Passion into Practice

Creativity, intelligence, and initiative—we educate the whole person to serve the common good.

“Go forth and set the world on fire.”
-St. Ignatius of Loyola
Ignite

Gonzaga Law’s multidimensional, humanistic approach to legal education enables service-minded students to make a meaningful impact in the world. Whether you’re an advocate for social justice, an entrepreneur in the making, internationally focused, or have political aspirations, we’ll help you ignite your passion and plot your future.
Discover

At Gonzaga, our expert faculty help you develop your capacity for growth and strengthen your ability to examine, interpret, and apply the law. Raise your hand if you’re ready for the challenge.

“Gonzaga Law has challenged me to think critically, pushed me to write concisely, and provided me with all of the tools necessary to be an effective practicing attorney.”

- Kristopher Morton ('18)
Pursue Justice, Ignite Progress. The Center for Civil & Human Rights at Gonzaga Law seeks to provide students, scholars, and community leaders with opportunities to explore and address issues relating to civil and human rights through research, education, and community engagement.

Through this Center, students can:

- Receive full tuition through the Thomas More Scholarship Program
- Obtain a Certificate in Civil and Human Rights
- Apply for Summer Fellowships in social justice
- Participate in the Civil Rights Moot Court Competition and in the Moderate Means Program
- Hear from nationally-renowned speakers
- Engage the community on criminal justice, immigration, and other civil and human rights matters

Established in 2006 and substantially expanded in 2019, the Center for Law, Ethics & Commerce has been one of the nation’s leaders in providing both law students and lawyers with the skills they need to be effective transactional lawyers: skills such as creative planning, negotiation, and careful drafting. The Center is now poised to offer students a collection of opportunities unlikely to be available anywhere else, including:

- Participating in a nationwide project to shape the law by authoring amicus curiae briefs on commercial law issues and advising the organizations drafting uniform legislation
- Publishing articles in the Center’s newsletter – The Transactional Lawyer – that inform lawyers around the country of recent legal developments that offer practical advice on how to structure transactions and document deals.

Washington State Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu speaks at the Center for Civil & Human Rights annual conference.

Stephan Sepinuck, Frederick N. & Barbara T. Curley Professor, directs the Center for Law, Ethics & Commerce.
Explore

Spokane, Washington

Adventure Within Reach

The greater Spokane area offers students outstanding recreational opportunities, a vibrant arts and culture scene, an abundance of modern dining, and a sophisticated professional network.

POPULATION 200,000+
GREATER SPOKANE AREA 600,000+
FOUR SEASONS
5 ski areas
76 LAKES
20 GOLF COURSES
3 MAJOR SHOPPING MALLS all within a short drive of campus

LIVE THEATER & BROADWAY PLAYS
SPOKANE SYMPHONY
PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAMS
Downtown Shopping & entertainment district
Fellowships
The Center for Civil & Human Rights provides $5,000 fellowships to a select number of students to cover living and travel expenses in support of otherwise unpaid summer work. The opportunity is available to students spending their summers doing distance internships or externships in legal areas important to the Center and its mission.

Study Abroad
The Florence law program offers a unique and exciting summer adventure in the heart of Florence, Italy. Held at Gonzaga’s Florence campus, students gain an international perspective of the law, learn from global experts, and immerse themselves in a rich cultural experience.

Curriculum & Events
- Human rights symposium hosted at Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Italia
- International mediation competition with the University of Florence School of Law
- Human rights curriculum taught by experts in the field

Aspire
Clinical Programs
Gonzaga Law’s clinic is modeled after a general practice law firm. Managed by faculty members and supervised by practicing attorneys, the clinic gives students the opportunity to apply academics to legal practice in the following areas:
- Business Law
- Elder Law
- Federal Tax Law
- Indian Law/General Practice
- Environmental Law and Land Use
- Immigration Law

Externships
Students work externally in both paid and unpaid non-profit and government positions, with limited opportunities in private practice.
- U.S. Attorney’s Office
- Superior Courts
- Supreme Courts
- Appellate Courts
- Federal District Courts
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Tribal Governments
- Civil Legal Aid Providers

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“I had an incredible time interning at the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project in Arizona, where I assisted undocumented children. It definitely reaffirmed the many reasons I came to law school.”
-Alejandra Lopez, 2018 Fellow

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

REGIONAL & NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES
Journey

The Center for Professional Development
The Center for Professional Development (CPD) is your on-site resource for planning and exploring your legal career opportunities. CPD invests deeply in getting to know who our students are and where they want to go. From providing job postings, interview fairs, and networking events to detailed assistance with your resumes, cover letters, and interviewing skills, CPD guides you every step of the way.

gonzaga.edu/law/careers

“I received invaluable guidance from CPD, ranging from an array of networking events to one-on-one support, which helped me successfully launch my career in litigation.”

—Sarah Elsden, ’16
Connect

Zag Law alumni are shaping policy in the Senate, pursuing justice in the Washington State Supreme Court, protecting rights at the ACLU, managing business interests with corporate conglomerates, serving their country in the JAG Corps, and advocating for everyday citizens in endless, inspiring ways.

Close-Knit Legal Community

From internships, to MENTOR PROGRAMS, to post-graduation employment, our active alumni base stays committed to serving and training each new generation of practitioners.

More than 7,250 alumni worldwide

Top 5 States:
- Washington
- California
- Idaho
- Oregon
- Arizona

NATIONAL ALUMNI NETWORK
Scholarships with Purpose

Thomas More Scholarship
100% Tuition. Limitless Opportunity.
Thomas More Scholars reflect the heart of Gonzaga Law’s mission: social justice and service to others. When serving in this storied program, students receive full tuition, join an active community of Thomas More alumni, and engage with important, meaningful work during and after school. Recipients must demonstrate a commitment to public service and academic excellence.
gonzaga.edu/thomasmore

The Diversity in Technology and IP Law Scholarship & Internship — Powered by eBay and SBMC
Immerse yourself in the corporate realm of IP law
A unique opportunity for incoming Gonzaga Law students interested in intellectual property, the Diversity in Technology and IP Law Scholarship and Internship includes an immersive multi-week program at eBay headquarters in San Jose, CA and a hands-on internship with SBMC in downtown Spokane, WA. This exciting new program features financial support in the form of recurring direct scholarship aid and a one-time $10,000 summer internship stipend.
gonzaga.edu/law/ip-scholarship

“Gonzaga Law has been an extremely enriching and rewarding experience. It has opened so many doors in the legal community. For the last three years, this is where I belonged.”
-Norann Beidas ('19)