

### Visit the Girard-diCarlo Student Lounge, Room 108

- Fun Fact: The Student Lounge is named for Villanova Law graduates Connie and David Girard-diCarlo, former U.S. Ambassador to Austria. While both students at the Law School in the early 1970s, David proposed to Connie in the Student Lounge in Garey Hall.

### Visit the Laurence E. Hirsch Classroom, Room 101

- The Laurence E. Hirsch Classroom is the largest classroom in the building with 135 seats.
- The Law School's largest classes typically number 60 to 80 students.

### Conclude the tour at David E. Worby Clinic Office, Room 120

- The clinic functions like a law office within the building, with interview and conference rooms, work areas, a library and state-of-the-art case management technology.
  - Students interview clients, investigate and develop their cases and appear in court and administrative proceedings through the Law School's seven clinics:
    - Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES) - students represent refugees seeking asylum protection in the United States.
    - Civil Justice Clinic - students represent low-income clients in a range of civil legal matters, including custody, support, disability, housing and employment.
    - Clinic for Law & Entrepreneurship - students advise for-profit and non-profit enterprises on a diverse array of challenges common to launching, operating, and growing sustainable businesses.
    - Interdisciplinary Mental & Physical Health Clinic - students represent low-income clients in a variety of health-related matters and fora; paired with graduate nursing students to work collaboratively as teams.
    - Other clinics include: Advanced Advocacy Clinic, Farmworker Legal Aid Clinic, and Federal Tax Clinic.

**This concludes the self-guided tour.**

**If there are any further questions, feel free to stop by the Office of Admissions, Room 190.**

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BUILDING HIGHLIGHTS TOUR



## Begin in the Arthur M. Goldberg Commons on the first floor

- The Law School houses all its student services in the building, except the bookstore. On the first level is the Admissions Office, the Chapel and Student Services Offices which include the Registrar, Financial Aid, Academic Success, Student Life and Chaplain offices.
- The Dedication Cross was created by Fr. Richard Cannuli, OSA, and the second wall recognizes donors who helped fund the construction of the building.
- Villanova is committed to upholding the Augustinian values of its founder. This means being conscious of the virtues of honesty, integrity, and compassion while cultivating the mind in the pursuit of academic excellence.



## Facts about the Law School and the New Building

- The building is 175,000 gross square feet.
- The building is one of the University's first LEED Projects with the U.S. Green Building Council. The Law School has been granted Gold Certification.

## Green Elements include:

- Highly efficient lighting and heating & air conditioning systems to save at least 20% in energy consumption;
- Native plants in its landscaping and mitigation systems; and
- Use of eucalyptus, for building accents and furniture.

- The building features state-of-the art technology; an expansive library; and 16 classroom spaces, ranging from 135 to 20 (seminar rooms) seats.
- The Law School has not increased enrollment since moving into the building, rather the building was constructed to better match the academic program and needs of the students.
- Today, the Law School has 492 JD students, as well as an extensive externship program and a Summer Study Abroad Program in Rome, Italy.
- The building was designed to embody connections to the University, among the members of the Law School community, and to the profession and community at large.
  1. The building opens toward the University's main campus, and its glass facade reflects the images of both main and west campuses;
  2. The building includes many gathering and study spaces for students in the Commons, the Library, the Student Lounge, etc.;
  3. The Law School's Clinical Programs' location, on the first floor of the Law School, emphasizes the University's and the Law School's commitment to serving the community.
- The coffee bar in the Duane Morris Reading Room is open until 9 p.m. during the week.
- In the basement of the building there is a cafeteria, open daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Enter the Library through the Duane Morris Reading Room

- The first floor houses the circulation and reference desk, library faculty offices, and technology support offices for students and faculty.
- The library is open and staffed 24/7 with some exceptions; swipe access allowed on evenings and weekends

## Enter the Second Floor Library

- The Donald W. Dowd Reading Room is located at the rear of the 2nd floor. This space is an example of the great study and reading spaces for students in the building.
  - The third floor of the Library is similar to this floor but with the addition of the Journals Office.

Today, the Law School has three student-run journals: the Villanova Law Review, the Villanova Environmental Law Journal, and the Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal.

- Exit the Library the same way you entered.
- Walk through the Arthur M. Goldberg Commons and take the stairs or elevator to the lower level.

## Walk the hallway toward the CSE Institute and the Dining Room

- The Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation works toward not only helping victims of sexual exploitation but toward changing legislation regarding it.
- On the right is the locker room; all law students are given a locker to store textbooks and other personal items.
- To the left is Blank Rome LLP Dining Room; the kitchen is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, no meal plan required.
- Take the stairs or elevator to the second floor.

## Enter the Martin G. McGuinn Ceremonial Courtroom, Room 201

- In addition to the jury box, a jury room exists in the room.
- This room also has the ability to broadcast an argument in real-time on the web and on video screens throughout the building.

## Career Strategy & Advancement Office, Room 208

- The Career Strategy Office includes 4 full-time, experienced attorney-advisors who provide core career planning education, recruitment programs, and individual counseling services including several rooms for on-campus interviews.
- Take the staircase to finish the tour on the first floor.
- Villanova has a Regional Rail Train Station on campus. It travels down the main line and provides easy access into Philadelphia.

## Visit the Minority Alumni Classroom, Room 103

- The Minority Alumni Society Classroom is an example of a smaller classroom in the building. The Law School also features three 90-person classrooms and a number of other rooms that accommodate smaller classes.
- Each room includes wireless for laptops and the ability to record lectures, symposia, etc.