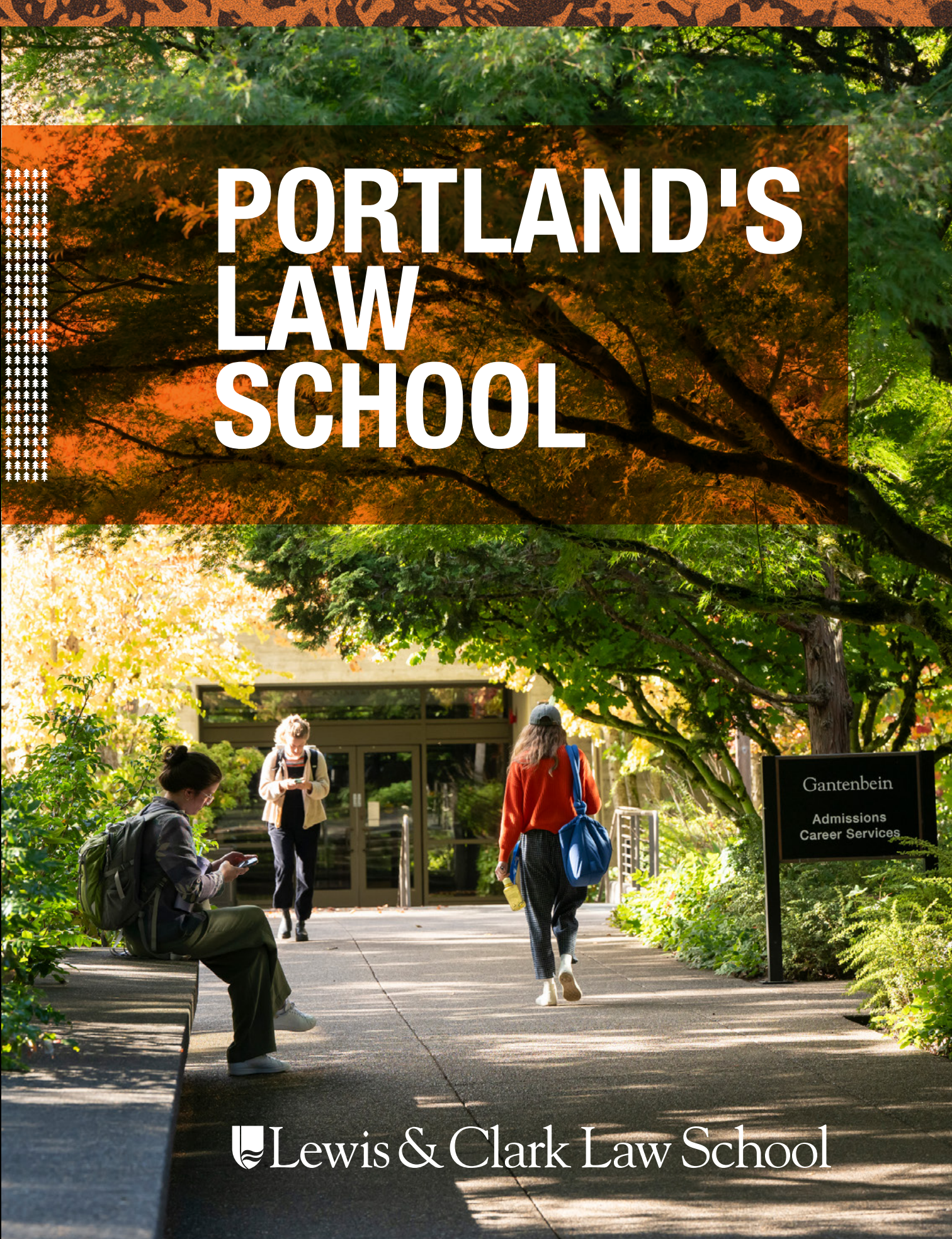




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Message From The Dean

“Ask our students why they chose Lewis & Clark and you'll hear different answers: environmental law, trial advocacy, business law, public interest, criminal defense, and more. Ask our alumni working in those fields today how they got there, and many will point to a single class or a mentor who saw something in them before they saw it themselves. That is the story I hear again and again: a professor who opened a door; a classmate who became a collaborator, and then a friend; and a curriculum built to give students skills durable enough to carry into whatever door opens next. When you choose Lewis & Clark Law School, you are not just choosing a campus with strong programs; you are joining a community of faculty, staff, alumni, and fellow students who will help you curate your own path and see it through. I hope your path begins here.”

Alicia Ouellette (she/her)
Jordan D. Schnitzer Dean and Professor of Law

A Foundation of Practical Training

At Lewis & Clark, experiential learning begins on day one, and continues through your last semester. In your first year, you'll begin to build your professional identity and lawyering skills. You will continue to grow your practice readiness through our advocacy center, multiple clinics, hundreds of externship opportunities, moot court, and mock trial teams. Additionally, you may pursue enriching study abroad opportunities, or degree combinations such as a JD/MBA dual degree, a joint JD/LLM in environmental law, or an LLM in animal law.

Programs That Fit Your Schedule

With flexible scheduling and support, you'll learn these skills on your schedule. After your first year, you can move between our full- and part-time programs as you choose. That flexibility, along with the mentoring students receive from faculty, staff, alumni, and fellow students, creates a learning environment that ensures success.



"Lewis & Clark Law School stood out to me not only on the strengths of its renowned academics, but also the kindness and warmth of the staff, faculty, and students. Everyone wants you to be able to do your best in your own way. I don't think there are many law schools that are similar in this regard."

—Brian Aguilar JD '25 (he/him)





Abundant Opportunities in Our Vibrant City

The Portland legal scene is thriving, with a wide range of choices for externships and jobs and a network of nearly 3,000 alumni in the area. We are home to tech business like Intel; athletics giants like Nike and Adidas; and outdoorwear icons including Columbia and Keen. Whatever your professional interest may be, Portland has the depth to support your practical training and development.

“Lewis & Clark graduates have a strong work ethic and commitment to high quality legal work. That, along with their strong legal research and writing skill, make them valuable employees and lawyers.”

—Sandra Gustitus JD '14 (she/her)



Collaborative Community

At Lewis & Clark, you're not just a student; you're an integral member of an innovative and welcoming community. Faculty, staff, and fellow students are all dedicated to helping you succeed. Resources like our mentoring network, career services, and our outstanding library team ensure that you will flourish in your legal education and beyond.

Mentoring Means Success

From the first time you set foot on campus, until long after graduation, you will have access to a strong system of academic and professional support. Through our comprehensive mentor network, all incoming students are paired with not one but four mentors:

—**Peer mentors** share study skills, exam strategies, and help navigate the ins and outs of first year law school life. They also share tips on the best local spots for coffee, food, studying, and more.

—**Faculty advisors** are there to provide perspective and assistance in class choices, paper topics, and career advice.

—**Career services** advisors assist with professional development and job search strategies, both during your legal education and beyond.

—**Attorney mentors**, often alumni, offer invaluable insights and connections within the legal community.

It's All About Balance

Our students do their best work when they find a healthy balance between school, work, and all the eclectic experiences offered in Portland. On campus, student-led groups—ranging from the academic-focused, like moot court and law review, to the recreational, like the cycling club—engage you with peers and connect you with the greater Pacific Northwest community. There are also numerous affinity-based groups including the Black Law Student Association, Women's Law

Caucus, and OutLaw, our LGBTQ+ student association.

These organizations provide social outlets like movie nights, weekend hiking trips, and therapy dog visits, as well as networking and mentorship opportunities. Getting involved in these groups will help you to make meaningful connections with upper-division peers and professionals from the legal community, fostering a sense of belonging and support.

"The South Asian Law Student Association has been a great outlet and opportunity for me to make friends, help organize, participate in, and run student events, and network with attorneys and judges from the Portland community. Overall, it has enriched my law school experience by allowing me to be a part of a close community of friends and law school colleagues within the greater law school community."

—**Ashwin Kushwaha JD '25 (he/him),**
certificate in environmental law





Love Where You Live and Study

Portland is different, and that’s why we love it. Known for its forested parks, food cart pods, pickle-themed sporting teams, bike routes, microbreweries, coffeehouses, and lively art and music scene, you’ll never run out of things to do. There’s a Portland neighborhood for every style, from funky and laid-back to polished and professional.

When you need to get away from the rigors of law school, you can step out of the classroom and into Tryon Creek State Park, the law school’s backyard. Or head to the beach, the mountains, or the high desert—our location allows you to surf in the morning, hike in the afternoon, and enjoy a sunset over the mountains, all in a single day.



“I have always dreamed of living in the Pacific Northwest. After researching the top environmental law schools, I was ecstatic to learn that the top program was here in Portland, Oregon. After viewing the beautiful campus, along with the extensive environmental curriculum and impressive staff and alumni, choosing Lewis & Clark was one of the easiest and best decisions of my life.”

—Megan Sweeney JD '25 (she/her), certificate in environmental law, certificate in animal law

