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Dear Friend of Michigan Law,

As the end of my deanship approaches, I am grateful and humbled by the support you have shown our Law School for the last nine years. And, for many of you, your generosity long predates my term as dean. Your loyalty means a great deal to me, and to all of us at Michigan Law.

With another academic year well underway, our campus is bustling with eager law students, and it has been a time of great progress in the Law Quad. We recently announced the hiring of 21 new faculty members—a record year of hiring. These remarkable scholars bring diverse experiences and expertise to Michigan Law, and our students benefit greatly in our classrooms and clinics.

Our ability to recruit such a large group of outstanding new faculty in a single year—all of whom are established or emerging leaders in their areas of law—is a direct result of your support. Private contributions play a critical role in the Law School's fiscal health and its strong financial foundation. Whether you direct your gifts to faculty recruitment and retention, the discretionary Law School Fund, student scholarships, or elsewhere at the Law School, please know that you truly make a difference.

We share our annual Impact Report to demonstrate the tangible effects of your contributions. In these pages, you will read about several exceptional current students, all of whom have benefitted from scholarship funds established by our alumni and other supporters. We also share updates about our budget, the current class of 1Ls, career statistics for recent graduates, and a few examples of our clinical program's valuable work.

On behalf of everyone who benefits from your generosity, thank you for giving to the Law School. Your gifts provide not only financial support, but also serve as a reminder that our community looks out for one another. We appreciate all that you do for Michigan Law.

Sincerely,



MARK D. WEST

*David A. Breach Dean of Law
Nippon Life Professor of Law*

Before coming to Michigan Law, I was a police officer in my home state of Indiana for six years. I knew my dream was to go to law school, and my experience in law enforcement confirmed that for me. It's a rare career path, but one I would encourage—I came to the Law School with some experience reading statutes and court decisions and applying them to the real world.

I was told that working for a federal agency is a great way to get substantive experience, so I interned at the Securities and Exchange Commission before my 2L year. I was doing legal research, digging into facts, weighing evidence, and applying the law. It was a familiar process to my time as a police officer, and we handled all kinds of cases: domestic and foreign corruption, investor fraud, executive misstatements, insider trading. It's a broad area of law because it applies to so many industries, and every day was different because there are myriad ways to commit fraud.

At an incredible school like Michigan Law, you feel lucky just to get in. I matriculated here because it was the perfect balance between opportunity and financial support, and the scholarship I received was a big part of that decision. **AT THE LAW SCHOOL, YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY GREAT PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT YOU AND WANT YOU TO SUCCEED.**

The admissions office prioritizes bringing in people with diverse backgrounds, and we have rich classroom discussions that are facilitated by these different experiences. You're encouraged to talk about what you've seen and what you've experienced. My time as a police officer informs how I contribute to the class discussion, and others bring their own perspectives. It's a great environment to learn in.



AUSTIN MOORE, 2L
William Allan Lewis Kaufmann Scholarship

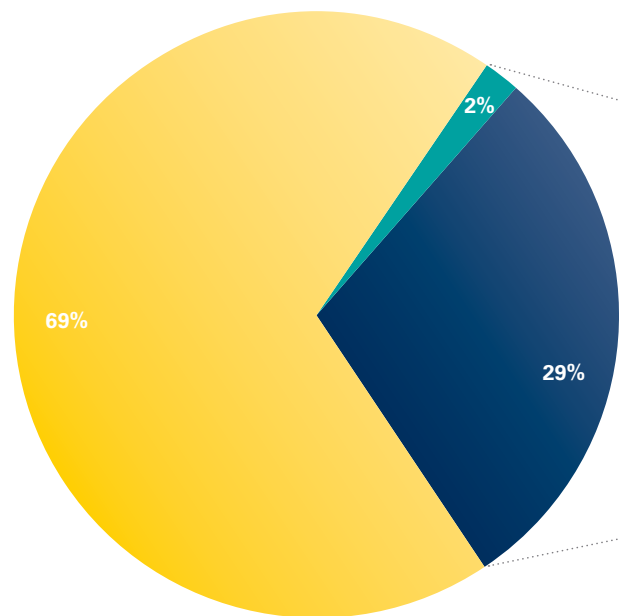


Our Budget

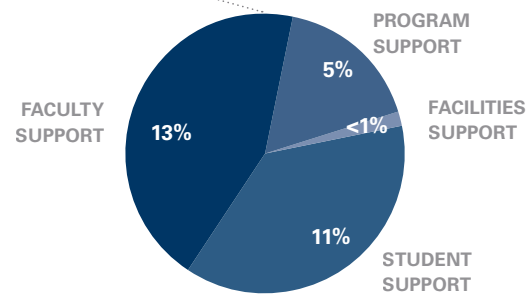
The Law School’s philanthropic community supports every aspect of life and learning in the Law Quad, enabling the recruitment of exceptional faculty, providing funding for scholarships and other student support, and much more. Michigan Law’s general fund comes from a variety of sources, which primarily includes tuition, fees, indirect cost recovery, and supplements from the University, as well as funding from the State of Michigan (which comprises less than 4 percent). As the figures below clearly demonstrate, gifts from our community make up a considerable portion of the budget and help to ensure that Michigan Law remains a preeminent provider of legal education while maintaining a fiscally responsible plan.

Fiscal Year 2022 Operational Expenses	\$93,705,248
Fiscal Year 2022 Total Gifts and Endowment Income	\$29,187,128

SOURCES OF INCOME



USES OF GIFT AND ENDOWMENT INCOME



About the Class of 2025

6,254

APPLIED

3.83

MEDIAN
UNDERGRAD GPA

336

ENROLLED

171

MEDIAN LSAT

21%

MICHIGAN
RESIDENTS



44

STATES
REPRESENTED
plus DC and Puerto Rico



25

COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED



40%

YIELD ON OFFERS TO ENROLL
THE HIGHEST EVER



53

different
undergraduate
majors



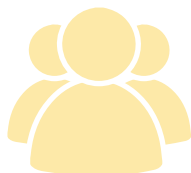
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undergraduate
institutions
represented



14%

are first-
generation
college
graduates



50% WOMEN

49% MEN

1% NONBINARY OR
OTHER GENDERS

79%

1 OR MORE YEARS OFF
AFTER UNDERGRAD

42%

PEOPLE OF COLOR
(THE HIGHEST EVER)

I went to Ohio State for undergrad and did not think I would end up at the University of Michigan. However, I'm a team-oriented person who has played sports my whole life, and I wanted to find a law school where I would be academically challenged and there was a strong sense of community. Ann Arbor won me over, and I was able to put my opinions about the football team aside.

As an associate at Jones Day in Columbus this past summer, I focused on litigation and was able to work on a pro bono immigration case for a woman who was seeking asylum. Through my studies and summer work, I've come to realize how broad the legal field is and how well it merges my interests in health, international law, and human rights. As a lawyer, I can have several different careers that touch on what I'm really passionate about—and solve problems across a number of industries.

I'm very thankful to be a scholarship recipient. **BEING ABLE TO COME TO A LAW SCHOOL THAT'S AS GOOD AS MICHIGAN HAS BEEN HUGELY IMPACTFUL.** It has opened up opportunities for me to explore bigger markets like New York and Washington, DC. I've lived in the Midwest my whole life, and I'm excited to get out of my comfort zone and continue training in litigation.

This year, I have the opportunity to serve on the admissions board of the Black Law Students Association. Last year's committee co-chairs were incredibly welcoming and helpful even before I applied, and it speaks to the character of the students here. There's so much to get involved with at the Law School, and I'd like to ensure that new students have a great experience, because I certainly have.

BROOKE ISABEL, 2L
Dean's Competing Scholarship





A lifelong fan of superheroes, I remember watching Batman movies as a kid and being mesmerized by the caped crusader's pursuit of justice. It was then that I became interested in studying law. Before coming to Michigan, I considered other careers, such as engineering and programming, but nothing captured me as much as the idea of becoming a lawyer.

I applied to several law schools but wanted to stretch my options and applied to Michigan Law, because I knew it was an excellent institution. When I found out I was accepted, I faced an immediate problem of figuring out how to pay for my education. I come from a family of immigrants, and I worked up to three jobs during undergrad just to afford it.

RECEIVING A SCHOLARSHIP WAS PIVOTAL IN MY CHOICE TO STUDY AT MICHIGAN LAW, AND THE GENEROSITY THAT ENABLED IT WILL CONTINUE TO SHAPE MY FUTURE. The mission, goals, and values of the Law School are very much in tune with my own. I want a great education and a great job, but I also want to be conscious of the world that I'm a part of and do what I can to help those in need. Everything that Michigan values, I value.

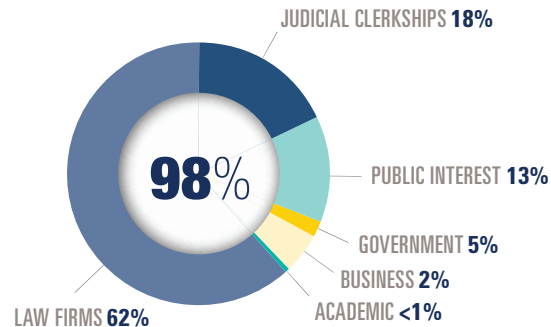
By the time I arrived in Ann Arbor I had been waiting to study law for many years, and that feeling of "finally!" was solidified when I started my summer work at Dykema in Detroit. One of our clients, a nonprofit in Texas, needed an information database showing how law enforcement agencies utilize a provision that allows officers to cite and release people charged with misdemeanors instead of arresting them. After two semesters of reading case law and judicial opinions, I was in the thick of it. It's great to be a Michigan Wolverine.



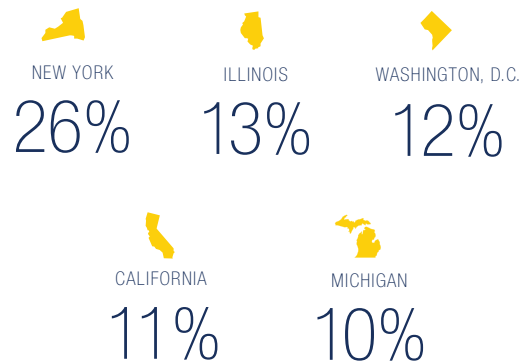
PAVEL BERMUDEZ, 2L
Bruce C. Conybeare Scholarship
A. James Hampares Scholarship
S.K. Yee Law Scholarship
Dean's Competing Scholarship

Career Profile

MICHIGAN LAW CLASS OF 2021 WHO WERE EMPLOYED OR CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION 10 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION



MOST POPULAR MARKETS (2017–2021)



500+

OFFICES PARTICIPATED
in Early Interview Week
August 2022

120

CLERKSHIPS
SECURED
ANNUALLY
(average 2016–2022)

18

INTERVIEWS
PER STUDENT during
2022 Early Interview Week
(average)

100

firms on
The American Lawyer 100
list employed Michigan Law
grads in 2022

1

JUSTICE CATALYST
FELLOWSHIP

was awarded to a 2022
graduate, the third awarded
to Law School alumni in
the last two years

13

OF THE 13
US circuit courts had at
least one Michigan Law
clerk in the last three years

34

GRADUATES

received Equal Justice Works
and Skadden post-graduate
fellowships since 2013

4

recent graduates entered
into **GOVERNMENT
HONORS PROGRAMS**
in 2022

They are serving at the
Department of Justice
(two alumni), the **National
Labor Relations Board**,
and the **Internal Revenue
Service**

CLINIC SPOTLIGHT

Veterans Legal Clinic



The Veterans Legal Clinic (VLC) was established in 2015 to help former members of the military and their families receive legal help in service-related and civil matters, including family law, eviction, foreclosure, financial abuse, consumer cases, and discharge upgrades. For a variety of reasons, many veterans lack the resources to afford legal counsel and have a disproportionately high need for attorneys, and the Veterans Administration (VA) has identified civil legal services as one of the keys to reducing veteran homelessness.

The VLC, which is generously supported by alumni and donors, is the only legal services provider in Michigan focused exclusively on providing civil legal representation to veterans. Under faculty supervision, 2L and 3L students represent low-income veterans who live and work in a 10-county area of Southeast Michigan, where close to 50 percent of Michigan's veterans reside (there are nearly 568,000 veterans in the state). To holistically address clients' needs, the VLC collaborates with the VA and other external organizations, as well as other units on campus, including the Department of Psychology, the School of Social Work, and Michigan Medicine.

“Our veteran clients have a wide range of life experiences. For some of them, their military experience was the highlight of their lives, and for others it was a difficult time that may have created significant challenges for them after leaving the service. All of our clients are in need of affordable, high-quality legal assistance, and thanks to the hard work and creativity of our students and the expertise of our faculty, we are able to provide that to each and every one of them. In return, our students have opportunities to grapple with complicated legal issues in a wide variety of cases, advocate for our clients in court hearings and trials, gain an understanding of their veteran clients’ life experiences, and see the gaps in our nation’s support systems for veterans. Students leave the clinic ready to practice in any legal field, and often eager to continue to help veterans in their public service and pro bono work.”



MATTHEW ANDRES, '02
Director, Veterans Legal Clinic
Clinical Assistant Professor of Law

2021–2022 VLC HIGHLIGHTS



WITHOUT THE VLC, the vast majority of veterans the clinic serves would go without any legal assistance. Last year, the VLC supported their clients on a wide variety of matters, including:

- Defending veterans in eviction cases to prevent them from being homeless and to keep evictions off their records
- Advocating for veterans in divorce and family law cases where they were at risk of losing access to their children or having to pay more money in support than they could afford
- Suing on behalf of veterans who were defrauded by unscrupulous businesses
- Defending veterans in debt collection cases where they were being asked to pay money they did not owe or could not afford to pay
- Helping veterans upgrade their military discharges so they could get the jobs and benefits they deserve



27

STUDENTS ENROLLED



47

VETERANS REPRESENTED

LAST YEAR, THE VLC SECURED NUMEROUS VICTORIES FOR CLIENTS, including a significant settlement for a veteran and their child in a case against a Detroit landlord relating to disabilities the child suffered due to lead paint exposure. In another case, the VLC obtained a personal protection order and avoided eviction for a veteran who was being physically and emotionally abused by his landlord, with whom he lived. The VLC also convinced the US Department of Veterans Affairs to accurately recategorize the death of an elderly veteran as service-related, which allowed his widow to receive the benefits to which she was entitled. Additionally, in an important 2020 case, the VLC filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of an elderly veteran against the State of Michigan that led the legislature to eliminate its prohibition against providing food assistance to people with felony drug convictions.

Clinical Program at a Glance



75,000+

hours of free legal services provided by student attorneys in the Law School's 17 clinics during the 2021–2022 academic year



82%

of the Class of 2022 took a clinic during law school, compared to 72% in 2021 and 54% in 2010

LOW INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC 2021–2022

The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic offers free tax help to low-income individuals. The clinic's clients typically navigate multiple challenges, such as poverty, disability, domestic violence, housing insecurity, literacy, and identity theft, and are overwhelmed by the intricacies of tax law and procedure.

\$155,000

in corrected tax accounts through decreasing tax liabilities or increasing refunds for clients

\$26,000

cash in hand to clients who would not have received the money otherwise

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND SUSTAINABILITY CLINIC

The Environmental Law and Sustainability Clinic (ELSC) partners with the National Wildlife Federation, its state affiliates, and other related organizations to help protect water and wildlife resources, public lands, energy, and human health in the Great Lakes watershed and elsewhere.

**1.8 M
ACRES**

of public land protected in *San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council v. Dallas*. An amicus brief filed by the ELSC argued that the US Forest Service violated the National Environmental Policy Act when it attempted to revise the Rio Grande National Forest plan without adequately protecting critical migratory corridors for big game such as elk and mule deer.

**1.2 M
HOUSEHOLDS**

affected by well water pollution in Michigan. The ELSC drafted a report to help improve protections for the millions of Michiganders who rely on residential well water. The report details the challenges posed by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other pollutants and suggests improvements to the relevant regulatory and legal frameworks to help mitigate the impact of pollution.





BRILLIAN BAO, 2L
Law School Dean's Scholarship

While studying politics and journalism for my undergraduate degree, I found myself drawn to stories about people who were driving impact in their communities. A lot of the time, these people were lawyers. Reporting on their stories made me realize that I wanted to do that type of work, not just write about it, and that prompted me to go to law school.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, WHAT STANDS OUT TO ME AT MICHIGAN LAW IS THE COMMUNITY—everyone has been warm and welcoming, even during the recruitment process. You're surrounded by people who care deeply about what they're doing, and that is very inspiring. The other thing that brought me to Ann Arbor was the ability to do a lot of clinical work and participate in experiential learning. I was in the 1L Advocacy Clinic, which was focused on unemployment insurance issues at the time, and am taking the Child Welfare Appellate Clinic this year. It has been great to get experience working with clients.

I wanted to explore transactional law, so I took a summer job with Davis Polk after my 1L year. I was staffed on a few intellectual property and capital markets projects before switching to litigation, where I worked on a white collar case. I was also able to spend four weeks with NBC, a Davis Polk client, where I worked with their news and corporate legal teams. The experiences were really valuable and helped me realize that I am more interested in the process of litigation than the transactional work I've done.

My scholarship made coming to Michigan Law accessible and has provided me with the opportunity to explore different things freely without the financial stress. The Law School has a lot to offer, and I have been able to push the bounds of what I'm comfortable with in a supportive environment, which is something I've really appreciated.





BELEN BEST, 2L
Barry A. Adelman Scholarship

As a first-generation law student, there's a part of me that still can't believe I'm at Michigan. I've been blown away by my professors and classmates, who have diverse career goals and interests. Last year I lived in the Lawyers Club, and it made me feel immersed in the history of Michigan Law. I have had so many pinch-me moments in the Law Quad.

My scholarship crosses my mind every day because I am so grateful; I would not have been able to come to Michigan without it. I really feel that the Law School is investing in me and my ability to make a difference. Attending Michigan Law is one of the best things to happen in my life.

This past summer, I worked in the Civil Division of the Department of Justice, specifically in the Office of Vaccine Litigation, which handles claims in the rare instances where an injury may result from vaccination. I was interested in trying out government work because I was a corporate paralegal before law school. My undergraduate program was pretty research and science heavy, and I want a career that blends science, public health, and the law. Eventually, I would like to join a nonprofit organization that intersects with the different social determinants of health outcomes.

Even if my future plans aren't cemented, my summer work helped me see myself in the role of a litigator. When I was younger, I had the idea that there is a particular type of person who gets involved in trial litigation. Being more introverted, that never really felt like me. **AT MICHIGAN LAW, I HAVE REALIZED THAT THERE IS SPACE FOR ALL TYPES OF PERSONALITIES IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION.** I'm excited to continue my journey.

WITH GRATITUDE TO THE LAW SCHOOL'S DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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for his decade of service as chair of the Development
and Alumni Relations Committee, which concluded in
September 2022.

“Michigan Law’s philanthropic community provides vital resources for everything we do here in the Law Quad. Thank you for your stalwart support, and for your contributions to this great institution.”

MICHAEL DUBIN

Assistant Dean for Development and Alumni Relations

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