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Fabulous Las Vegas

Welcome to Las Vegas, a sparkling oasis nestled in the beautiful Mojave Desert. Your life isn't just law school, and our law school isn't just anywhere. Here you will find world-class entertainment, dining, shopping, and nightlife. Our law students enjoy the best of both worlds: a complete campus experience with quick access to the courts and downtown area.

Join us in one of the world's most fascinating cities.



A Bright Light

A little over a decade ago, a new law school in Las Vegas turned on the lights for the first time and ignited something powerful. In record time, the William S. Boyd School of Law received ABA accreditation and became a nationally esteemed law school, winning scores of accolades.

But the school's proudest achievements are those of its students, who win top awards in competitions, secure judicial clerkships, land jobs at prestigious law firms, and enter the workforce prepared to serve their clients and communities.

Like the greater community of Las Vegas, this success is born from daring vision, hard work, and rapid innovation. The law school has achieved much in its history and offers endless opportunities for the future. Come to Boyd and experience these opportunities for yourself. We invite you to add your bright light to ours.



"Boyd has everything a great law school needs: nationally recognized faculty, accomplished alumni, and terrific students who take advantage of all the opportunities this dynamic city and region have to offer. At Boyd, we work together to train excellent lawyers who go on to successful and fulfilling careers. We are proud of what we have built here, and we look forward to hearing from you."

Daniel W. Hamilton

Dean and Richard J. Morgan Professor of Law



Flexible Programs

Because one size does not fit all, we offer several options:

JD Programs

- Full-time
- Part-time day
- Part-time evening

Dual-Degree Programs

- Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA)
- Master of Social Work (JD/MSW)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Education (JD/PhD)

Student Centered

At Boyd, you are an individual. We celebrate your unique interests with a wide array of programs and educational opportunities that fit your needs.

Solid Foundation • You will begin your Boyd education with essential classes that provide a strong groundwork in the theory and practice of law: Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Lawyering Process (Legal Writing), Contracts, and Torts.

Broad Choices • In your final two years of study, you will have the freedom to pursue wide-ranging interests. You might enjoy taking an elective in environmental, international, immigration, real estate, or gaming law.



A Meaningful Network

Regular and meaningful interactions are key to your success in the classroom and in the professional world. We are committed to building and nurturing those relationships.

Faculty • In your day-to-day coursework, you will meet often with your professors. They are widely respected scholars, opinion leaders, and practitioners. Above all, they are dedicated teachers. They will help you grasp new concepts, look at old concepts in new ways, and apply your knowledge to real-world situations.

Students • From friendships to study groups and student organizations, your peers are a crucial part of your education. At Boyd you will find a diverse group of students from all walks of life. This diversity will stretch you in new ways as you learn from one another. We know you also will find common interests, and we encourage you to participate in one of our many student organizations.

Professionals • The value of your Boyd education extends well beyond the campus and into a dynamic legal community. These lawyers, judges, and business professionals not only support the law school—many of them helped create it. They believe in the quality of our training and continue to open doors for our students and alumni.

Clients • Clinics, externships, and volunteer work opportunities connect you to real people in real legal situations. Under the direction of faculty and practitioners, you will tackle complex realities and apply your advocacy, research, and writing skills.



“Our goal is to provide our students with an outstanding foundation of legal knowledge and practical skills that will carry over to a variety of settings, including the private law firm, government agency, and nonprofit settings, and to a range of practice areas, including civil law, criminal law, and administrative law.”

Stacey A. Tovino, J.D., Ph.D.

Lincy Professor of Law

Faculty Member of the Year, 2012 and 2013





Learning by Doing

At Boyd, we strongly believe in integrating traditional and experiential learning. Your legal education here will be a blend of the abstract and the practical, of the creative and the applied.

Service From the Start • A unique aspect of your Boyd education is an early focus on service learning. As a first-year student, you will participate in a community service program, directing informational workshops and providing legal information to those in need.

Roll Up Your Sleeves • From law journal, to clinics, to moot court competitions, Boyd offers many opportunities for gaining practical experience. We encourage you to extend these opportunities beyond campus with an externship in the courts, legislature, or a governmental agency.

Hands-On Focus Nationally Recognized Programs

Lawyering Process Program • We expand on the concept of “legal writing” by incorporating professionalism and lawyering skills into both semesters of our first-year curriculum. A third, required semester allows students to further develop fundamental skills. Our comprehensive program includes the following:

- Litigation Document Drafting
- Client Interviewing & Counseling
- Objective & Persuasive Writing
- Transactional Document Drafting
- Research Strategies
- Negotiation
- Oral Advocacy

Thomas & Mack Legal Clinic • Recognized among the best in the nation, this interdisciplinary program allows students to work under faculty supervision and advocate for clients in need. Our program includes these clinics:

- Appellate Litigation
- Family Justice
- Innocence
- Immigration
- Juvenile Justice
- Mediation

Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution • The Saltman Center is nationally and internationally renowned for its study of the nature of conflict and alternative dispute resolution. The center hosts a variety of conferences, lectures, workshops, competitions, clinics, and courses. Saltman faculty have coached students to victory in several national competitions. Our areas of expertise include the following:

- Arbitration
- Client Counseling
- Mediation
- Negotiation



Urban Oasis

Boyd is centrally located on the UNLV campus, which is centrally located in the Las Vegas Valley. Our law students enjoy the best of both worlds: a complete campus experience with quick access to the courts and downtown area.

Thomas & Mack Moot Court Facility • Our moot court facility serves as a classroom for courtroom procedure and a venue for everything from student moot court competitions to state and federal judicial proceedings. Designed by one of the nation's leading court architecture firms, the facility has a unique design that allows the courtroom to be reconfigured to simulate all types of court settings.

William S. Boyd Hall • Modern spaces combined with modern technology ensure that our lecture halls, classrooms, and offices facilitate teaching, learning, and working.

Wiener-Rogers Law Library • Located on the third floor of Boyd Hall, our library is the largest law library in the state of Nevada. Its growing collections are a resource for students, faculty, and the public. With ample study spaces, natural light, and a helpful staff, the library soon will become your favorite home on campus.



UNLV Campus • Because we are part of the main campus, our students have access to all of UNLV's amenities, including a new student union and a state-of-the-art fitness center. More than 80 acres of desert landscaping provide a campus oasis that has been declared a state arboretum. Boyd students also enjoy a rich intellectual community, with campus-wide activities and collaboration between schools and departments.

"Boyd's world-class writing program and legal clinics have not only prepared me to be an attorney, they provided me with the foundation and experience to excel."

Timothy Mott
Class of 2012





For Students & Alumni Services You Need

Academic Support

- Academic Advising
- Peer-to-Peer Mentoring
- Tutorials
- Workshops
- Seminars
- Bar Exam Prep

Career Support

- Counseling & Mentoring
- Training Sessions
- Networking Events
- Mock Interviews
- On-Campus Interviews
- Online Job Database

Your Success, Our Success

At Boyd, we are committed to your academic and professional success. When you invest in Boyd, we invest in you for a lifetime.

An Attitude of Success • Join a community that promotes success by expecting excellence and providing support. Boyd's positive, non-competitive environment sets us apart from many law schools. Faculty and staff instruct and mentor; students collaborate and help each other. Our students and faculty recognize this distinct culture, value it, and strive to maintain it.

Academic Success • Our academic success program provides you with more formal strategies and resources to excel. Whether you want to improve your study skills, refine your reasoning and communication, strengthen your legal writing, perfect your exam taking, or prepare for the bar exam, our team of faculty, staff, and student mentors is here for you.

Professional Success • Ultimately, our goal is to prepare you for a successful legal career. As you begin your job search, our career services office will be an invaluable resource. We can help you refine your resume, hone your interviewing skills, expand your networking opportunities, and assist you along your career path. In addition, you will have access to our job database, which connects you with prospective employers.



Photos taken at Snell & Wilmer

Alumni Achievements

Our graduates land jobs in top law firms and general counsel offices; clerkships in federal and state courts; jobs in city, state, and federal government; and even elected positions in the state legislature and judiciary.



Easy Living

Compared to other major metropolitan areas, Las Vegas offers big-city living without the hassle and expense. Affordable housing and no state income tax make Las Vegas an attractive place to live and work. Driving is easy and residential communities are well planned, with schools, parks, and commercial areas close to home.

Beyond the Neon

Nearby Attractions	Distance (in Miles)
Red Rock Canyon	15
Hoover Dam	25
Death Valley	130
Zion	170
Grand Canyon	270
Los Angeles	270
Phoenix	290

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You will find plenty of warm sunshine and endless ways to enjoy the outdoors. Whether you love running, hiking, golfing, cycling, horseback riding, tennis, or simply studying by the pool, Las Vegas offers more than 300 days of sunshine a year.



Photos taken at Lake Las Vegas



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