

Welcome to Lewis & Clark Law School!

History

In 1884, Lewis & Clark Law School was founded in Portland, Oregon by Dean Richard H. Thornton as the Law Department of the University of Oregon. When the University voted to move the law department to Eugene, Calvin Gantenbein, dean at the time, along with faculty, and students, elected to remain in downtown Portland, establishing the Northwestern School of Law. Northwestern School of Law would remain in downtown Portland for the next 50 years, before merging with Lewis & Clark College, in 1965. Shortly afterwards, the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College moved to its current home in the southwest hills. Over time, the Law School, most commonly known as Lewis & Clark, has grown to include 5 buildings.

Gantenbein

Orginally built as a student lounge, Gantenbein is now home to the Admissions Office and the Career and Professional Development Center (CPDC). The back of the building has student lockers, and a locker room with showers, started as a student initiative for students who biked to campus.

McCarty Classrooms

Named in honor of Major General Chester E. McCarty, a 1929 graduate of the law school and former member of the Board of Trustees. McCarty houses four classrooms, each set up with podcasting abilities. First year classes such as Contracts, Property Law, Torts, and Civil Procedure are held here. Our Student Bar Association (SBA) and Public Interest Law Project (PILP) also have an office in McCarty. Along with the SBA, Lewis & Clark has over 40 student organizations, some of which include: Food & Wine Law Society, OUtlaw, Environmental Justic Advocates, Family Law Society, Health Law Society, Immigration Student Group, and Women's Law Caucus.

Legal Research Center

Overlooking Tryon Creek State Park, the Legal Research Center (LRC) is the adminitrative hub of campus, and home to faculty and administrative offices, seminar rooms, the student lounge, bookstore, and cafe.

Tryon Creek State Park

Lewis & Clark is connected to 658 acres of Tyron Creek State Park. On any given day, students, faculty, and staff can be seen walking and running through the park.

Wood Hall

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Named for a long time supporter of the Law School, Wood Hall houses two classrooms, two seminar rooms, computer labs, nine private study rooms, vast study space for students, and offices for faculty, student law reviews, and clinics. Wood Hall was constructed using the concept of green architecture. The intent was to minimize disruption to the native forest and to let the natural forces that surround it influence the form and function of the building. This is reflected in the staircase made of fir trees taken from on-site, insulated aluminum panels, and products designed to last 100 years. Approximately 98% of construction debris was recycled as topsoil. In 2017, Lewis & Clark was named the "#1 Greenest Law Campus" by National Jurist Magazine. Head upstairs to see study rooms, and to make your way to Boley Law Library.

Boley Law Library

Lewis & Clark's law library is the largest in Oregon and the second largest in the Pacific Northwest. The 48,000 square-foot structure, which holds the library's stacks, has a uniquely designed roofsupported with 10 hyperbolic parabolas. If every enrolled student was on campus at the same time, there would be a seat for them to study in Boley and adjacent Wood Hall.

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