### Class of 2023

#### By the Numbers

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* Tuition does not include fees and additional expenses.

Data as of September 9, 2020.

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**THINK BIG.**

**TAKE ACTION.**

**DRIVE CHANGE.**
Now is an important time to consider a legal education. As we face new challenges and confront long-existing societal issues, the need for skillful lawyers and strong advocates is great.

There is no better place to pursue your law degree than at UB School of Law. When I first arrived in Buffalo three years ago, I immediately recognized the rich sense of community and shared passion for creating change. I am proud to be part of a diverse and vibrant environment where all students are encouraged to think big, express themselves creatively, and prepare for their future with purpose.

Whether you plan to conquer the courtroom, close major real estate deals, or advocate for low-income clients, here, you will learn to be a skilled litigator, a strong negotiator, and a champion for justice.

I invite you to begin your journey with us.

Sincerely,

Aviva Abramovsky
The First Year

From the start, you will acquire the skills you’ll need in a profession like no other

You stand at the threshold of a life-changing experience that will transform your thinking and open new worlds of opportunity.


Don’t worry – we’ve got you covered.

Here you’ll find a collegial environment that brings out the best in you and those on the journey with you. Many students make lifelong friendships that nourish their careers as well. Your professors and the law school staff make it their mission to help you succeed, whether it’s wrestling after class with a difficult point, or helping to set up your daily schedule.

In your first year at UB School of Law, you will start to think like a lawyer, with small classes and one-on-one coaching through our Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR) program. And you’ll be challenged by world-class legal training in doctrinal courses that continually evolve to stay relevant to what lawyers actually do in practice.

Here you will also gain the global perspective that’s increasingly vital in today’s legal world. UB School of Law is well-known for faculty who bring their expertise in other academic disciplines – from anthropology to zoology – to the study of law, giving you an interdisciplinary as well as an international and multicultural lens for understanding the way law works in the real world.

And even in the first year, you’ll find opportunities to go boldly into this new future by being part of student organizations as diverse as our student body. You will also begin to meet and network with our highly engaged alumni who will help you gain a foothold in the legal community.

Like all important work, that first year is a challenging one. But you’ll come out of it with the confidence that you’re on your way to making a difference in the community, the nation and the world.
Here is how you’ll succeed from day one

As the law school’s vice dean for academic affairs, Professor S. Todd Brown does a lot of deep thinking about top-quality legal education.

“The law and the legal profession are ever-changing,” he says, “and UB’s curriculum reflects those changes.” But it’s not all about what’s on the course schedule. It’s also about making your first year the best it can be. That’s why the faculty have taken a series of steps to make sure that you succeed from Day One.

It starts with our cutting-edge Legal Analysis, Writing and Research program, two semesters of intensive instruction in the tools that lawyers use every day. An emphasis on the basics early in the first year – organizing your thoughts, crafting a killer argument, writing clearly and persuasively – means that you can build on those skills faster in every course you take.

Two initiatives also provide plenty of hands-on help. Teaching assistants are assigned to classes – typically students who already excelled in the class and are ready to share their knowledge.

The other is a student advisement program. You’ll be assigned a faculty adviser with whom you’ll meet at least four times over the year, checking in on how it’s going, helping to plan your classes, and guiding you as you look to your future as a legal professional.

Says Brown, “In Buffalo, we don’t leave you on your own.”

Here are some of the ways you can get involved outside the classroom:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Association
- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
- Black Law Students Association
- Buffalo Moot Court Board
- Buffalo Performing Arts Law Society
- Buffalo Public Interest Law Program
- Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Domestic Violence Task Force
- Family and Children’s Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Health Law Association
- International Law Students Association
- Jessup International Moot Court Board
- Latin American Law Students Association
- Outdoor Adventures Club
- OUTlaw
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Board
- Tortfeasors

EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS

Our diverse clubs, associations, societies, boards and activities provide students an opportunity to contribute time and talent in ways that are both personally and professionally gratifying. Participation becomes a vital avenue of self-expression and socializing.

A taste of law school life

For Long Island native Rina Hernández ’21 the decision to go to law school was all about service – the chance to use her legal training to address real human needs. Choosing Buffalo? That came through Discover Law, UB School of Law’s summer program for promising undergraduates who are underrepresented in the field.

The intensive four-week experience, Hernández says, kick-started her commitment to UB School of Law. “I discovered that a legal education is possible for someone like myself – a first-generation high school graduate and college graduate,” she says. “And I knew I could use and develop the research and writing skills that I acquired as an undergrad.”

What makes UB School of Law different? “It’s everything from the opportunities that UB offers, to the faculty,” Hernández says. “Its alumni network is amazing, and it doesn’t hurt that UB School of Law is the only public law school in the State University of New York (SUNY) system.”

She has made the most of her time, including taking positions of leadership in the Student Bar Association, planning the gala Students of Color Dinner, and helping to found the Christian Legal Society. And the alumni connections have paid off: Hernández spent her 1L summer in a prestigious clerkship for a federal Court of Appeals judge.

How many times you’ll meet with your faculty adviser in your first year

4+

Faculty to student ratio

5.6:1

Number of student clubs and associations you can join

20+
Here is how to be part of a city ever on the rise.

Everything you could want, close to everywhere:
By bus, train, car or air, you’re less than 90 minutes away from some of North America’s most exciting cities, including Toronto, New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

NINE FUN FACTS ABOUT BUFFALO

1. Giant silos—Once they transformed the global grain market. Now Silo City attracts art shows, pop-up dinners and fans of really big things.
2. Bikes and more bikes—By commute or Slow Roll, cyclists rule 300+ miles of lanes, paths and frozen canals. (Yes, ice bikes are a thing here.)
3. Amazing architecture—The muse of America’s great planners and architects, Buffalo is practically the Greatest Hits of Cities.
4. Lively living—From Allentown to the Elmwood Village, Buffalo is also the City of Good Neighborhoods.
5. The waterfront—In Buffalo, “the lake effect” means four full seasons of waterfront festivals and cultural events.
6. Foodie heaven—Grown, brewed or baked right here, or imported via dozens of immigrant communities, Buffalo cuisine is way more than wings.
8. History everywhere—Workers flocked here. Inventors thrived here. Tycoons got rich here. What are your plans?
9. New everywhere—Business incubator 43North is catalyzing dreamers and inspiring doers, helping make Buffalo the next big thing it’s always been.

Explore open-air cafes, artisan shops and cozy coffeehouses in Buffalo’s vibrant Elmwood Village.
The Second and Third Years

You’ll finish strong, building a knowledge base that will last your whole life

In your second and third years at UB School of Law, it all comes together. You know how to think like a lawyer. Research like a lawyer. Write like a lawyer. Now it’s time to engage the world of law with all your passion.

That means taking advantage of some of the ways you can build your skills in specialized programs. Like the New York City Program in Finance and Law, in which you spend an intensive semester in the Big Apple learning the high-stakes world of finance from practitioners on the front lines. Like the Advocacy Institute that focuses instruction in the skills of oral advocacy and mediation, invaluable for legal practice in any professional situation. Like UB’s Center for the Advancement of Sport where you learn the industry through externships at local or even national athletics organizations. Or our new Entrepreneurial Law Center where you’ll work on the frontline with startups, fueling innovation and growth in our community.

You might find your passion in one of our eight dual degree programs, such as Law and Social Work, building your expertise and your marketability at the same time. Or maybe you’ll find yourself drawn to cross-border and international law, another strength of UB School of Law with our location on an international border.

Our extensive and flexible curriculum makes it easy to craft a course of study that’s yours alone. And our diverse faculty and student body makes for a lively exchange of ideas, from class discussions to informal debates in the student lounge.

Underlying all of these options is a commitment we all share: to make the law work for those who need it most, and to work for social justice. The American ideal of equal justice under the law, and equal access to that justice for everyone, is present in everything we do. If you’re committed to that noble ideal, we are right there with you.
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A member of the law school’s trial teams, Roden has already put her advocacy training to good use. She’s participated in the Family Violence and Women’s Rights Clinic, where students have tackled the rise of domestic violence issues resulting from the COVID-19 crisis. They represent real clients – many of them seeking emergency orders of protection. What’s next? Roden has a spot in the new Criminal Justice Advocacy Clinic, working on behalf of people incarcerated for fighting back against their abusers.

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A future at play

A two-sport athlete in high school, Jake Cercone ‘21 knew he wanted a career in the business of sports. He learned analytical skills at UB’s School of Management where he spent a summer as an intern with Pegula Sports and Entertainment. But the top sports executives often have law degrees, and he knew law school would be his entree into that competitive field.

“Learning to thrive in law school, understanding the reading and the work ethic, those are skills you can use anywhere,” he says.

Cercone has gone deep as a law student. He spent part of his second year in the New York City Program in Finance and Law, an intensive semester of learning and living in the heart of Manhattan. And he’s president of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, a thriving student group that brings in speakers on topics in the field. In partnership with Project Play Western New York, they also educate youth coaches about issues like athletes’ mental health and preventing concussions.

Law school, he says, is a different world from undergrad, “but once you experience that aha moment, it really comes together. And you’re always going to get the support you need, whether it’s from your professors or from your friends. You never feel alone here.”

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Jake Cercone on the law school experience

Doing good and thinking big

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CURRICULAR CONCENTRATIONS

Concentrations consist of a sequence of required and elective courses selected from a substantial menu of course offerings in the chosen field.

Advocacy
The concentration in advocacy provides students with significant hands-on experience in trial advocacy, appellate advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution. It incorporates doctrinal courses and clinical service, ensuring that students have exposure to both important black-letter law and experience in representing real-world clients.

Criminal Law
With a blend of lecture courses, seminars, practice and simulations, students acquire skills in the practical and theoretical aspects of modern criminal law. The concentration includes courses on topics like trial technique, white collar crime, child abuse and neglect, federal pre-trial criminal procedure, and mental illness and the law.

Cross-Border Legal Studies
This concentration capitalizes on our border location to provide students with classroom and on-the-ground exposure to a wide range of cross-border legal issues including international business transactions, immigration, international trade and tax. Students also complete a capstone experiential course which pairs them with local cross-border law practitioners.

Family Law
The concentration in family law introduces students to the breadth of family law beginning with three required doctrinal courses, an experiential learning component, and a substantial writing project. Through additional elective courses and practice experiences, students round out their education in the family law area.

Intellectual Property Law
The law is evolving to address rapid changes in technology, from computers and e-commerce to copyright, trademark, and patents. In this concentration, students examine issues of ownership, use and control of technological innovations, information and knowledge.

International Law
Lawyers must understand and interpret events in countries that may have different legal systems. This concentration prepares students for careers in private or public international law. Traveling seminars offer students the opportunity to observe foreign legal systems in their native setting under expert faculty guidance. International externships are also available.

Sports Law
This program takes advantage of the many offerings in our sports and entertainment law curriculum, ranging from broad survey courses to a hands-on mock NHL arbitration seminar and externship opportunities with local college athletic departments. Students research issues in sports law and contribute articles to the UB Law Sports & Entertainment Forum blog, which serves as an online community for students and alumni who share an interest in these fields. Our vibrant Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Law Society (BELS) supports a variety of extracurricular activities throughout the year.

The Second and Third Years

LAW JOURNALS
The School of Law's wide array of scholarly law journals provides students with the opportunity to develop research and writing skills and make important contributions to legal scholarship.

- Buddhism, Law & Society
- Buffalo Environmental Law Journal
- Buffalo Human Rights Law Review
- Buffalo Law Review

CENTERS
- Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy
- Buddhism Law and Society Center
- Buffalo Criminal Law Center
- Buffalo Human Rights Center
- Center for the Advancement of Sport
- Cross-Border Legal Studies Center
- Edwin F. Jaeckle Center for Law, Democracy and Governance
- Entrepreneurship Law Center

CURRICULAR PROGRAMS
Programs are designated in fields in which the law faculty offers an exceptional degree of strength and expertise and a rich variety of courses. Programs culminate in a small, intensive capstone or senior colloquium course designed to pull together students' knowledge and experience.

Environmental Law
This program prepares students for environmental law practice, whether advocating for a public interest group, a corporate client, a government agency or a private citizen. Beginning with a series of core courses taught by a combination of academic and practitioner experts, students may also enroll in skills courses, cutting-edge seminars and the Environmental Law & Policy Clinic.

Finance and Development
This program offers students the opportunity to focus on finance and the role of lawyers in business transactions, including courses focused on economic, commercial and residential development. The concentration provides a valuable foundation for students seeking to pursue careers in corporate law, financial services, regulation and compliance, and private or nonprofit development.
The Advocacy Institute and our extensive Clinical Legal Education Program will give you an opportunity to develop and sharpen your practical legal skills through the guidance of distinguished members of the local bar and bench.

Here is how you will learn from experience

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION

Our clinics offer diverse and sophisticated practice opportunities to upper-class and LLM students working closely with skilled supervising attorneys. Our clinical offerings involve cutting-edge issues and complex matters in which creativity and innovation play key roles in serving clients effectively.

- Access to Justice Hybrid Clinic
- Animal Law Clinic
- Civil Rights and Transparency Clinic
- COVID Response Legal Clinic
- Criminal Justice Advocacy Clinic
- Entrepreneurship Law Center Clinic
- Environmental Advocacy Clinic
- Family Violence and Women’s Rights Clinic
- Mediation Clinic
- Puerto Rico Recovery Assistance Clinic

ADVOCACY INSTITUTE

In popular Trial Technique classes, students prepare and try a civil or criminal case under the tutelage of highly experienced trial lawyers. For the Appellate Advocacy segment, students take an Introduction to Appellate Advocacy class, which includes participation in the intramural Charles S. Desmond Moot Court Competition. Based on that experience, students are selected to represent the law school on teams that participate in prestigious national appellate moot court competitions.

UB School of Law hosts two national competitions – the Buffalo Niagara Mock Trial Competition, one of the largest in the nation, and the Herbert J. Wechsler National Criminal Moot Court Competition – as well as the intramural Charles S. Desmond Moot Court Competition.

Students also compete in Alternative Dispute Resolution competitions, in the increasingly important areas of mediation and arbitration, as well as on teams that compete in national mediation competitions, and in an annual in-house mediation competition.

EXTERNSHIPS

Law students work for academic credit in a variety of government and nonprofit organizations. Options include judicial externships, legislative externships, and other nonprofit and government work. Most are in Western New York, but the option to arrange summer externships means students have worked in Rochester, Philadelphia, New York City, Chicago, Seattle and overseas.

PRACTICA

Practica courses combine study of a substantive area under a full-time professor with service learning alongside practicing lawyers. These four-credit courses are based on 120 hours of in-field work (about 10 hours a week) assisting and observing practicing attorneys. Students also complete weekly classroom work exploring the substantive law in depth and reflecting on the process of becoming an attorney.

- Health Justice Legal Practicum
- Veterans Legal Practicum

PRO BONO PROGRAMS

Students are required to perform 50 hours of pro bono legal service as a prerequisite to admission to the New York State bar. Our highly competitive Pro Bono Scholars Program gives select third-year law students the opportunity to take the New York State Bar Exam in February before they graduate. They then work full time in a pro bono placement during their final semester of law school, where they explore access to justice issues while developing their lawyering skills and fulfilling their service requirement.

Students may also accrue pro bono experience to satisfy the New York State requirement through the Pro Bono Appeals Program for the Third and Fourth Judicial Departments. Established through a partnership with the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction, students work with pro bono attorneys to address the unmet needs of civil litigants in state appellate courts.

The Second and Third Years

MOCK TRIAL TEAMS

10+

MOOT COURT TEAMS

7

ADR/MEDIATION TEAMS

8

CLINICS

10

EXTERNSHIPS

100+

Lively clinic class discussion.
OUR SEMESTER-LONG NEW YORK CITY PROGRAM IN FINANCE AND LAW*

Taking advantage of easy access to New York City, students from the School of Law and the School of Management, including those in the joint J.D./MBA program and the Advanced Standing Two-Year J.D. program, can spend a semester living in New York while studying finance and law. Courses are taught by professors from both schools. Students also benefit from presentations and case studies by UB School of Law alumni and other practitioners from major firms and corporations. In addition, interested students may participate in externship positions in the Metro New York area, working with executives from top financial institutions and law firms.

Here is how you earn a J.D. with more ROI and less IOU

Our graduates practice in the most prominent law firms and public interest settings across the nation and around the world. They hold leadership positions at all levels of private industry and in the government, and our Career Services Office helps them get there.

Transitioning to Practice

Career guidance services include resume, cover letter and interview workshops, practice interviews, career panels, and individual coaching.

Mentoring Programs

Each member of the first-year class is matched with one of more than 200 mentors who are practicing lawyers or judges, and the relationship is expected to continue throughout their law school years. The National Career Network Program gives second and third year students access to an extensive national and international network of alumni geared toward career development.

A Focus on Public Interest

As part of a public law school, our faculty and students value government and public interest work. Each year a large percentage of our graduates are employed in public interest and government organizations.

Through the vigorous fundraising of our student-run Buffalo Public Interest Law Program, as well as the support of our alumni and friends, a variety of fellowships are available to all of our law students who wish to advocate for justice in a typically unpaid summer position. These substantial stipends help cover summer living expenses so that qualified and committed students have an opportunity to work in the public sector or at a prestigious judicial clerkship, providing them with invaluable, practical experience to jump-start their legal careers.

*Subject to public health restrictions.
With alumni connections and new-found confidence, you’re poised to be the best

Your connection with the University at Buffalo School of Law doesn’t end at graduation. Our alumni are fiercely loyal to their alma mater, and they want to stay connected—both to the law school and to new alumni making their way in the legal world.

That means you can expect guidance, mentorship, and connection with some of the best lawyers you could ever hope to meet. They will help you find your place, whether it’s in the Western New York legal community, in New York City, Washington, D.C., or abroad, and whether your passion is for non-profits, corporate work, or the courtroom.

We are proud of our extraordinary alumni, who are thought leaders in so many areas of public concern, as well as prominent leaders in the area and state legal communities.

Make no mistake: our extensive alumni network and exceptional value will give you every advantage in beginning your career. We’re proud that our relatively low tuition and generous scholarship support mean that you will graduate without crippling law school debt. That makes it possible to pursue your passion—you won’t be boxed into chasing lucrative corporate positions because of those monthly payments that amount to a mortgage, but without the house.

A life in the law can be immensely gratifying. Lawyers earn a good living and they have career flexibility, including the freedom to serve their community in volunteer positions. And increasingly, the legal profession is recognizing the need for a healthy balance between work and family. Just maybe that life is for you.
Guidance for Getting In

Our admission process is selective and is based on both quantitative and qualitative criteria. The qualitative criteria we use are:

1. Achievements or activities that indicate a high probability of scholastic excellence and intellectual contributions in law school.

2. Achievements or activities arising from work, life experience or community service that indicate a potential for contributing to the enrichment of the School of Law.

3. Special factors in your background that may have impeded your educational opportunities, including discrimination based on race, religion, gender, disability or national origin; and special economic or social impediments.

UB School of Law is committed to a non-discriminatory admission policy and philosophy. We welcome applications from all persons, without regard to age, gender, race, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, military status or disability.

Advanced Standing Two-Year J.D. for Internationally Trained Lawyers

This innovative program is intended for students who already hold a law degree from a jurisdiction outside the United States, who would like to earn a Juris Doctor degree from the University at Buffalo School of Law, and who want to seek admission to the New York State Bar. You will be a part of the J.D. class but with advanced standing so that you can finish your J.D. degree in just two years.

LL.M. Programs

Students who already have a first degree in law may pursue a Master of Laws or LL.M. degree. Our four LL.M. programs provide highly specialized courses of study designed to match a student’s intellectual interests and advance their career to the next level.

- General LL.M.
- Criminal Law LL.M.
- Cross-Border Legal Studies LL.M.
- Environmental Law LL.M.
Schedule a meeting— Get a feel for the UB School of Law community by scheduling a meeting with a UB School of Law Admissions representative. For information on our Virtual Info Session and Open House dates visit law.buffalo.edu/admissions/visit.

Ask questions— Questions? Ask away! Give our Office of Admissions a call at 716-645-2907 or email us at law-admissions@buffalo.edu.