

Small footprint, global impact

Lewis & Clark Law School is training tomorrow's environmental lawyers and sending them around the globe. **BY TYLER ROBERTS**

Olivier Jamin has represented small island countries at the Paris Climate Change Conference, campaigned against Japanese whaling practices, presented arguments in the European Court of Justice and worked for NGOs in West Africa.

These are experiences that even seasoned international environmental lawyers would be lucky to add to their resumes. For Jamin, a 2017 graduate of Lewis & Clark Law School, it was part of his legal training and his participation in the law school's International Environmental Law Project (IELP).

"I picked Lewis & Clark for its excellent reputation for environmental law," Jamin, a native of Paris, France, said. "IELP was very attractive. It is really unique to get this experience in a field that is difficult to get into."

Jamin's first foray into international environmental law came during his second year, when he and a group of IELP students traveled to Paris to represent small island clients at the Paris Climate Change Conference. Larger countries had swaths of lawyers combing through the fine details of proposed terms, but smaller countries had a hard time diving deep into the details, Jamin said. That is where IELP stepped in to help.

"The meetings were busy, and we worked around the clock," Jamin said. "We maybe slept two to three hours each night. It was exciting because all of these countries were coming together to combat climate change."

The following year, Jamin returned to Europe to assist African countries involved in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, or CITES. In addition, Jamin worked with Sea Shepherd Legal to explore diplomatic and legal avenues to curtail



OLIVIER JAMIN, a 2017 graduate of Lewis & Clark, stands in front of the school's library

whaling off the coast of Denmark.

While his achievements are impressive, Jamin was not alone. Lewis & Clark Law pulls students from all over the country to its Portland, Ore. campus to take advantage of its curricular and extracurricular offerings. The law school offers certificates in Animal Law, Business and Commercial Law, and Federal Taxation Law, among others. But its Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law Program stands out the most.

"Our curriculum is as deep and as broad as you can find anywhere," said Janice Weis, associate dean and director of the Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law Program. "We offer a robust list of courses in pollution, natural resources and energy law. It distinguishes

us because other programs offer one of those areas. There is crossover in all of those areas, and it gives our students amazing choices."

No shortage of experiential opportunities

Programs such as IELP take students all over the world each semester to work on cutting-edge environmental issues, represent international clients and get hands-on environmental law experience. The issues students encounter include climate change, conservation, oceans and fisheries, and trade and the environment.

"There is a growing recognition that we cannot just advocate for environmental issues at home anymore," Weis said. "These are truly international issues that

must be addressed.”

Lewis & Clark Law is also home to the Earthrise Law Center, where students can get hands-on environmental advocacy and litigation experience. Since its founding in 1996, the center has worked to protect the Pacific Northwest from timber sales, coal burning facilities, open pit mining and the overgrazing of public lands.

Participating students work 10 hours or more each week on environmental law cases,

participating in all phases of the litigation process and issues that touch on the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act, for example.

The latest addition to Lewis & Clark Law’s Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law program is the Green Energy Institute. The institute provides opportunities for students to undertake policy-related projects with the aim of transitioning the

power grid to 100 percent renewable energy. Students work to improve existing policies and incentives that encourage investment from energy-market stakeholders.

There is a host of other clinical opportunities for Lewis & Clark Law students. Students in the Small Business Legal Clinic can work with clients to choose and form business entities, review and draft contracts, and secure financing. There is also the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, which represents taxpayers in front of the IRS, and the Animal Law Clinic, which encourages the consideration of animals in legal decision-making (and is the only one of its kind in the country).

Lewis & Clark’s National Crime Victim Law Institute provides support to the victims of crimes and ensures that their voices are heard during all phases of criminal proceedings. Students provide assistance to attorneys, helping ensure that victims are treated fairly and with respect.

A green campus in a green city

Lewis & Clark is in the heart of Portland, one of America’s greenest cities. More than 25 percent of the city’s workforce commutes by bike, carpool or public transportation. The city has the highest number of LEED-certified buildings per capita in the nation. And if that isn’t impressive enough, 56 percent of all waste is recycled.

Lewis & Clark’s campus is no exception.

“It is critical that we as a campus community show that we’re not just teaching about sustainability in the classroom but that we’re also putting our priorities into practice,” Weis said. “It just makes sense that we have much more power when we work together.”

All of the campus’ sustainability initiatives are guided by the Sustainability Council, which consists of faculty, students and staff from the college’s three schools.

Lewis & Clark became the first private college in the nation to achieve certification from the nonprofit Salmon-Safe for managing storm water and reducing the use of fertilizers and pesticides. The school is also in the midst of a three-year project to remove invasive species and replace them with native plants.

“Students come to Lewis & Clark and to Portland to study in an environment that cares deeply about people and planet,” said Amy Dvorak, the college’s sustainability director. “Our students are often very

interested in what we do as an institution to demonstrate these ideals in our programs, policies and buildings.”

The law school building itself is certified LEED Silver, and future buildings will be designed with the goal of obtaining Gold certification. The law school is even exploring net zero energy.

What’s more, it is situated between two large urban parks, where students can hike, bike and enjoy the outdoors. Thanks to its large windows, students can also enjoy the outdoors from inside the library.

For Jamin, who is now an IELP fellow and LL.M. student, the surrounding parks are a perfect escape from the books.

“I can walk right outside and find myself on a trail that is over 12 miles long,” Jamin said. “The connection between life in Portland and what we teach is really beneficial for someone studying environmental law.”

Environmental Law

Lewis & Clark Law School is not the only one with a strong focus on environmental law. In fact, more than 100 law schools offer some type of programming in this subject area. Of those, preLaw assigns a B+ or higher to 52 of them for the breadth of their environmental law offerings. Seven schools have an environmental law certificate, concentration, clinic, center, externship program, journal and student groups.

Vermont Law School, which received an A+, touts one of the largest and deepest environmental programs in the nation. During the past 27 years, it has been ranked No. 1 in environmental law 19 times and No. 2 eight times by U.S. News & World Report. It came in first again in 2018.

In addition to its extensive class offerings, Vermont Law School is home to a number of clinics, centers and programs where students can delve even further into environmental law. These include the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems, the Energy Clinic, the Environmental Tax

Policy Institute and the Water and Justice Program. Students also can take advantage of partnerships with Asian government entities and non-governmental organizations to promote sustainable environmental governance in Asia.

Tulane University Law School, which received an A+, has been instructing students in environmental law since 1979. Tulane has the largest faculty-supervised environmental law clinical program in the country.

The curriculum for a certificate of specialization in environmental law covers the foundations of pollution control, natural resources law, energy law and land use regulation, preparing students for the legal issues they may face once they enter practice.

Tulane’s Environmental Law Clinic takes legal education a step further. It gives students practical training in representing clients in highly regulated fields. Students assist clients; research, draft and file pleadings; negotiate settlements; and appear at hearings under the guidance of the clinic’s



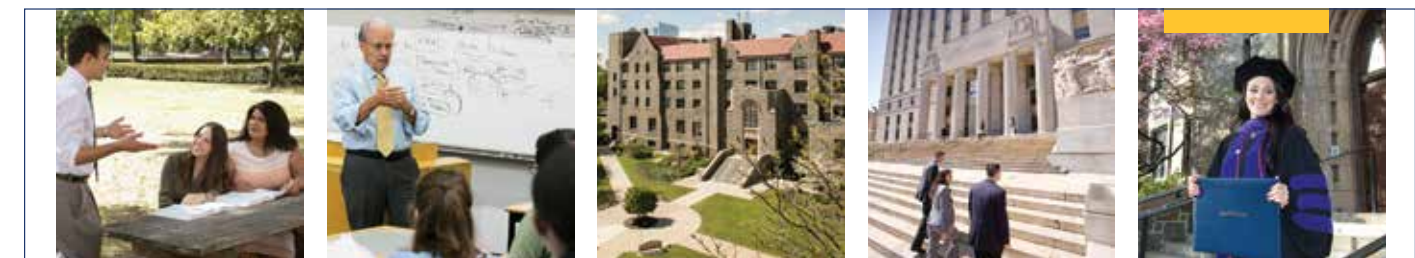
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At University of Minnesota Law School, which received an A+, students studying environmental law can participate in the Environmental Law Moot Court; contribute to one of several peer-review journals; and join the Environmental & Energy Law

Society, which invites practicing lawyers to speak to students and provides opportunities for service projects in the community. The university is home to Institute on the Environment, which serves as a center for environmental research and policy initiatives.

Environmental Law	Grade
George Washington University	A+
Georgetown University	A+
Georgia State University	A+
Lewis & Clark Law School	A+
Pace University	A+
Tulane University Law School	A+
University of Arizona	A+
UC Berkeley School of Law	A+
UCLA Law	A+
University of Minnesota	A+
University of Oregon	A+
Vermont Law School	A+
Chicago-Kent College of Law	A
Duke University	A
Emory University School of Law	A
Golden Gate University	A
IU Bloomington (Maurer)	A
IU McKinney	A
Touro Law Center	A
UBuffalo School of Law	A
UC Hastings	A
University of Denver	A
University of Idaho	A
University of Maryland	A
University of Montana	A
University of Washington	A

Environmental Law	Grade
West Virginia University	A
Barry Law School	A-
Louisiana State University	A-
Loyola University New Orleans	A-
New York Law School	A-
Stanford Law School	A-
UC Davis School of Law	A-
University of Connecticut	A-
University of Florida	A-
University of Michigan	A-
University of New Mexico	A-
University of Pittsburgh	A-
University of San Diego	A-
University of Utah	A-
University of Virginia	A-
Widener Law Commonwealth	A-
Arizona State University	B+
Chapman Fowler School of Law	B+
New York University	B+
University of Colorado	B+
University of Miami	B+
University of Tennessee	B+
University of Toledo	B+
University of Wyoming	B+
Widener Delaware Law School	B+
William & Mary Law School	B+

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Technology Law

Artificial intelligence. Cryptocurrencies. Blockchain technology. Biometrics. Robotics. These are just a few of the breakthrough technologies that are rapidly transforming the way we live and the way we think about the law.

As new technology enters the market, new laws and policies need to be created to regulate novel situations. For pre-law students interested in this ever-changing practice area, there are 46 law schools that offer a combination of certificates, concentrations, clinics, centers, externship opportunities, journals and student groups in technology law. And six law schools provide all seven.

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, which received an A+ rating for its technology law offerings, is home to the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology. The center has garnered worldwide renown for its work at the nexus of technology, law and policy.

The center provides administrative and financial assistance to many student groups, including Blockchain at Berkeley Law, the Berkeley Technology Law Journal, the Berkeley Information Privacy Law Association and Women in Tech Law.

Silicon Valley, the hub of technological innovation, is also the home of Santa Clara University School of Law. The law school, which received an A+ rating, has created the Tech Edge J.D. program, which will launch in Fall 2018. It will combine legal, business and technology education with hands-on skills development. The new program will also take advantage of its proximity to some of the nation's most innovative companies to provide individualized mentorship.

"The skills gained through my extra-curricular activities, combined with my internship experience, helped transform my resume to one of a valuable adviser with relevant skills, despite being a new graduate," said 2016 graduate Sona Makker, who now works as a public policy associate manager at Facebook. "The graduates of the Tech Edge J.D. program should see the same benefits, positioning them for success in landing that first job out of law school."

Suffolk University Law School is in the heart of Boston, another booming tech



Suffolk Law Professor Gabe Teninbaum is the director of the school's Institute on Legal Innovation and Technology, where students learn about new technologies and how to use them in the practice of law.

market. Through its Institute on Legal Innovation and Technology, students not only learn about cutting-edge legal issues related to the use of new technologies but also learn how to use those technologies in the practice of law. Students get a front-row seat to see and work with issues being brought about by the rise of machine learning, online legal services and automated legal assistance.

"Every lawyer should have a basic groundwork in legal innovation and technology," said Gabe Teninbaum, director of Suffolk's Institute on Legal Innovation and Technology. "This stuff makes traditional legal work more efficient and effective."

At Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, the Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation is a research-focused academic center that explores how law and policy affect scientific research and discovery and the commercialization of new technologies.

The law school recently added a class called "Technology, Innovation and Law-Designing Legal Apps" to its curriculum to teach students about the techniques being integrated into modern law practices. Students used Neota Logic's drag-and-drop platform to design their own legal apps.

Technology Law	Grade
Case Western Reserve University	A+
DePaul University	A+
Santa Clara Law	A+
SMU Dedman School of Law	A+
Suffolk University	A+
UC Berkeley School of Law	A+
University of Washington	A+
Arizona State University	A
Brooklyn Law School	A
California Western School of Law	A
Emory University School of Law	A
New York Law School	A
UC Hastings	A
Fordham Law School	A-
University of Minnesota	A-
John Marshall Law School	B+
New York University	B+
Notre Dame Law School	B+
Thomas Jefferson School of Law	B+
UC Davis School of Law	B+
University of Maryland	B+
University of Missouri - KC	B+
University of Pennsylvania	B+

preLaw magazine graded law schools based on the breadth of their curricular offerings. The scores were weighted as follows: 30% for a concentration, 24% for a clinic, 12% for a center, 12% for an externship, 9% for a journal, 8% for a student group and 5% for a certificate. An A represents a score of 90% or higher, an A- is 78% to 89% and a B+ is 72% to 77%.



The John Marshall Law School's Daryl Lim, director of the Center for Intellectual Property, Information & Privacy Law, presents at the law school's 61st Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference.

Intellectual Property Law

Intellectual property law, or IP law, goes hand-in-hand with technology law. Overlapping issues allow lawyers with expertise in this practice area to serve a range of interesting clients. IP lawyers file patents to protect their clients' inventions. Or, they may register trademarks, protecting their clients' brands from misuse. IP lawyers also work with artists, musicians and writers to protect their work through copyright law.

The John Marshall Law School (A+), is one of the top intellectual property school's

in the nation. Its Center for Intellectual Property, Information & Privacy Law has been a leader in intellectual property legal education since 1940. Students can take advantage of one of several degree specializations, attend seminars, conferences and a study abroad program in Beijing.

The law school offers a certificate in intellectual property law. The certificate has two tracks: a patent track and a trademark and copyright track.

John Marshall is one of a handful of law schools with an IP law clinic certified by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

This allows clinic participants, under the supervision of an attorney, to file patent applications and to represent business owners and trademark owners in securing federal registration.

"Our IP program continues to offer our students front-row access to the most important issues of the day and the personalities that help shape them. We are proud of our long and deep heritage in IP, even as we retool in order to remain relevant. With the

steadfast support of the school and our partners, we strive to do today what others only think of doing tomorrow," said Daryl Lim, director of the Center for Intellectual Property, Information & Privacy Law.



Cardozo Law Professor Aaron Wright, an expert in corporate and intellectual property law, testifies on blockchain technology in front of the US House Science Committee.

Students at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, which received an A+, have opportunities to represent startup companies as they develop plans to commercialize their technologies.

Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology (A+) offers a certificate in intellectual property, which

Intellectual Property Law	Grade
American University	A+
Cardozo School of Law	A+
Case Western Reserve University	A+
Chicago-Kent College of Law	A+
DePaul University	A+
Fordham Law School	A+
George Washington University	A+
IU Bloomington (Maurer)	A+
John Marshall	A+
Northeastern University	A+
Santa Clara Law	A+
SMU Dedman School of Law	A+
Southwestern Law School	A+
UC Berkeley School of Law	A+
UC Hastings	A+
University of Maryland	A+
University of New Hampshire	A+
University of Washington	A+
Arizona State University	A
Brooklyn Law School	A
California Western School of Law	A
Emory University School of Law	A
IU McKinney School of Law	A
Loyola Law School, Los Angeles	A
Michigan State University	A
Mitchell Hamline School of Law	A
New York Law School	A
Suffolk University	A
UCLA Law	A
University of Houston	A
University of Minnesota	A
University of San Diego	A
Boston University	A-
Lewis & Clark Law School	A-
Loyola University New Orleans	A-

includes a capstone experience in which students work on a real case. Students get an opportunity to work with patent lawyers from the law firm of K&L Gates to provide patentability opinions, conduct clearance searches, and offer guidance on a range of IP issues.

As part of the law school's 1L Your Way program, upper-level IP electives are now made available to first-year law students in their first semester.

There are plenty of opportunities to learn how IP rights are protected, but how are they used to compete in real world markets? This is what students at University of San Diego School of Law are learning through the Center for

Intellectual Property Law and Markets. The center trains students in the fundamentals of IP laws and the ways in which IP is used to compete in the marketplace.

Students can focus their studies on IP through the law school's concentration and by joining the IP Law Society. The concentration offers a wide selection of courses taught by leading scholars and practitioners.

University of San Diego also has an IP law clinic, which accepts applications from individuals and businesses in need of legal assistance with IP issues. Students find themselves performing a variety of services, from evaluating an infringement claim to appealing a trademark refusal.

Intellectual Property Law	Grade
Stanford Law School	A-
Thomas Jefferson School of Law	A-
University of Akron	A-
University of Idaho	A-
University of Illinois	A-
University of Missouri - KC	A-
University of Richmond	A-
University of San Francisco	A-
Vanderbilt Law School	A-
Villanova Law	A-
Boston College	B+
Drake University	B+
George Mason University	B+
Georgia State University	B+
New England Law Boston	B+
New York University	B+
Notre Dame Law School	B+

Intellectual Property Law	Grade
Penn State Law	B+
Seattle University	B+
South Texas College of Law Houston	B+
Texas A&M Law	B+
University of Arizona	B+
UC Davis School of Law	B+
University of Connecticut	B+
University of Dayton	B+
University of Detroit Mercy	B+
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