



IMPACT

2023

The generosity of Michigan Law's philanthropic community is an integral part of everything that happens in the Law Quad. From scholarships and other student support to faculty resources and the maintenance of the Law School's iconic buildings, your gifts truly make a difference.

**Thank you for your loyal
support of the Law School.**









ESMERALDA SUAREZ, 3L

David and Emily Breach Law School Scholarship

When I was growing up in San Bernardino, California, the city went bankrupt. Although I witnessed the impact this had on my community, I struggled to articulate the dynamics. This experience inspired me to pursue higher education and become civically engaged.

For my undergraduate degree at UCLA, I studied political science and Chicana/o studies. Through my coursework, I explored how paradigms of race, class, citizenship, gender, and sexuality shape Latino communities in the United States. I also participated in JusticeCorps, an AmeriCorps program dedicated to assisting self-represented litigants in court-based self-help centers. After graduation, I worked at the Central American Resource Center of Los Angeles, providing free immigration assistance to college students and their families.

I am a Mexican-American first-generation high school and college graduate and the first person in my entire family to pursue law school. I never imagined that I'd be a law student, let alone at Michigan Law. The scholarship I received gave me validation that the school wanted to invest in my future and welcomed diversity in the classroom. I also found a community within the Latinx Law Students Association and the *Michigan Journal of Race and Law*, of which I am the managing editor.

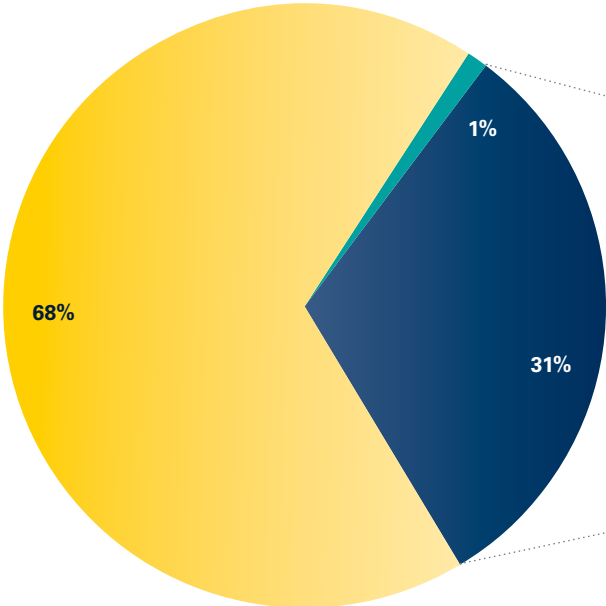
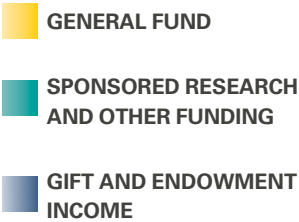
The beautiful thing about Michigan Law is that it opened doors for me that I never knew existed; my career possibilities are endless. I am thankful for this privilege and am more committed than ever to strengthening the Law School pipeline for underrepresented students. In my community, we strongly believe in lifting each other up. As I climb the ladder, I'm pulling others up with me. Michigan Law has helped make that possible.

Our Budget

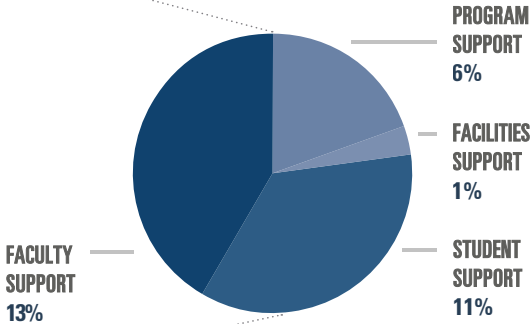
Private support plays an important role in every aspect of life and learning in the Law Quad. Creating a rich multitude of opportunities for our students, inside and outside of the classroom, helps to ensure that a Michigan Law education prepares the next generation of leaders from a wide variety of backgrounds. The Law School’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 contributes less than 4 percent of the general fund). Gifts from the Law School community also play an important role—as the figures below clearly demonstrate—and allow Michigan Law to remain in a strong fiscal position while continuing to deliver a preeminent legal education.

Fiscal Year 2023 Operational Expenses	\$106,739,719
Fiscal Year 2023 Total Gifts and Endowment Income	\$34,184,985

SOURCES OF INCOME



USES OF GIFT AND ENDOWMENT INCOME



About the JD Class of 2026

6,439
APPLIED

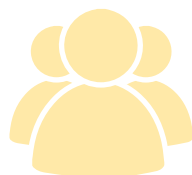
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ENROLLED

3.85 + 171 =
MEDIAN UNDERGRAD GPA (UGPA) MEDIAN LSAT

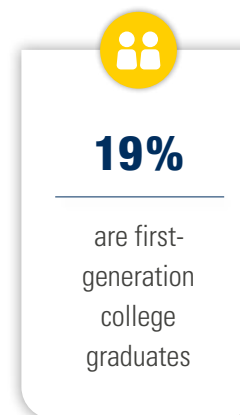
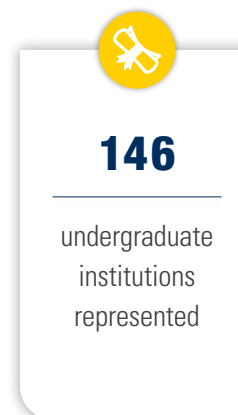
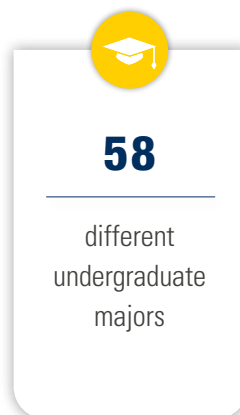
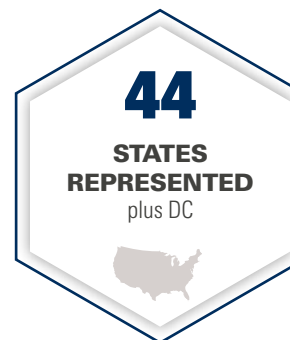
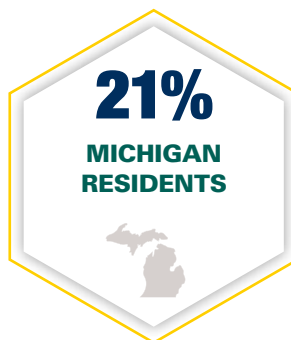
HIGHEST COMBINED LSAT AND UGPA
in Michigan Law history

37% yield on offers to enroll

11% have previously
received a graduate or
professional degree

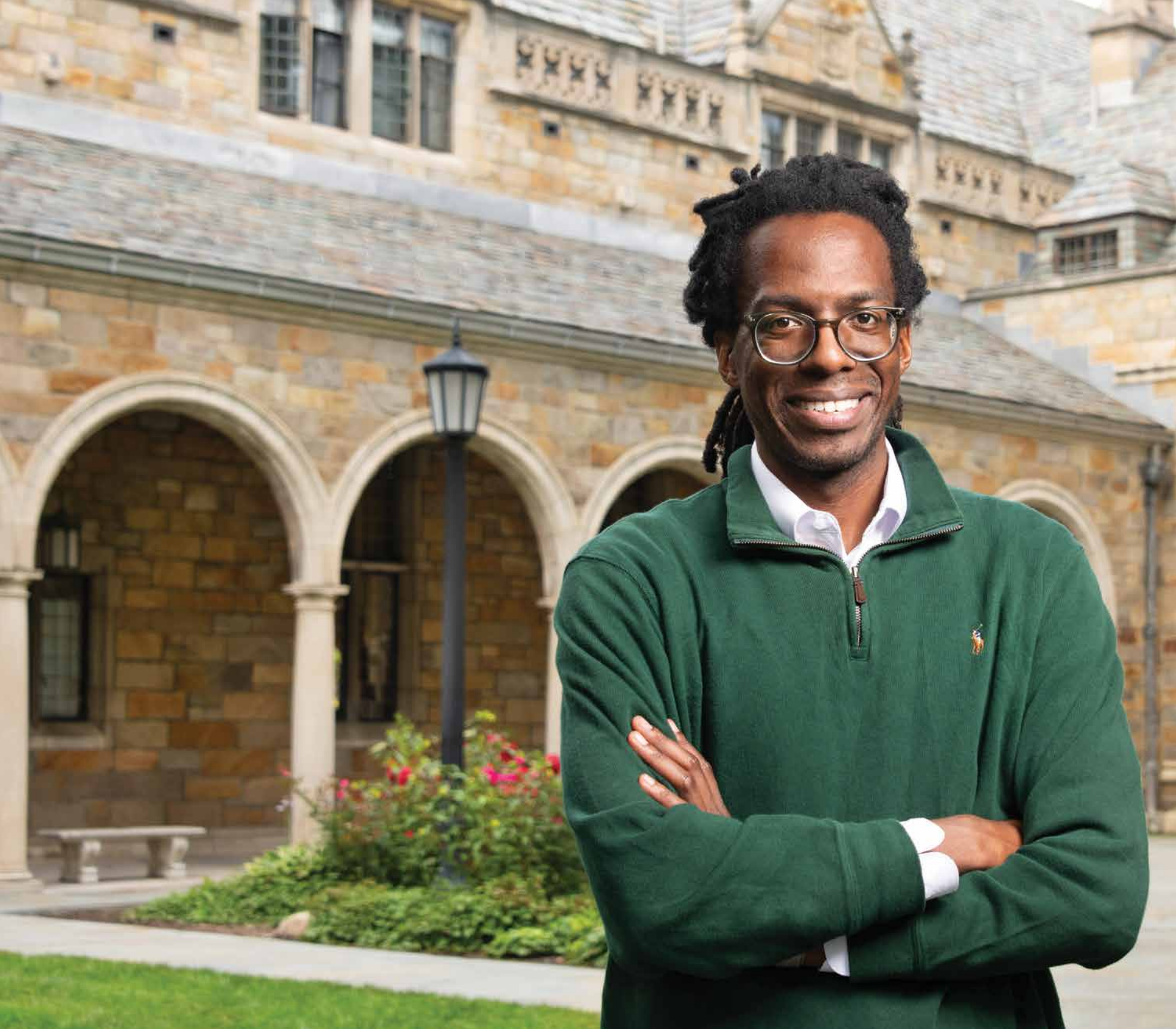


51% WOMEN
47% MEN
2% NONBINARY



79%
TOOK 1 OR MORE
YEARS OFF AFTER
UNDERGRAD

37%
ARE PEOPLE
OF COLOR





LEON BOYKINS, 2L
Dean's Scholarship

I always dreamed of spending my life as a musician in New York City, but that changed when I began teaching. While working as a freelance jazz bassist in Philadelphia, I conducted private music lessons at a creative performing arts high school. Through that experience, I became increasingly interested in how public schools function.

I was given the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in music education through a program created by Hunter College and the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, which led me to work as a full-time public high school teacher in New York City. At the same time, I began to work on the Broadway show *Dear Evan Hansen*, but it was shut down during the pandemic. That's when I started applying to law schools.

At Michigan Law, there's no shortage of people who have done outstanding things. I took a class called Race in the Law with Professor Michelle Adams, and most of our research centered on how housing discrimination influences public schools. It was inspiring to study with someone who has done work in precisely the ways that I would like to.

I entered law school with a narrow focus on working for the US Department of Education. This semester, I am working as a graduate student instructor and extern with Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office. As an older student, I was afraid that accumulating debt would pigeonhole me into areas of the law I wouldn't otherwise seek to work in. **Thankfully, the scholarship I received has alleviated that fear, and I feel free to follow my own path.**

I've always enjoyed being a generalist. My undergraduate liberal arts education exposed me to various subjects, including introductory legal classes. I later worked as a press secretary in the US Senate, where I received a high-level view of many policy areas. Both experiences solidified the prospect of law school for me.

Over and over, I heard from Michigan Law students and graduates that the Law School is a positive place with an excellent community. I'd never set foot in the state of Michigan before applying to law school, but those conversations put the school on my radar. I was conscious of debt and what that would mean for me in the real world, but receiving my scholarship pushed my decision over the edge. **There was no better way to show me that I am wanted at Michigan Law than through this scholarship—it made me comfortable taking a leap in my academic career.**

During my 1L summer, I interned with the US Attorney's Office in Rhode Island. It was a smaller office, which meant I worked across all departments, allowing me to see the breadth of what the office and the assistant US attorneys were doing. This past summer, I was a summer associate with Latham and Watkins, and I will join its Washington, DC, office after graduation before clerking on the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in 2025.

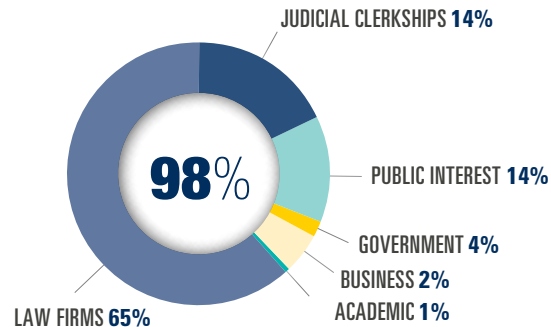
Michigan Law professors are always open to student interaction. Among others in the Michigan Law community, my professors offered me support during the clerkship and firm application process, which made it understandable and enjoyable. That's something Michigan does well; it's a friendly environment while remaining high-achieving.



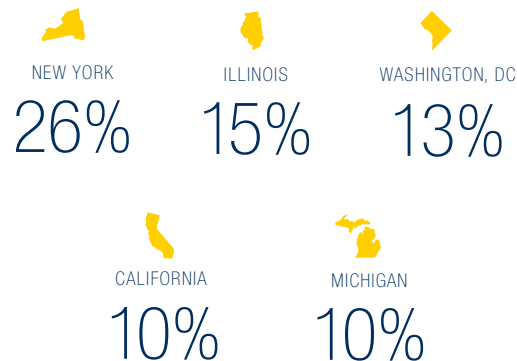
BEN MARVIN-VANDERRYN, 3L
Darrow Scholarship

Career Profile

MICHIGAN LAW CLASS OF 2022 WHO WERE EMPLOYED OR CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION 10 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION



MOST POPULAR MARKETS (2018-2022)



500+

OFFICES PARTICIPATED
in Early Interview Week
July 2023

17

INTERVIEWS
PER STUDENT during
2023 Early Interview
Week (average)

124

CLERKSHIPS
SECURED
ANNUALLY
(average 2020-2022)

2

EQUAL JUSTICE
WORKS FELLOWSHIPS
were awarded to 2023
graduates

13

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

2

2023 graduates received the
**VICTOR'S FELLOWSHIP
FOR PUBLIC INTEREST
STUDENTS**, a new
program that provides
funding for entry-level
employment

11

recent graduates
entered into
**GOVERNMENTAL
HONORS PROGRAMS**
in fall 2023

They are serving at
the **DOJ (7), IRS (2),
FCC, and Nuclear
Regulatory System**

Before coming to Michigan for a dual degree in law and social work, I spent two years investigating child abuse and neglect for Child Protective Services in Milwaukee. I was responding to referrals about a whole spectrum of problems—physical and sexual abuse, at-risk teenagers involved with activities like sex trafficking, parents with mental health or substance abuse issues.

This experience underscored the importance of good legal counsel as a safeguard to protect parents and children in a flawed system. As a social worker, you often confront the same problems again and again, yet solutions can be limited if the problem is systemic. Caseworkers are on the front lines, but lawyers are the ones interpreting the law, enforcing the legal standards, and protecting people's rights.

I knew I would have great opportunities at Michigan Law, and that has already proven true, particularly in the 1L Advocacy Clinic. Working under faculty supervision, I was able to represent a 7 year old as guardian ad litem in a custody proceeding. I spent my 1L summer working in the Alaska Public Defender Agency's civil division, where I focused on child welfare cases. It was a unique blend of social work and the law—we were in court, but also meeting with caseworkers and negotiating for clients to get the services they need.

Receiving a scholarship has been hugely freeing and was a significant factor in coming to the Law School. Without the prospect of significant debt, I have been able to make choices about summer jobs and postgraduate employment with fewer financial considerations. **Michigan Law has allowed me to pursue a path that I am passionate about and that in some small way can make the world a better place.**



LUCY KATES, 2L

*John S. Dobson Scholarship
Darrow Scholarship*



Experiential Education

Michigan Law's clinical program and other experiential opportunities provide invaluable hands-on experience for students outside of the classroom. The programs also are a valuable community service, as students work under faculty supervision to deliver high-quality legal representation to clients who would not otherwise be able to afford it.



79%

of the Class of 2023 took
a clinic during law school



86,872

hours of free legal services
provided by student-attorneys in
the Law School's clinics during
the 2022–2023 academic year



5,122

hours of free services provided during the
2022–2023 academic year by students in
the Pro Bono Program, which asks
students to pledge to complete 50 hours
of pro bono legal work on behalf of
persons of limited means



25,632

hours of pro bono services
performed by students in
Michigan Law's externship
program during the 2022–2023
academic year

The **PEDIATRIC ADVOCACY CLINIC** partnered with doctors and social workers at Michigan Medicine and with the American Diabetes Association to revise the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual, expanding access to life-saving diabetes management technology for children and adults in Michigan.

The **1L ADVOCACY CLINIC** is among the only law clinics in the country to offer first-year law students the opportunity to handle cases under faculty supervision. The statistics presented here are from the winter 2023 term.

22

students served as guardians ad litem
in contested custody matters before the
Washtenaw and Genesee County family courts

4

students represented survivors
of domestic violence seeking
immigration relief

Students in the **Federal Appellate Litigation Clinic** argued seven criminal appeals in the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit during the 2022–2023 academic year. They also argued one habeas corpus appeal. Decisions in most cases are pending, but to date the clinic has won two appellate victories. The clinic also won executive clemency for two women who were serving non-parolable life sentences and were survivors of intimate partner violence.

Michigan Innocence Clinic 2022–2023

11

client victories, including exonerations and executive clemencies, making it the most successful year in the clinic's history

200+

students have worked in the clinic since its founding in 2009



Student-attorney Alexis Franks, '23, greets Jeff Titus after he was exonerated and released from prison in February 2023. Titus spent more than 20 years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

ZELL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLINIC



10

YEARS OF SERVING
student-led entrepreneurial ventures, local startups, and small businesses



300+

CLIENTS REPRESENTED



1,000+

INDIVIDUAL CLIENT MATTERS ADDRESSED

I had a very unconventional path to Michigan Law. Growing up as an Army brat, I became used to changes in scenery. I quickly learned that “home” is more about the people you are with, rather than a place to be. From my dad, I also learned to fearlessly pursue unique opportunities or adventures.

I studied nuclear engineering at West Point and then joined the Army. I had the chance to work all around the world, including a deployment to Afghanistan and later to Alaska, where I have family connections—the closest thing to home when I was growing up.

After the Army, I lived in Fairbanks, Alaska, and worked as a train conductor and later as a dispatcher. It was during this time that I got my first taste of advocacy while working as a union steward. I had to learn the labor rules and figure out how to negotiate effectively with management. The experience made me dream bigger, and I decided to go to law school.

I only wanted to go to law school in a way that aligned with my personality and my goals. That meant somewhere with a national reach, so I could return to Alaska, and I wanted a community that was more supportive than competitive. Michigan checked all the boxes.

After graduation, I plan to join Davis Wright in Anchorage, Alaska, and work on real estate and real property matters. Alaska has incredible natural resources, and I hope to play a role pursuing smart and sustainable development. **My scholarship is what allowed me to pursue law school and my dream of returning to Alaska and doing impactful work.** There’s a great community of Michigan Law alumni in the state, and I can’t wait to join them.



STEVEN TENNISON, 3L
Robert J. Currie Scholarship







It's been 100 years since construction first began on the Law Quad.

A century later, it takes considerable effort to maintain the timeless beauty of our campus. Gifts from the Michigan Law community support ongoing maintenance projects across campus as well as upgrades that ensure today's students benefit from the latest innovations in classroom technology.

Thank you for helping to preserve and improve our beloved campus.

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