MARK C. ALEXANDER, JD
is a recognized leader, scholar and teacher specializing in constitutional law.
At the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, we are focused on preparing students to be successful in a competitive and ever-changing legal market. Guided by our Where Law Meets Business philosophy, we reimagined our legal education to provide you with the academic, professional and practical skills coveted by employers.

Our robust externship and clinical programs provide hands-on experience tailored to your career interests. You will engage in individualized and active career exploration in our three-year, credit-bearing Professional Development course. You will also hone your advocacy and writing skills in our immersive, five-semester legal writing program, while connecting vital business principles to the everyday practice of law, whether you choose corporate law or public interest.

Here at Villanova Law, teaching not only occurs in the classroom, but from and with members of the Law School community itself. Spontaneous intellectual conversations with your peers and professors on issues facing our world are the norm and will prepare you for life in practice and in the courtroom.

At Villanova Law, our Augustinian Catholic intellectual tradition inspires all that we do. Together, we seek truth through critical thinking and the rigorous debate of often opposing viewpoints. We challenge each other to consider the world and the law from different perspectives. Guided by our ethical principles, we foster a learning environment that is respectful, supportive and open-minded. We are dedicated to training the ethical lawyers and leaders our complex world needs.

As you learn more about our school in the pages that follow, I hope you are inspired to join the Villanova Law community as a future leader and advocate.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Alexander
The Arthur J. Kania Dean and Professor of Law
When it comes to the law, nothing can replace the knowledge and skills gained through hands-on experience. At Villanova, externships are handled like a class—an off-site, semester-long, real-world learning opportunity for each student. Rigorously supervised, you’ll be paired with and meet regularly with a Villanova faculty adviser who has expertise in the area of your placement. You also will work under the guidance of an on-site field instructor, who works with you and your adviser to meet your learning objectives. Externships are credit-earning and tailored to individual career interests—you can design your own learning experiences to gain expertise in specific areas of law. Placements expand beyond the Philadelphia region and across all areas of law so you can focus on where and what you most want to learn.

275+ Externships

VILLANOVA HAS PLACED EXTERNS AT TOP BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING:*

**LAW FIRMS**
- DLA Piper
- Duane Morris LLP
- Troutman Pepper

**CORPORATE**
- Allied Universal
- Comcast Corporation
- GlaxoSmithKline PLC
- Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey
- Louis Vuitton Americas
- Saint-Gobain
- UGI-Corp.-AmeriGas
- Wawa Inc.

80+ externships with local, state and federal judges in the 2019–2020 academic year
“I was lucky to have three externships, which solidified my passion. All stressed the value of practical, adaptable and results-oriented attorneys who are ready to go on day one. Villanova’s focus on business and law gave me the skills to communicate concepts instantly legitimizing me to my supervisors.”

Christyan Telech ’18
Undergrad: The Pennsylvania State University, BA in Criminology
Current Work: Business and Finance Associate, Rosenn Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP

NONPROFIT
ACLU of Pennsylvania
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Community Legal Services of Philadelphia
Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project
Defender Association of Philadelphia
Federal and State Public Defender Offices
Homeless Advocacy Project
Military Assistance Project
Pennsylvania Health Law Project
Pennsylvania Innocence Project
Philadelphia Bar Association
Philadelphia Museum of Art

GOVERNMENT
Department of Homeland Security–ICE
District Attorney’s Offices
Federal, State and Local Judges
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
Internal Revenue Service
International Criminal Court, The Hague, Netherlands
Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. House Judiciary Committee
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

*This list includes only placements for academic credit. Many students find paid work opportunities with other corporations and law firms, but they are not counted as externship placements.
Villanova Law students earn credit while representing real clients with critical legal issues under the direct supervision of a full-time faculty member in our six in-house law firms. Students have the option to expand their clinical experience with our Advanced Advocacy Clinic. As the primary advocates for their clients, students interview and counsel, negotiate agreements, structure deals, draft legal documents and appear in court. As a Clinic student, you will develop the legal and professional skills to become an effective attorney all while serving the community and changing lives.

- **Clinic for Law and Entrepreneurship**
  Counsel small businesses, nonprofits and community organizations on transactional legal matters.

- **Federal Tax Clinic**
  Advocate for low-income taxpayers in their disputes before the IRS and in federal courts.

- **Farmworker Legal Aid Clinic**
  Provide legal representation to agricultural workers and their families in civil matters, including immigration, employment and family law.

- **Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services**
  Represent refugees who have fled human rights abuses in their home countries to seek asylum in the U.S.

- **Interdisciplinary Mental and Physical Health Law Clinic**
  Assert low-income clients’ rights within the legal and health care systems, working in collaboration with Villanova’s graduate nursing students.

- **Civil Justice Clinic**
  Litigate in courts and administrative agencies in multiple areas of law, including family, housing, consumer and employment, on behalf of low-income clients.

- **Advanced Advocacy Clinic**
  After completing a semester in a Clinic, students may expand their practice experiences by working on complex matters.
“Entrepreneurs are everywhere in today’s global business market, and the skills I’ve learned in the Clinic will be very transferable to the real work and the line of work I want to do. I learned to be open, consistent and focused in my business and legal communication, creating the best foundation to serve any client’s interest.”

Reece Cooke ’18
Undergrad: Villanova University, BA in Criminology and Communication, Master’s Certificate in Business and the Law of Sports
Current Work: Legal Counsel, The Citco Group of Companies

“Wealth entrepreneurs are everywhere in today’s global business market, and the skills I’ve learned in the Clinic will be very transferable to the real work and the line of work I want to do. I learned to be open, consistent and focused in my business and legal communication, creating the best foundation to serve any client’s interest.”

Gabrielle Weiss ’18
Undergrad: Tulane University, BSM in Legal Studies in Business
Current Work: Associate, Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP

“The Clinic environment encouraged self-reflection, allowing for identification of strengths and areas for improvement. The invaluable one-on-one client interaction taught me how to balance several clients and to prioritize their individual needs. Having the experience of presenting before a tribunal bolstered my confidence to persuasively discuss a case and argue for the best outcome.”

Reece Cooke ’18 and David Hollander ’18 developed trademark advice and bylaws for Sanctuary Farm—a nonprofit startup that develops community farm spaces to engage the homeless population—as students in the Clinic for Law and Entrepreneurship.

Through their work in the Clinic, the students learned the many pitfalls nonprofits can face, ultimately setting up a workable governance structure and gaining nonprofit federal exemption for the organization.

“As a student in the Interdisciplinary Mental and Physical Health Law Clinic, Gabrielle Weiss ’18 honed her legal skills by managing real cases from interviewing potential clients, to gathering medical records, to presenting a case to a judge.

The first-hand Clinic experience even inspired Weiss to further her knowledge of the area by enrolling in an Advanced Health Care and the Law course, preparing her for the next career step.

INSPIRING ADVOCACY
At Villanova Law, we are focused on preparing our students for professional success through our educational offerings and one-on-one career counseling.

Our credit-bearing Professional Development program is one of the most robust of its kind among law schools and is a requirement in all three years of law school. More than a “one-size-fits-all” checklist of interactions with the School’s Career Strategy team, the program employs a personalized approach that encourages and engages students in active career exploration.

Through lectures, individual and small group meetings, self-directed assignments and Career Strategy events, students are introduced to such topics as professionalism, networking, goal development and personal entrepreneurship. The program is structured to allow for individualization to each student’s interests, while also encouraging each student to learn about a variety of practice areas and settings.

In addition to the coursework, our dedicated team of experienced attorney-advisers works with you to help you identify and achieve your own career goals. Our team is there to guide you from job search to interview preparation and more.

“In the 2019–2020 academic year, Villanova Law students had access to more than 170 potential employers through our On-Campus Interview program and Villanova-sponsored job fairs.”

“My Career Adviser was interested in my professional development and overall growth as a student. They offered constructive feedback on my interview skills, guided me through the on-campus interview process, highlighted the importance of pursuing externships and provided me with information on networking events. We are committed to work together toward one goal: my continued success.”

Nkiruka Umegbolu ’20
Undergrad: Villanova University, BA in English
Current Work: Associate, Fox Rothschild LLP
HOW OUR STUDENTS USE CAREER STRATEGY SERVICES

During his three years at Villanova Law, Christopher Rodrigues worked closely with the Office of Career Strategy to help him secure varied externship experiences. They pushed him to consider opportunities beyond the traditional private firms, engaging him in other facets of the profession and providing him with a diverse perspective.

Christopher Rodrigues ’19
Undergrad: Lafayette College, BA in Government and Law
Current Work: Associate, Dechert LLP

“My Career Advisers oriented me to my future. My interactions with them were always candid, and they always listened to me, tailoring their answers and guidance to match my goals. I firmly believe this is one of the greatest resources that the law school has to offer and taking advantage of their expertise will enhance any student’s experience.”

RESULTS
Secured a summer externship with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox LLP (1L), a semester externship with Hamilton Lane (2L), a summer externship with Dechert LLP (2L), a semester clerkship with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (3L) and full-time employment with Dechert LLP.

From her 1L through 3L years, Kristen Taylor actively engaged and received consistent guidance from the Office of Career Strategy. Her advisers helped to hone her resume, conducted mock interviews and connected her with alumni in the field. Prior to her interview with the Department of Justice, Taylor received invaluable advice, which she put into practice to help her land her postgrad employment.

Kristen Taylor ’18
Undergrad: Duquesne University, BA in Political Science
Current Work: Trial Attorney, Organized Crime and Gang Section of the Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice

“I could not have asked for a better support system. The Career Advisers gave me the tools I need to conduct myself in the workplace and guided my transformation from law student to legal professional.”

RESULTS
Secured a summer clerkship with Allegheny Court of Common Pleas (1L), a summer externship with the U.S. Attorney’s Office (2L) and full-time employment with the U.S. Department of Justice.
Employers rate writing as the most important skill in new hires. In the Duane Morris LLP Legal Writing program, we immerse you in five rigorous semesters, so you’ll learn to write everything from a client-advising email to a legal brief. For your third semester, Villanova offers a litigation-based course that focuses on appellate advocacy, or a transactional-based course that focuses on drafting skills and client communication. The transactional course familiarizes students with the documents needed to represent clients in typical business settings.

Students also have opportunities to work on three published journals for significant additional training and to help them develop disciplined legal writing skills:

- Villanova Law Review
- Villanova Environmental Law Journal
- The Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal

“I have always loved the written word, and Villanova’s program gave me a new and deeper appreciation for written communication. The program taught me to think critically and write in a way that is both persuasive and concise. For a lawyer, it is ‘mission critical’ to be able to do both those things. The program was, without a doubt, essential for my development as a lawyer, and it prepared me to hit the ground running.”

Simeon Poles ’17
Undergrad: Temple University, BA in Political Science
Current Work: Judicial Law Clerk, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
The best way to learn how to think and execute like a lawyer is to practice. In Trial Advocacy classes, you’ll perform exercises under the guidance of the faculty, seasoned trial lawyers, and experienced state and federal trial court judges who are brought in to help students sharpen their skills.

**COURSE OFFERINGS INCLUDE:**

- Trial Advocacy  
  (Basic, Basic Plus, Intensive, Competition, Advanced Criminal)
- Civil Pretrial Practice
- Civil Procedure
- Deposition Strategy & Tactics
- Evidence
- Law of Investigations
- Negotiation & Mediation Advocacy
- Damages
- Patent Litigation

Brittney Frederick ’20 and Jerry Rassias ’19 finished as quarterfinalists in the 2019 National Trial Team Competition Championship in San Antonio, Texas, ranking the team among the top eight out of more than 250 law school trial teams in the nation.

Rodrigo Rivera ’20 competes in the annual Theodore L. Reimel Moot Court Competition at Villanova Law. The Law School has five state-of-the-art, courtroom-style classrooms.
Leadership Program

From international law firms to government agencies, and from nonprofit organizations to major corporations, Villanova lawyers are not only practicing law, but leading. Whether acting as chief counsel, serving as executive director or as an associate, our law graduates are stepping up to the task by managing projects, leading teams and making strategic decisions.

Being a lawyer who leads requires skills that go beyond a traditional legal education. And employers want these type of lawyers—lawyers who possess emotional intelligence, social awareness and cultural awareness—all characteristics needed to succeed in practice. At Villanova Law, we’re dedicated to identifying, fostering and developing these critical skills in our students.

We nurture students’ leadership abilities through initiatives like the Lawyers as Leaders program, which encourages participants to identify and hone their individual leadership skills, as well as through foundational courses like Leadership and Management Skills and Business Ethics, and self-assessments and ethical leadership programming.

“Villanova Law is packed with brilliant students and professors, and the Lawyers as Leaders program allowed me to connect with them in a new way. Together, we examined the concept of leadership and how in many ways it comes down to the desire to continuously learn and to improve. In order to be successful lawyers, we need to be leaders. We need to build relationships, collaborate with others and inspire them to do their best work.”

Valerie Caras ’18
Undergrad: Dickinson College, BA in Religion and Political Science
Current Work: Associate, Richards, Layton & Finger
Employers today want lawyers who have not only a well-rounded general legal education, but also demonstrated knowledge and expertise in a specific practice. To meet this demand, Villanova Law offers five concentrations within the JD degree, as well as joint degree programs. Specializing gives students a strong foundation in the fundamentals, as well as the advanced skills needed to excel in the competitive legal marketplace.

DEGREES OFFERED:

- JD
- JD/MBA
- JD/MPA
- JD/LLM
- LLM in Taxation
- JD/LLM in International Studies
- JD/LLB for foreign-trained lawyers

Concentrations at Villanova Law are intensive, competitive specializations that provide students with a deep understanding of the subject area, while at the same time preparing them for careers in one of five areas. In the spring of their first year, students can apply to a concentration and work closely with faculty advisers to tailor their studies to their chosen areas.

- Business Law
- Health Care Law
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Sports Law

“I chose the JD/MBA Program because it allows me to approach problems differently and it opens up doors. It’s a difference maker when employers have to choose between candidates.”

Jason Kaner ’19 JD/MBA
Undergrad: Binghamton University, BA in Politics, Philosophy & Law and History
Current Work: Associate, Pond Lehocky Stern Giordano

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At a Glance

For the ABA’s Required Disclosures, visit www.law.villanova.edu/abarequireddisclosures

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“Go-To” Law School in The National Law Journal’s 2020 Rankings based on percentage of graduates hired as first-year associates at the nation’s most prestigious law firms.

Top 50
according to USA TODAY’s “50 of the toughest US law schools to get into”

Professor David Caudill teaches first-year students in one of the Law School’s state-of-the-art classrooms.
**CLASS OF 2019 EMPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

For the Employment Data reported to the ABA, visit www.law.villanova.edu/employmentdata.

**EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY—AS OF MARCH 16, 2020**

97.6% overall employment rate
85.8% employed in long-term, full-time, bar-passage-required jobs
8.1% employed in long-term, full-time, JD-advantage jobs
1.4% unemployed and still seeking

**JOBS BY SECTOR**

- 53% Law Firm
- 24% Federal, State & Local Clerkships
- 12% Business & Industry
- 6% Government
- 5% Public Interest

**CLASS OF 2019 EMPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2,048 Applicants
- 184 Enrolled
- In-State 41%
- Out-of-State 59%
- Average Age 24
- 54% Students who have graduate, work or service experience before entering law school
- 19% Students of Color
- 26 States Represented
- 3.37 25th percentile
- 3.60 Median GPA
- 3.78 75th percentile
- 154 25th percentile
- 159 Median LSAT
- 161 75th percentile

**SELECT EMPLOYERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2019**

- Cozen O’Connor
- Dechert LLP
- Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
- Defender Association of Philadelphia
- Delaware Court of Chancery
- Fox Rothschild LLP
- Internal Revenue Service
- Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP
- Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office
- PwC
- Reed Smith LLP
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates
Just a short distance away, Philadelphia, an economic and legal center, is the birthplace of our country and offers world-class museums, a vibrant restaurant scene, concert venues and exciting sports teams.

Students enjoy an on-campus SEPTA train stop with trains that leave approximately every half hour and get you to the city in under 30 minutes.
In addition to countless law firms, Villanova graduates work at top corporations and government agencies up and down the Northeast Corridor.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
135 miles/2.5-hour drive
AFL-CIO
CBS News
Federal Reserve Board
Federal Trade Commission
Internal Revenue Service
National Labor Relations Board
NFL Players Association
U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Secret Service
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

WILMINGTON, DEL.
30 miles/30-minute drive
AstraZeneca
DuPont
State of Delaware—Department of Justice
U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Delaware
Verizon Communications Inc.
Wells Fargo & Company

PHILADELPHIA, PA.
12 miles/20-minute drive
Aramark
Campbell Soup Company
Comcast Corporation
Ernst & Young
GlaxoSmiethKline PLC
Independence Blue Cross
KPMG LLP
Lincoln Financial Group
PricewaterhouseCoopers
QVC, Inc.
U.S. Attorney’s Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

NEW YORK CITY
100 miles/2-hour drive
Deloitte & Touche LLP
Department of Homeland Security
Deutsche Bank AG
Dow Jones
Goldman Sachs
Johnson & Johnson
JP Morgan Chase & Co.
Louis Vuitton North America
Morgan Stanley
NHL Enterprises, LP
UBS Financial Services Inc.
(Wehawken)
U.S. Trust, Bank of America
Private Wealth Management
Verizon Enterprise Solutions
Willis Towers Watson
Centers of Excellence

Our exceptional legal education is enhanced by five Centers of Excellence, specialized powerhouses of legal thought that provide faculty, students and the community with research support, legal innovation and ethical training through Law School curriculum and programming.

VILLANOVA LAW INSTITUTE TO ADDRESS COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
Through victim-centered and multidisciplinary collaboration, the Institute educates and provides technical assistance to those on the frontlines of preventing commercial sexual exploitation, while serving the survivor community through direct legal aid and engagement.

THE DAVID F. AND CONSTANCE B. GIRARD-diCARLO CENTER FOR ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND COMPLIANCE
The Center oversees the design of coursework and special academic programs featuring leading experts, scholars and policymakers, giving students the skills necessary to meet today’s complex legal challenges effectively and ethically.

THE ELEANOR H. McCULLEN CENTER FOR LAW, RELIGION AND PUBLIC POLICY
Building upon Villanova’s Augustinian Catholic mission, the McCullen Center creates opportunities for new curriculum on law, religion and advocacy, as well as presenting conferences and seminars both locally and globally.

THE JEFFREY S. MOORAD CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SPORTS LAW
One of only a handful of institutions nationwide dedicated to the study of sports law, the Moorad Center features an annual symposium and has its own dedicated journal and sports blog, giving students the writing and research experience needed in practice.

THE JOHN F. SCARPA CENTER FOR LAW AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
The Scarpa Center brings our Where Law Meets Business philosophy to life through two required courses focused on the intersection of law and business that prepare students for today’s competitive legal marketplace.
Life at Nova

Our Augustinian Catholic mission fosters a strong sense of community and helps to create a supportive atmosphere both in and out of the classroom.

VILLANOVA LAW IS ENRICHED BY MORE THAN 40 POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING:

- American Constitution Society
- Art Law Society
- Asian and Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)
- Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
- Brehon Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Corporate Law Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Education Law Society
- Emerging Technology Legal Society
- Entertainment and Media Law Society
- Environmental and Energy Law Society
- Family Law Society
- Fashion Law Society
- Federal Bar Association
- Federalist Society
- First Generation Lawyers
- Health Law Society
- Honor Board
- Immigration Law Society
- Intellectual Property Society
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Justinian Society
- Juvenile Law Society
- Labor and Employment Law Society
- Latin American Law Students Association (LALSA)
- Middle Eastern Law Students Association
- Military and Veterans Law Society
- National Lawyers Guild
- OUTLaw
- Personal Injury Law Society
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Pro Bono Society
- Public Interest Fellowship Program (PIFP)
- Sports Law Society
- St. Thomas More Society
- Street Law
- Student Bar Association
- Tax Law Society
- Villanova Law Democrats
- Villanova Law Republicans
- Villanova Law Students Against Sexual Violence
- Villanova Parents and Non-Traditional Students Group (VPNG)
- Women’s Law Caucus
The coffee bar is a popular spot in the Law School to grab a quick coffee or snack in between classes. Students also use the space to study and socialize with friends.

Students and faculty congregate in the Arthur M. Goldberg ’66 Commons for community events, group study and informal gatherings. Here, Caitlin Barry, Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Farmworker Legal Aid Clinic, leads a pop-up discussion on current immigration policies.
11,000

Villanova Law School graduates join a tight-knit community of alumni that’s over 11,000 lawyers strong. Our alumni remain a part of the Villanova community and take active roles in helping our students succeed.

VILLANOVA LAW SCHOOL’S DISTINGUISHED LIST OF ALUMNI INCLUDES:

Shikha Singhvi ’11: Attorney, Federal Reserve Board

Allison MacDonald ’10: Senior Corporate Counsel, Audible, Inc.

Michelle Vanek ’09: Assistant Counsel, Office of the Legislative Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives

Sean Sansiveri ’08: Vice President of Business and Legal Affairs, National Football League Players Association

Robin Arzon ’06: Vice President of Fitness Programming and Head Instructor, Peloton Cycle

Andrew Brayford ’06: Vice President, Content Acquisition, Comcast NBC Universal

Tiffani McDonough Solomon ’03 CLAS, ’06 CWSL: Senior Counsel, Employment and Litigation, Louis Vuitton Americas

Christina Gmiterek ’99 CLAS, ’03 CWSL: Executive Director, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management

Michael Haswell ’97: Director of Global Business Development, Retail, Shopping and Payments, Google Inc.

Reza Taleghani ’97 MBA, ’97 CWSL: Executive Vice President, CFO and Treasurer, Samsonite

April Barton ’96: Dean, Duquesne University School of Law

Lauren Bright ’94: Director, Legal and East Coast Office, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Jeffrey Pott ’90: General Counsel, AstraZeneca

Michael Heller ’89: Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cozen O’Connor

Michael Holston ’87: Senior Vice President and General Counsel, GE

Hon. Mark Kearney ’84 CLAS, ’87 CWSL: Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Paul Tufano ’83 VSB, ’86 CWSL: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, AmeriHealth Caritas

Kenneth Phelan ’85: Former Chief Risk Officer, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Jami Wintz McKeon ’81: Partner and Chair of the Firm, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius

Hon. Kathryn Lewis ’76: Former Member, Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Richard Trumka ’74: President, AFL-CIO

Charles Widger ’73: Founder and Executive Chairman, Brinker Capital Inc.

Hon. Edward Rendell ’68: Former Governor of Pennsylvania and former Mayor of Philadelphia

Yalda Hajavi ’19
Undergrad: Villanova University, BA in Communication and Global Interdisciplinary Studies
Current Work: Associate, Duane Morris LLP

“An immigrant myself, I knew I wanted to work in immigration law. I was connected with John Vandenburg ’02, and as an extern at his immigration law firm, I was shocked at the amount of responsibility he gave me. My day-to-day work was very similar to that of a full-time attorney. Not only did I learn the daily tasks of being a lawyer, but I gained the invaluable insight of practicing with compassion.”
At the core of a great law school is an outstanding faculty, and Villanova Law professors are some of the most innovative minds in legal education. They are leading scholars and industry experts, continuously honing their expertise, while at the same time creating an invigorating learning environment for their students. Villanova Law faculty members don’t just teach the law; they shape it.

**Tuan Samahon** teaches and writes on constitutional law, specializing in removal, appointment and the separation of powers. He has testified before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and litigated pro bono cases in the federal courts, including the D.C. Circuit. Samahon served as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar with the law faculty at the University of Zagreb in Croatia.

**Josephine Sandler Nelson** is a distinguished scholar, legal consultant and startup adviser. She teaches and writes on issues related to business law, ethics and white collar crime. Nelson also currently serves as a Senior Fellow at the Carol and Lawrence Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Research at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Michelle Madden Dempsey** is the Harold Reuschlein Scholar Chair. A distinguished scholar of Criminal Law and Feminist Legal Theory, Dempsey’s advocacy work and scholarship on issues of violence against women has led her to testify before a U.S. Senate Subcommittee and to serve as consultant to the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Trafficking.

**Brett Frischmann**—the Charles Widger Endowed University Professor in Law, Business and Economics—is a renowned scholar in Intellectual Property and Internet Law. His scholarship explores the interconnected nature of law, business, economics and technology in the 21st century.
“Villanova Law faculty are consistently available to answer questions, set students in the right frame of mind and offer unending encouragement. Most importantly, they taught me how to think about the law, find relevant information and articulate it concisely, which is imperative in any high-paced legal environment.”

Adison Richards ’18
Undergrad: University of Washington, Seattle, BA in Political Science
Current Work: Victims of Crime Attorney, Northwest Justice Project

Teressa Ravenell serves as the Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development. She specializes in civil procedure, criminal procedure and civil rights litigation with a focus on police conduct.

Leslie Book is author of the leading treatise IRS Practice and Procedure and served as the Professor-in-Residence at the IRS during the spring 2019 semester. He co-writes the popular blog Procedurally Taxing and is a national authority on tax procedure and issues affecting the low-income taxpayer community.

Michael Risch is renowned for his expertise in Intellectual Property and Internet Law. He has written extensively on the topics of patents, trade secrets and information access, and two of his articles have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court. He regularly is called on by the media to comment on front-page issues.

Caitlin Barry is a committed advocate for immigrants’ rights and community lawyering. As the Director of the Farmworker Legal Aid Clinic, she supervises law students representing clients in immigration and employment matters.
Villanova Law’s state-of-the-art LEED-certified building is located less than a five-minute walk from the on-campus SEPTA train station. At the heart of the building is the beautiful and spacious Arthur M. Goldberg ’66 Commons that provides students with space to study, socialize, engage in lively discourse and hold events. A coffee bar and cafeteria (with what some say is the best food on campus!) ensure our students stay caffeinated and well-fed, while the first-class Law Library serves as the center of student studying and collaboration. All Villanova Law students are also free to use Villanova University amenities, including numerous dining options, recreation and exercise facilities, Campus Ministry, the Student Health Center and more.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

• A Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) in any discipline from an accredited college or university
• Application submitted electronically via the Law School Admission Council (LSAC)
• Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score
• LSAC Credential Assembly Services (CAS) Report
• Personal statement
• Resume
• At least one letter of recommendation
• In addition to these requirements, you are able to submit optional essays to supplement your application.

DATES AND DEADLINES

• Applications available September 1.
• Regular Decision application must be received by July 1.
• Early Decision: December 15 (Round 1), March 15 (Round 2)
• Applications are evaluated, and candidates are admitted on a rolling basis beginning in late fall and extending through mid-summer.

TUITION

Tuition and Fees (2019–20): $47,915

FINANCIAL AID

Through grants, loans and scholarships, Villanova seeks to make your education attainable. Every year, students may qualify for and receive financial aid.

Types of Financial Aid include:

• Merit and Need-Based Scholarships
• Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans
• Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan
• Federal Work-Study

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

Villanova University is dedicated to assisting veterans and their dependents as they reach personal, professional and academic goals. The Post 9/11 GI Bill® provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of active duty service on or after September 11, 2001, or for individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill®. Your benefit will be based on your length of active duty service. Villanova will fully fund the tuition and fees for up to five qualifying students.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Widger Leadership Scholars: Admitted students who express a significant interest in both law and business; demonstrate qualities that are indicative of leadership; and possess basic quantitative business-related skills will be nominated for this program, which provides full-tuition scholarships and special networking and mentoring opportunities. To be considered, applicants must apply and be admitted to Villanova Law no later than February 1. Qualified admitted applicants will be invited for a special daylong leadership summit and selection interview in early February.

Dean’s Merit Scholarship: All admitted students are automatically evaluated and considered for a Dean’s Merit Scholarship. Scholarships are guaranteed, not conditional, and will renew each year provided a student remains in good academic standing.

Institutional Scholarship

Limited scholarships are offered by Villanova Law and awarded to students who demonstrate financial need, as well as other specific criteria requested by each scholarship donor.

Public Interest Scholars Program

Admitted students who have demonstrated a commitment to public interest work and an interest in contributing to the greater good as future public interest practitioners will be nominated for this program. In addition to a full-tuition scholarship, selected PISP Scholars receive mentorship from Villanova Law professors and alumni with public interest backgrounds, specialized career counseling, priority registration for their choice of Villanova Law’s six legal clinics and more. To be considered, applicants must apply and be admitted to Villanova Law no later than February 1. Qualified admitted applicants will be invited for a special daylong leadership summit and selection interview in early February.

For detailed information about cost of attendance and financial aid, visit law.villanova.edu/financialaid.

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