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, (2024)



FIND YOUR *Passion* HERE

Akron Law gives you the classroom instruction, practical experience and professional development you need to succeed in any area of the law.

Our popular Trial Advocacy program, ranked 24th in the country by U.S. News & World Report (2024), prepares students—in both the classroom and the courtroom—to become skilled and confident litigators and advocates. A core component of the program is our unique

Summer Trial Academy. Students work together with lawyers and judges over an intensive two-week period that culminates in a trial simulation before sitting judges in a real courtroom.

Our Intellectual Property (IP) Law program—ranked 51st by U.S. News (2024)—is among the most comprehensive in the nation, with 30 IP-related courses, five full-time IP faculty, and two IP-related live-client clinics. Students interact with the Akron Law IP Advisory Council, a body of IP experts from Ohio and around the world. They also participate in events including the annual IP Law Symposium, IP Scholars Forum, and lunch-and-learn sessions with distinguished IP practitioners.

Our programs in Criminal Law and Constitutional Law have a longstanding record of preparing students for successful careers as prosecutors, defense attorneys and government and public-interest lawyers. Other popular areas of study include Business Law, Health Law and International Law.

At Akron Law, we strive to instill in all our students a passion for justice and a desire to serve underrepresented populations. Through our Social Justice Fellows program and other initiatives, we support students interested in pursuing a career in this area. More broadly, Akron Law students demonstrate an exceptional level of pro bono and community service activity.

The annual IP Symposium is just one of many events where students are able to network with practicing attorneys.

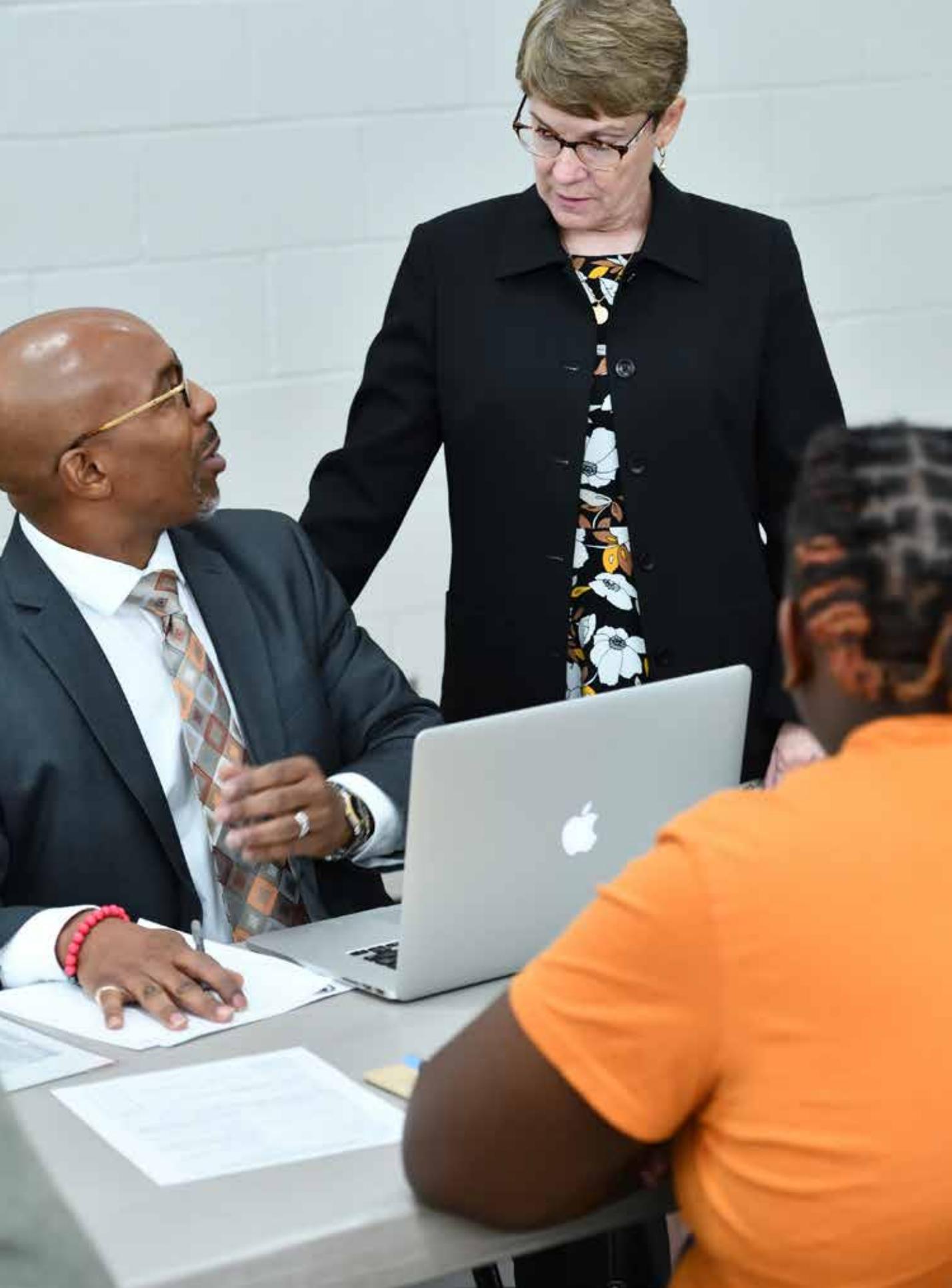
Below: A Summer Trial Academy student makes her case in the mock trial.



SELECTED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Asian-Hispanic Law Students Association
Black Law Students Association
Business Law Society
Federalist Society
Intellectual Property and Technology Law Association
International Law Society
Law Association for Women
Outlaws
Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
Student Bar Association





30+ PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER
HOSTED EVENTS EACH YEAR

15,000 HOURS OF PRO BONO
SERVICE CONTRIBUTED BY THE
CLASS OF 2023

500+ CLIENTS SERVED ANNUALLY
BY OUR CLINICS



GO *Beyond* THE CLASSROOM

Akron Law offers an array of experiential learning opportunities, including live-client clinics and moot court and mock trial legal-skills teams.

In our nationally recognized Reentry Clinic, students help low-income clients overcome various impediments to employment, such as getting their suspended driver's license reinstated or obtaining a Certificate of Qualification for Employment.

The Reentry Clinic also operates the Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project in

partnership with the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Our law students screen potential pardon candidates to ensure that they meet the project's requirements and assist the clients with preparing their pardon petition.

Our Trademark Clinic is one of only a handful throughout the country specially designated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to allow law students to prosecute trademark applications.

In our Small Entrepreneur and Economic Development (SEED) Clinic, law students supervised by staff attorneys provide legal and business assistance to small and emerging businesses, nonprofits, and social enterprises. Students benefit from the experience of

interacting with real clients seeking assistance with real-world issues.

Members of our legal-skills competition teams master practical lawyering skills while earning course credit. Our trial advocacy teams have won four national championships and 20 regional titles. Our moot court and client counseling teams earned Akron Law a top 10 position in a recent American Bar Association Competitions Championship annual ranking.

Now in its 53rd year, the Akron Law Review has been highly ranked for a number of years. Members of the Law Review edit the articles selected for publication and write their own notes and comments. In doing so, they improve their editing, writing, and citation skills while exploring the intricacies of a particular area of law.

Reentry Clinic Director and Professor of Law Joann Sahl advises a student assisting a client.

Below: Our Study Abroad program includes destinations like Hanoi, Vietnam.



AKRON LAW LEGAL CLINICS

Civil Practice Clinic
Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project
Reentry Clinic
Small Entrepreneur and Economic Development (SEED) Clinic
Trademark Clinic





75+ EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

90% OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS TAKE

**ADVANTAGE OF INTERNSHIPS, EXTERNSHIPS
OR ONE OF OUR LEGAL CLINICS**



Enhance YOUR CREDENTIALS

Akron Law is known for the many opportunities it provides for professional growth and enhancing your credentials.

Externships offer valuable training that is of interest to employers and they help you develop your skills and professional identity. We offer a wide variety of opportunities with public, private and non-profit organizations to match your interests and career goals. In addition to law firms, courts and businesses, recent externships have included NASA, the Mid-American Conference and Akron's

Bounce Innovation Hub. Placements aren't confined to the Akron-Cleveland area. Our Washington D.C. externship program has placed students with D.C. law firms, the Copyright Alliance, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and the White House.

An excellent way to distinguish yourself to employers is by earning a joint degree in another discipline, such as Business Administration, Taxation, Forensic Accounting or Applied Politics. At Akron Law, you can complete the two degrees concurrently, transferring credits between programs to save time and money.

You can also enhance your credentials by earning a Certificate in Intellectual Property Law, Business Law, Litigation, Health Law or Constitutional Law—without adding any extra time or cost. Those seeking even more

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

- J.D./LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law
- J.D./MBA (Master of Business Administration)
- J.D./M. Tax (Master of Taxation)
- J.D./M.S.A. (Master of Science in Forensic Accountancy)
- J.D./M.A.P. (Master of Applied Politics)

intensive specialization in IP can earn a Master of Laws in Intellectual Property (LL.M.) either as a joint or standalone degree.

Exceptional students from each incoming class will be invited to join Akron Law's prestigious Honors Program. Honors Scholars take a special Honors Seminar and enjoy other special networking and externship opportunities. A dedicated Honors Scholars faculty advisor offers academic and career advice to guide you toward your greatest potential.

Professionals in other fields—such as engineering, health care and government—who do not wish to pursue a J.D. but are seeking legal education to advance in their careers, can earn a Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.) degree, tailored to their individual needs and interests.

An Akron Law student makes his closing argument at the Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition, where the top 16 teams in the country compete each June.

Below: Akron Law has a track record of federal judicial externship placements.





95% JOB PLACEMENT RATE WITHIN 10 MONTHS OF GRADUATION (CLASS OF 2022 J.D. RECIPIENTS)

\$70,000 — AVERAGE SALARY AT TIME OF SURVEY FOR CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATES EMPLOYED IN 2023

\$113,000 — AVERAGE STARTING SALARY FOR PATENT BAR ELIGIBLE GRADUATES (CLASS OF 2022)



Succeed IN YOUR JOB SEARCH

When it comes to student support, not all law schools are created equal. Akron Law offers a range of academic and career support services—beginning even before the first day of class and continuing until you pass the bar exam.

Once regular classes begin, our Academic Success professionals— together with Academic Success Fellows, recruited from among the top-performing students—host individual and group study

sessions, lead skills-based workshops, and provide critical resources such as practice exam questions.

Our innovative professionalism program brings alumni to the school to speak about subjects such as legal practice, professional identity, advocacy and cross-cultural competency.

To prepare students to pass the bar exam, we have partnered with bar review leader BARBRI to provide tailored support services throughout your time at Akron Law. This includes new or enhanced courses, diagnostic tests, voluminous study resources, and the traditional post-graduate bar review course, all at no additional cost.

In addition to bar exam support, we also prepare you for a successful career,

CLASS OF 2022 EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR

- Private Practice 54%
- Government 20%
- Business 16%
- Public Interest 6%
- Judicial Clerkship 3%
- Academic 2%



beginning in your first year. Our Office of Career Services will help you find externships and summer internships that match your interests and career goals and connect you with prospective employers. The office hosts around 80 prominent employers for interviews each year and provides access to our national network of alumni and employers.

As a proof point, the employment rate of our J.D. graduates, assessed at 10 months after graduation, has consistently exceeded 90% in recent years, reaching 95% for the class of 2022. For Patent Bar eligible IP Certificate and J.D./LL.M. graduates and joint degree graduates, the employment rate is consistently at or near 100%.

Akron Law students meet with an attorney at Benesch Law in Cleveland, an Am Law 200 firm, during their summer associate experience.

Below: Students meet with employers at the annual Love Your Career Fair.





“Akron Law not only provided me with an incredible legal education and practical skills, but it also gifted me with a group of study buddies that became my lifelong friends (and one of them my now-husband). Akron Law instilled in me the immense value of using your J.D. to help your community.”

— Emily DelColle, J.D. '21
Saint Louis University, B.S., Psychology '18

Emily, an associate at Jones Day in Cleveland, represents companies and individuals in complex commercial litigation, focusing on criminal investigations and white collar defense matters. Emily maintains an active pro bono practice where she focuses on the firm's Constitutional Policing and Civil Justice Reform Initiative.



“At Akron, I was able to earn a J.D. and my MBA in a little over 3 years. The return on investment was substantial, and the practical experience was unmatched. Through the SEED Clinic, I was able to draft transactional documents, which gave me a head start towards becoming an expert in corporate leasing.”

— Brandyn Costa, J.D., MBA '20
The University of Akron, B.A., '15

Brandyn is an associate attorney at Buckingham, Doolittle and Burroughs in Akron, focusing on assisting clients with the purchase, sale, development, leasing, zoning and financing of real estate investments.



EMBARK ON *Your* CAREER

Akron Law alumni are a proud family of more than 8,800 graduates working in large and small firms, corporations and government agencies in Ohio as well as 48 other states and 14 countries. They work as judges, political leaders, military officers, managing partners and CEOs. And they generously give back to Akron Law, serving on advisory boards; teaching as adjunct professors; and mentoring, coaching and employing our students.



“One of the best choices I made was enrolling at Akron Law. The faculty made me feel right at home, which was comforting considering home was 2,000 miles away. The trial advocacy program at Akron Law is second to none. I am forever indebted to the professors and coaches who shaped me into the advocate I am today. The skills and knowledge I acquired opened the doors to instant success.”

— John Burns, J.D. '22
California State University – Northridge, B.A. '16

John is a deputy district attorney at the Orange County (California) District Attorney's Office.

“Akron Law gave me the best possible experience—from the selfless support of faculty members and a community of devoted students to incredible opportunities in the job market.”

— Tolulope Ajifowobaje, J.D. '23
Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, L.L.M. '11

Tolulope earned an LL.M. in Nigeria and spent more than a decade in the legal field there before emigrating and enrolling in Akron Law's two-year J.D. program for foreign-trained lawyers. She had a one-year internship at Sherwin Williams and was awarded a post-grad legal fellowship at Goodyear.

1 CENTURY SINCE AKRON LAW'S FOUNDING IN 1921

200+ AKRON LAW ALUMNI HAVE SERVED AS JUDGES

100+ ENDOWMENTS CREATED BY AKRON LAW ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS



33,000 ACRES OF DEEP FORESTS,
ROLLING HILLS AND OPEN FARMLANDS
TO ENJOY IN CUYAHOGA VALLEY
NATIONAL PARK



Photo by Tim Fitzwater

YOU'LL *Love* IT HERE

A ride or hike through Beaver Marsh is among the most popular activities in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Top right: Akron's Lock 3 Park hosts concerts, festivals and other events.

Right: The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Below: The School of Law is within walking distance of downtown.

The city of Akron is a hidden gem with a rich history, a vibrant culture and an exciting future.

The fifth-largest city in Ohio, Akron offers the energy of a big city and the friendliness of a Midwestern town—and it is regularly ranked as one of the most affordable cities in the country.

Nicknamed the Rubber City for its tire and rubber manufacturing tradition,

Akron remains the world center of tire technologies and a leader in polymer research and production. The University of Akron was recently named the top university in the world for polymer science and plastics engineering.

More than 20 Fortune 500 companies are invested in Akron, while the broader Northeast Ohio region is home to 33 companies with revenues of more than \$2 billion and 20 law firms with 50 or more local attorneys.

The University is ideally located on a hill overlooking the city within a short walking distance of the courts, government offices, law firms, restaurants, and sports and entertainment venues. There is always something to do



in Greater Akron. Visit the Akron Art Museum, watch a RubberDucks baseball game at Canal Park, or enjoy an outdoor concert downtown at Lock 3 or in the country at Blossom Music Center, summer home of the Cleveland Orchestra.

Make the short drive north to see the Cleveland Browns, Cavaliers or Guardians, or catch a show at Playhouse Square, the largest performing arts center in the U.S. outside of New York. And no self-respecting tourist comes to Northeast Ohio without paying homage at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Photo by Tim Fitzwater



**100% OF J.D. STUDENTS IN GOOD
STANDING KEEP THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS
AFTER THE FIRST YEAR**



SEE *Yourself* HERE

At Akron Law, we take pride in offering an affordable, practical and flexible legal education.

Our yearly full-time tuition and fees are just over \$25,000. We award several million dollars in scholarships each year and, unlike some law schools, our scholarships are



guaranteed so long as you remain in good standing. Equally important, our graduates' law school debt-to-income ratio continues to rank among the lowest in Ohio.

We are the only law school in Ohio to offer entering J.D. students the option to begin in the spring, summer or fall semester. The admissions criteria, tuition and basic curriculum are the same no matter which start time you choose. That also applies to our part-time studies program, which U.S. News ranks as one of the two best in Ohio and among the top 50 in the country in its 2024 rankings.

Our students come from diverse backgrounds and



bring a variety of experiences and interests. When they arrive here, however, they all become part of the Akron Law family—a mutually supportive community of students, faculty, staff and alumni whose common bonds unite them for a lifetime.



Affordable



Annual tuition and fees are just over \$25,000 for full-time study and just over \$17,000 for part-time study for Ohio residents and non-residents alike.

First-year scholarships are guaranteed to be renewed so long as you remain in good standing.

The debt-to-income ratio of Akron Law graduates is among the lowest in Ohio.

Akron is regularly ranked among the most affordable cities to live in.





Practical

**Be practice-ready when
you graduate.**

BUILD PRACTICAL SKILLS THROUGH

Internships and externships

Legal clinics

Moot court and mock trial teams

Legal research & writing courses

Law Review

And more!





Flexible

**Start law school in spring,
summer or fall.**



CHOOSE FROM

Full time

Part time – day

Part time – evening
(Blended Online)



ASIDE FROM THE TRADITIONAL J.D. PROGRAM, WE OFFER

2-year J.D. for international attorneys

Master of Studies in Law

3+3 agreements with several universities





APPLY TO AKRON LAW

The law school application process is straightforward, but it requires some advance planning. It is best—though not required—to start the process about a year before you intend to begin law school. The following steps will assist you in planning your law school application. You do not need to complete each step in the exact order shown below, but doing so offers the smoothest path through the application process.

- Establish your FREE account at lsac.org.
- Register for the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS).
- Request 1-3 letters of recommendation (ideally academic or professional, not personal).
- Have transcripts from all colleges and universities attended sent to CAS.
- Check your LSAC account to ensure all letters of recommendation and transcripts have arrived at CAS and have been processed.
- Take the LSAT.
- Receive your LSAT score.
- Visit uakron.edu/law/admissions to access and complete your application.

If you have any questions, contact Akron Law Admissions at lawadmissions@uakron.edu or 1-800-425-7668.



You can register for the next open house or request a personal visit on our website at uakron.edu/law/admissions/visit.

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