Welcome to the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law.

UNLV educates the lawyers and leaders of tomorrow. As the only law school in Nevada, our location in Las Vegas puts us at the nexus of commerce and government in the state. For our students, that means an educational experience unlike any other.

We pride ourselves on the personal attention we give to every student. You’ll find faculty, alumni, and partner organizations eager to help you succeed. You’ll learn in an environment that is diverse, open, and inclusive. And your education will be characterized by rigorous academic study paired with hands-on, real-world experience.

Read on, and discover for yourself why the Boyd School of Law consistently ranks among our nation’s top public law schools.
LETTER FROM THE DEAN

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
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Example of a First Year Schedule

Students are assigned to small sections within each incoming class. Your section determines your course schedule. For the first year, the following illustration represents one section’s full-time fall schedule and the current first year fall schedule for the part-time division.

Full-time 3 years to graduate

Part-time 4 years to graduate

Full-time day students take Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, Contract Law II, Lawyering Process II, and Property Law in the spring semester.

Part-time students take Ethics, Lawyering Process II, and Property Law in the spring semester and take Civil Procedure, Contracts I & II, and Constitutional Law in the second year.

MONDAY

Lawyering Process I 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Civil Procedure 1:20 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

TUESDAY

Contracts I 9:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Contract Law I 1:40 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

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THURSDAY

Contracts I 9:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Contract Law I 1:40 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

6 credits – daytime classes

8 - 11 credits – daytime & evening classes

16 credits – daytime classes

9 - 12 credits – evening classes
Academic rigor. Practical expertise.

At the Boyd School of Law, we’ve brought together faculty that are as noteworthy as they are dedicated to the students we serve. Beyond teaching, our faculty members have written or contributed to more than 200 books, along with more than 600 law review articles. They are vital members of scholarly societies, and you’ll find our faculty offering insights and leadership at conferences around the world. Their expertise drives your achievement.

Professor Beazley has made legal writing her life’s work. She’s been president of the Legal Writing Institute, chair of the ABA’s Communication Skills Committee, and president of the Association of Legal Writing Directors.

Professor Beazley authored “A Practical Guide to Appellate Advocacy” and co-wrote “Legal Writing for Legal Readers.” She came to UNLV Law after positions at some of the nation’s most notable law schools, bringing with her an innovative approach to teaching the art and craft of legal writing.

An avid reader and Harry Potter fan, Professor Beazley wrote a chapter for the compilation “The Law of Harry Potter.” Beyond her scholarly focus on legal writing and reading, her work also includes studying the effect of digital platforms on the cognitive aspects of legal reading.

Professor Cooper doesn’t shy away from the hard issues. Rather, as the director of our Race, Gender, and Policing Program, he embraces them.

As assistant to Professors Cornel West, Juliet Schor and Laurel Thatcher Ulrich at Harvard University, he won three teaching awards.

Since his 2018 arrival in Las Vegas from the East Coast, he’s marveled most at the joy of an outdoor lunch in the dead of winter.
Build your community.

As a student at UNLV Law, you’ll enjoy an educational experience that transcends the classroom. Student organizations, academic clubs, service opportunities, and state-of-the-art facilities all create a place where you will be enriched, challenged, and supported.
Our Academic Success Program offers additional opportunities to hone your study and writing skills. At the core of this is the Center for Academic Success and Enrichment, offering mentoring, advising, and assistance.

Great opportunities to develop skills and gain experience.

We want our students to gain as much practical experience as possible. That’s why the Boyd School of Law gives you the chance to put what you’ve learned to work.

Student Organizations

• Society of Advocates – This honorary, co-curricular organization equips members with enhanced written, oral advocacy, counseling, and dispute resolution skills through competitions.

• Black Law Students Association (BLSA) – A national organization that serves the professional needs and goals of its members.

• La Voz – Recognized two years in a row as the student organization of the year by the Hispanic National Bar Association, the Latin/Hispanic Law Student Association empowers students who aren’t typically represented in the legal profession.

• Public Interest Law Association (PILA) – This organization works closely with students, faculty, and members of the community to raise awareness about public interest work and opportunities.

• CLawS – The Cannabis Law Society educates members and promotes understanding of cannabis law in Nevada and in the United States at large.

• Policy & Legislation Society (PALS) – Enables members to advance their careers through opportunities in policy and legislation.

Our Most Court team competes across the country, and our state-of-the-art Thomas & Mack Court Facility serves as both a classroom for courtroom procedures and a venue for competition. At the award-winning Salmon Center for Conflict Resolution, you’ll engage in conferences, lectures, competitions and more. You’ll also have the opportunity to be part of important scholarly work happening in two journals, the Nevada Law Journal and Gaming Law Journal.

Second- and third-year students can also hone their skills with the robust clinical work we do. You’ll get hands-on experience in an actual courtroom, representing real clients under the supervision of a licensed attorney. And you’ll have ample opportunity to directly impact the community, too, with the Pro Bono Honors program, where you’ll teach free legal education classes or develop educational material. Participants in this program have provided legal assistance and education to more than 70,000 Nevadans since UNLV Law was founded. You can also qualify for scholarships and stipends through the Public Interest Fellowship—a program that helps those with demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to community service.

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And at the center of the student experience is the campus experience. The UNLV Boyd School of Law is at the heart of UNLV’s main campus. The law school features the latest technology in sleek, modern spaces. On the third floor you’ll find the Wiener-Rogers Law Library—the largest law library in the state of Nevada.

This is just a sampling of ways you can get involved. For a full listing of student organizations, go to law.unlv.edu/studentorgs
Career-ready from the start.
The Boyd School of Law supports you through academic advising, peer-to-peer mentoring, tutorials, workshops, seminars, and preparation for the bar exam.

At the end of your first year, you’ll meet with faculty advisors to explore specific areas of the law in which you want to practice. Once those interests are identified, we work tirelessly to find internships and future clerkship opportunities for you. We’ll set up interviews right here on campus, and our extensive contacts are integral to getting you the right experience in the area of the law that interests you most.

Our commitment to you doesn’t end after you graduate. Alumni enjoy considerable career support, with counseling and mentoring, training sessions, networking events, mock interviews, on-campus interviews, and an online job database.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: ANNIE AVERY
Annie Avery chose UNLV Law because when she came here, our campus community made her feel like she was part of something. The diversity of study and experiences—including arguing a case in front of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals—helped her discover areas within the law that sparked her curiosity and intellectual passions.

After graduation, Annie clerked for the United States District Court for the District of Nevada and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Next up? A position with O’Melveny and Myers in Newport Beach, California, as a litigation associate. Annie attributes much of her success to UNLV Law’s writing program, which enabled her to hone the skills necessary to succeed in her clerkships—and beyond.
Placement
Our alumni have incredible career opportunities, including placement with the firms/organizations listed below.
Together, our efforts mean that over 90% of UNLV Law students find employment within 10 months of graduation.

LAW FIRMS
Latham and Watkins
O’Melveny and Myers
Morrison & Foerster
Greenberg Traurig
Snell & Wilmer
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
Lewis Roca Rothberger Christie
Dickinson Wright

PUBLIC INTEREST AND NONPROFITS
American Civil Liberties Union
Legal Aid of Southern Nevada
Nevada Legal Services
Anti-Defamation League
Senior Law Program

GOVERNMENT
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps
U.S. Attorney’s Office
Office of the Governor of Nevada

You can take advantage of potential internships, externships and judicial clerkships with:

- U.S. District Court
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- U.S. Immigration Court
- Nevada Court of Appeals
- Nevada District Court (encompassing business, civil, criminal, family, and probate)
- Nevada Department of Taxation

GABRIELLE BOLIOU
PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOW
JD, 2021
Life in Las Vegas is replete with advantages all its own: 300 sunny days a year. Lakes and mountains. Hiking and biking trails. A wealth of outdoor diversions. Best of all, our location puts you close to popular destinations like Red Rock Canyon, Hoover Dam, Death Valley, and Zion National Park. The Grand Canyon, Los Angeles, and Phoenix are all about a half day’s drive away.

Best of all, Las Vegas is highly affordable. Housing is reasonably priced. There’s no state income tax. And the Las Vegas Valley is rich with beautiful parks, thoughtfully designed neighborhoods, and convenient shopping.

Love where you learn.

Las Vegas is a city like no other: a world-class destination home to incredible entertainment, excellent dining, and a dynamic spirit that permeates the entire community.

Our city is home to professional sports teams such as the Vegas Golden Knights, the Las Vegas Raiders, the Las Vegas Aces, and our minor league baseball team, the Aviators. For the culturally minded, the Smith Center for the Performing Arts is a must-see destination that stages Broadway productions, concerts by A-list performers, and more.