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PHILADELPHIA WAS NAMED BY INC. MAGAZINE AS THE NINTH MOST INNOVATIVE CITY IN THE U.S., BASED ON PATENTS ISSUED—AND #1 FOR CHEMISTRY PATENTS
Let’s be honest: Today’s lawyers often practice more than just law. They are business consultants. Problem solvers. Financial strategists. That’s why at Villanova University School of Law, we’re revolutionizing the law school experience.

We’re pushing the boundaries of traditional legal instruction and infusing vital business coursework into every student’s education. Whether you’re pursuing corporate, criminal or public interest practice, Villanova will prepare you to become the kind of lawyer the market demands.

Our John F. Scarpa Center for Law and Entrepreneurship embodies this philosophy. It’s a hub for cross-disciplinary programming, groundbreaking coursework and real-world learning opportunities. It’s an incubator for creativity and collaboration. This is where entrepreneurs come to launch new businesses. This is where you will engage with experts on front-page issues. This is where faculty scholars will train you to be practice ready in today’s fast-paced, interconnected world.

This is where law meets business.

84% OF VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN THE PHILADELPHIA REGION GOES TO COMPANIES IN THE SUBURBS SURROUNDING VILLANOVA
Looking for a deep-dive into entrepreneurial law? Then the Clinic for Law and Entrepreneurship is for you.

It's a win-win collaboration. You get to tackle real-world legal issues. Entrepreneurs get high-quality legal insight they often cannot afford. Your clinical work also serves as a vital community resource. While contributing to the Greater Philadelphia entrepreneurial ecosystem, you’re empowering local innovators to turn their dreams into realities.

Working with full-time faculty, you become a primary counselor to emerging businesses—advising on corporate formation, intellectual property, contracts, tax and more. Just think—with your help, today’s client could turn into tomorrow’s next big thing.

Take Startups from Passion to Profit in Our In-House Clinic
IN A RECENT SURVEY OF TOP EXECUTIVES, THE ABILITY TO THINK ENTREPRENEURIALLY WAS CONSIDERED THE MOST IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP CHARACTERISTIC.

“Firms and businesses want attorneys who can hit the ground running. With curricular innovations that broaden and deepen students’ skills, and expand their opportunities for experiential learning, Villanova Law is graduating the kind of lawyers today’s market demands.”

—JOHN Y. GOTANDA, Arthur J. Kania Dean
Get Down to Business

21st century legal practice isn’t business as usual. Employers want lawyers who are superstars in the courtroom and the boardroom. Recruiters are looking for legal professionals who can read a financial statement as well as they can write an opening statement. Bottom line: In today’s highly competitive job market, the smart money is on more versatile lawyers. And that’s exactly what we’re producing here at Villanova Law.
The Scarpa Center’s curricular innovations and programming were developed with the market in mind. Partnering with industry experts and leading law firms, we designed mandatory cutting-edge courses that directly align with the demands of professional practice. Using real-world problems, simulation and role-playing, you’ll learn by doing. And in the end, you will graduate with the knowledge and know-how necessary to succeed in the job market.

As a student, you will learn from and engage with internationally renowned educators and visiting lecturers, including:

Melanie McMenamin, Director of the Clinic for Law and Entrepreneurship
Areas of Expertise: Social Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurial Lawyering

Richard Booth, Professor of Law
Areas of Expertise: Business Planning, Corporate Finance and Securities Litigation Enforcement

Douglas Coopersmith ’74, Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC; Adjunct Professor of Law
Areas of Expertise: Mergers and Acquisitions, Corporate Finance and Licensing

Joseph Del Raso ’83, Partner, Pepper Hamilton LLP; Visiting Lecturer
Areas of Expertise: Investment Management and Securities Law

Jennifer O’Hare, Professor of Law
Areas of Expertise: Business Organizations and Securities Regulation

Michael Risch, Professor of Law
Areas of Expertise: Intellectual Property, Internet Law and Patent Law

Amy Schuh ’98, Executive Director, Global Investigations, Merck & Co. Inc.; Visiting Lecturer
Areas of Expertise: Ethics and Compliance
Get Connected

When great minds come together, the possibilities for innovation and discovery are endless. That’s the kind of learning environment we’ve created in the Scarpa Center—a think-tank where cooperation trumps competition and where shared ideas are valued more than hoarded knowledge. Meet your new partners in learning—they’re high-caliber, high-tech and highly accomplished:

One of the Scarpa Center’s most valuable resources is its faculty. They don’t just teach the law. They shape it. Take a class taught by Professor Richard Booth. He wrote the book, literally, on corporate finance. Interested in IP? Learn from Professor Michael Risch, a noted intellectual property expert whose articles have been cited by the Supreme Court.

Villanova Law alumni recruit students, help them network and take an active role in the school. Doug Gaston ’92 is Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Comcast Cable, the country’s leading entertainment and communications company. He’s also an adjunct professor at his alma mater—so don’t be surprised if you bump into him in the halls.

VILLANOVA LAW GRADUATES CURRENTLY HOLD GENERAL COUNSEL POSITIONS IN BUSINESSES NATIONWIDE.
In a continually evolving legal marketplace, your career deserves individualized attention. At Villanova, you will have the support and guidance of our full-time career advisers—each with a broad cross-section of legal practice and employment experience. You will benefit from their behind-the-scenes knowledge of the industry and impressive professional network.

In and out of class, you will be challenged—not only by the faculty, but by your accomplished classmates as well. Our students are among the best and brightest in the country, representing diverse backgrounds and experiences. They have advanced degrees, are business owners and champions of social justice. While the nature of each student’s journey to Villanova Law is unique, what they all share is the desire to push themselves—and their classmates—to make an impact on the world as lawyers and leaders.
The broad knowledge, skills and practical experience a Villanova Law education affords, gives you an invaluable competitive edge in the job market.

Make It Your Business to Succeed

At Villanova Law, you will follow in the footsteps of our more than 10,000 graduates who continue to distinguish themselves as leaders in nearly every practice setting. Our strong alumni network includes the following individuals who have achieved professional success in the world's top businesses:

- **Rozanna Tesler Fried ’03**: Vice President of Business and Legal Affairs, Fullscreen, Inc.
- **Doug Gaston ’92**: Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Comcast Cable
- **Christina Cindy Gmiterek ’03**: Vice President, Goldman Sachs
- **Amanda Harrell ’06**: Executive Vice President of Business and Legal Affairs, United Artists Media Group
- **Michael Haswell ’97**: Director of Product Partnerships, Ads and Commerce, Google Inc.
- **Michael Holston ’87**: Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Merck & Co Inc.
Angela Hrusovsky '12: Legal Counsel, Bose Corporation
Sara Lee Keller '81: General Counsel, Giant Magellan Telescope Organization
Maryfrances Metrick '85: Senior Managing Director, Centerbridge Partners
Jeffrey Pott '90: General Counsel, AstraZeneca
Sean C. Sansiveri '08: Vice President of Business and Legal Affairs, National Football League Players Association
Reza Taleghani '97: CFO, Brightstar Corporation
Frances Visco '83: President, National Breast Cancer Coalition
Charles Widger '73: Founder and Executive Chairman, Brinker Capital Holdings Inc.
Jami Wintz McKeon '81: Partner and Chair of the Firm, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP

“...The new program at Villanova hits the mark. Law students now more than ever need to be prepared to understand the business of law, so they can better serve their clients and launch a successful career path inside a law firm—whatever the size might be. I only wish they had a program like this when I attended Villanova Law!” —Colleen Nihill '01, Chief Administrative Officer, Dechert LLP