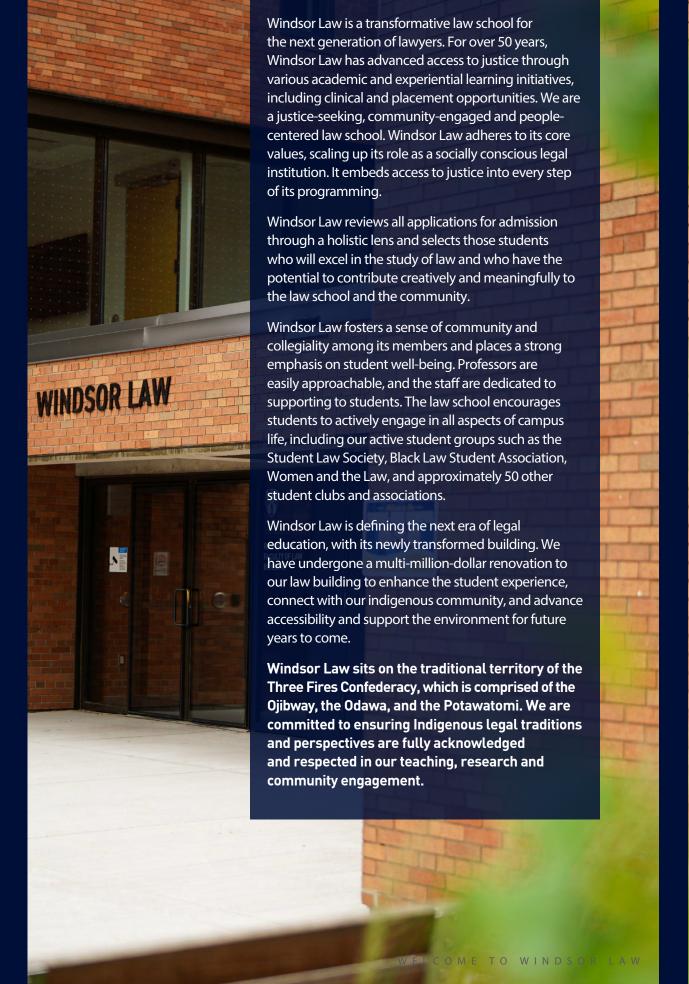


"Your Windsor Law degree will open a world of career possibilities for you. From the day you begin your studies at Windsor Law, you will be surrounded by intelligent, hard-working, creative, and social-justice-oriented students."

- Reem Bahdi, Dean of Law



Established in 1968, Windsor Law became Canada's inaugural *Access to Justice* law school, boasting a thriving alumninetwork of over 8,000 individuals today.



## WHO WE ARE

## **MISSION**

To educate ethical, justice-seeking lawyers through teaching, research, advocacy and service.

## VISION

An enriching educational experience where thought, action and analysis inspire a community that is passionate about using their legal knowledge to achieve a more just and equitable world.

## **VALUES**

People-centred: Putting people and their experiences at the centre of legal education.

Community-engaged: Advancing the theory and practice of law at the Canada-US border and in relationship with our local, national and transnational communities.

Justice-seeking: Building on a long-standing commitment to social justice that seeks fairness, equity and dignity, with a particular focus on relationships with historically marginalized communities.

Dynamic: Using law as an adaptive tool for social change within a comprehensive, rigorous legal education.

Inclusive: Offering robust student support as part of a broader commitment to striving for accessible legal education that is engaging, warm and welcoming.



## MEETOUR DEAN, REEM BAHDI

Reem Bahdi was appointed the Dean of Windsor Law on July 1, 2021. She joined the faculty in 2002 where her teaching and research has focused on access to iustice in both Canada and Palestine. In 2015 she was appointed a member of the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists for national research excellence. As well, she is the recipient of the 2017 Guthrie Medal for her research, teaching and advocacy in furtherance of access to justice in Ontario. The Student Law Society at Windsor Law has bestowed the award for exemplary teaching and dedication to Windsor Law on her three times and the University of Windsor has recognized her research with five distinguished teaching awards.

Dean Bahdi was awarded the Hala Salam Maksoud Award at the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee National Convention. Her leadership was also recognized by The Canada Arab Business Council which presented her with its Outstanding Arab Canadian Achievement Award for contributions to the business and cultural fabric of Canada at its annual gala dinner, May 29, 2023.

Dean Bahdi co-created and co-Directed KARAMAH, The Project on Judicial

Independence and Human Dignity, a multimillion dollar initiative which aimed to support human dignity in Palestine through research, continuing judicial education and directed civil society engagement. She served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice and the Associate Dean of Windsor Law between 2012 and 2015.

In August of 2023 Dean Bahdi was appointed to the Independent Advisory Board for Supreme Court of Canada Judicial Appointments and in March 2024, she was appointed to the Board of Governors of the Internaltional Association of Law Schools, a non-profit society dedicated to serving the worldwide legal education community.

Professor Bahdi was the first Palestinian Law Professor in Canadian history and the first Palestinian Law Dean in North America.

Read the Dean's message <u>here.</u>





## "When choosing a law school, I placed value on the sense of community and a demonstrated commitment to providing a sound legal education. Windsor Law gave me both. I engaged in work as a TA/RA, co-coached the Gale Cup, and published an article. The varied experiences only served to enrich my time and no doubt contributed to my success. It was also a privilege to learn and work with the faculty and my colleagues, all of whom fueled my passion. The school gave me the opportunity and space to flourish and forge lifelong friendships. A benefit of hindsight is the ability to reflect on past decisions. Choosing to study at Windsor Law was one of the best decisions I made."



## Laila Azizi

JD, WINDSOR LAW
SECURED CLERKSHIP THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA

## PROGRAMS

Study comparative Canada-US law to earn joint Canadian & American Dual Juris Doctor (JD) degrees that will allow you to practice law in both countries, or combine a Juris Doctor (JD) with a Master of Social Work (MSW) or Master of Business Administration (MBA) to open unique career opportunities and achieve two degrees in less time.

## Juris Doctor (JD)

Our three-year Juris Doctor (JD) program provides the theoretical framework and experiential learning opportunities to effectively and successfully practice law in Canada. Students have the opportunity to customize their program to fit their individual interests.

## Canadian & American Dual JD

The Canadian & American Dual JD Program offers a unique curriculum for students to earn a law degree in both Canada and the United States in just three years. This integrated program is a collaboration between Windsor Law and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

## Juris Doctor/Master of Social Work

The integrated JD/MSW program offers students an opportunity to earn both a law degree and a graduate degree through a condensed, four-year curriculum. This program promotes the integration of law and social work through an interdisciplinary commitment to social justice.

## Iuris Doctor/Master of Business Administration

The integrated JD/MBA program offers two powerful degrees through a condensed, four-year curriculum. This program promotes the integration of law and business through an interdisciplinary curriculum offered by Windsor Law and the Odette School of Business.

## Master of Laws (LLM)

This graduate law program is geared towards lawyers looking to further specialize in almost any area of law. Students may choose from two streams: a one-year, research-based LLM degree or a two-year LLM degree with a certificate in University Teaching and Learning.

## ADMISSIONS

Windsor Law actively seeks a diverse student body through an innovative holistic admissions process. We look for students who will excel in the study of law and can contribute creatively and meaningfully to the community. Our faculty are trailblazers in their respective fields, talented teachers and respected researchers who are socially aware. Windsor Law offers an unparalleled educational experience with a wide range of degree programs and clinical program opportunities. Our commitment to excellence in legal education makes Windsor Law an ideal choice.

The Admissions Committee considers most applicants in the framework of the following criteria:

- 1. LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST (LSAT) SCORES
- 2. UNIVERSITY PROGRAM
- 3. WORK EXPERIENCE
- 4. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- 5. PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- **6. CAREER OBJECTIVES**
- 7. PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS

## APPLICATION DEADLINES:

November 1 for first-year JD entry April 15 for first-year Dual JD entry May 1 for upper-year entry

Apply on ouac.on.ca

## **GENERAL PATHWAY**

A minimum of 3 years of full-time (or equivalent) University study is preferred, while most successful applicants have completed a 4-year University undergraduate degree. Graduate degree holders are particularly welcome to apply.

## **INDIGENOUS PATHWAY**

We recognize that Indigenous applicants are not adequately represented within the legal profession. Our admission policy encourages Indigenous applicants to pursue legal studies.

We encourage applicants to demonstrate connection to the community when completing the Personal Statement questions.

If you are an Indigenous applicant and receive an acceptance to the Faculty of Law, an Indigenous Pre-Law Summer Orientation Program is offered at Windsor Law in August.

## CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Clinical Placements provide a unique opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge of social justice organizing, community engagement, and movement lawyering. Participants will explore how different areas of law contribute to legal marginalization, analyze policies, develop strategies for organizing, representing, and advocating for marginalized groups.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Windsor Law's Externship Program places students in law firms, non-profits, non-government organizations, courts, and community collectives under the supervision of a licensed lawyer. Students participate in a preparatory seminar and are provided both on-site and academic supervision throughout the term. The Externship Program incorporates work-integrated and skills-based learning alongside critical reflection, self-directed personal and career planning, focus on ethical and professional practice, and engagement with access to justice in theory and practice.

Windsor Law's Externship Program consists of two distinct but complementary portions: a seminar course titled "Learning in Place" and the placement itself entitled "Externship Placement". The seminar will consist of pre-placement training, ongoing support and a final placement showcase. The Externship Program includes a competitive application process, an array of placement sites, and a seminar that integrates the academic and work-based components of the program. Placements will vary from term to term. Students must enrol in both the seminar and work portions simultaneously.

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80+
CLINICAL
PLACEMENTS

20+
EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Windsor Law's Externship Program gives handson experience to students in a wide variety of legal contexts. This innovative program is perfect for students who want to try out different areas of law and orient themselves to the basics of practicing law. Students are placed in supportive and challenging environments with expert supervision, creating professional networks that last a lifetime. We can't wait to work with you!



- Gemma Smyth, Externship Program Director

MIGRANT FARMWORKERS CLINIC ADVOCACY



"Nothing has been more formative for me than the experiential learning opportunities I've received during my time at Windsor Law. I've clerked with an Ontario Court of Justice judge, represented Windsor Law at provincial moot competitions, worked with clients at our community legal clinic and externed with Legal Aid Ontario."





FIRST ONTARIO CLASS ACTION CLINIC, CREATED BY JUSTICE JASMINKA KALAJDZIC (APPOINTED TO THE BENCH IN 2024)

AND STAFF LAWYER ANDREW ECKHART

- Mark McKelvie JD, Class of 2025

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The Faculty of Law building is home to the 188,000-volume Don & Gail Rodzik Law Library, newly transformed Don Rodzik moot court classroom, and various common areas for students to socialize and gather.

Windsor Law's Career Services Office assists students in defining their goals and guides them on how to get there. Annually, the Career Services Office hosts 50+ career-focused events, 300+ mock interviews, 1,200+ counselling sessions and more.

Being situated next to North America's busiest international border crossing, there is no better place to earn your JD, LLM or study Canadian, American and international law.

Windsor Law students also have full access to the newly built, state-of-the-art Toldo Lancer Centre (TLC) recreation complex, home to an eight-lane 25-metre pool; an indoor running and walking track; a two-level fitness centre; fully equipped multi-purpose rooms and more!

Windsor Law is more than just a law school; it's a vibrant and inclusive community. With over 50 student clubs and associations, students have countless opportunities to connect with others who share their interests, build relationships with peers from similar backgrounds, and enrich their overall law school experience school experience.

"The opportunities at Windsor Law are endless. I knew early on that my passion was in advocacy and litigation, and I set out to pursue those interests. By my third year, thanks in part to being a Dual JD student, I had many memorable experiences, including interning at the Ontario Court of Justice and the Michigan Supreme Court. These experiences furthered my passion for the law and helped me develop important skills that I will rely upon in my career."



We look forward to welcoming you to the University of Windsor campus. Please visit us at  $\underline{\mathsf{uwindsor.ca/law}}$  for more information









Windsor is one of Canada's most diverse and affordable cities. With it's broad, rich culture, Windsor can be experienced through many annual festivals and an array of restaurants featuring culinary delights from every corner of the planet. Windsor is the southernmost city in Canada and is situated in the heart of the Great Lakes region and enjoys the warmest climate in Ontario. Windsor Law students can easily walk, bus, bike or drive to all of the city's downtown attractions, including theatres, pubs, an international aquatic centre, art gallery and museums.





























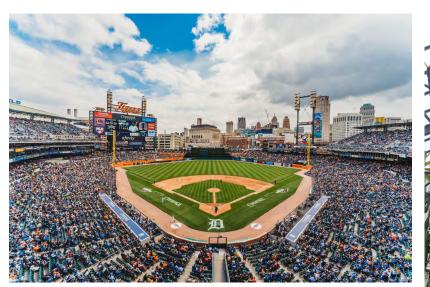








Windsor sits adjacent to the Detroit River, which separates the city from Detroit, Michigan. The Canadian side boasts a beautiful, 5km riverfront with biking and walking paths. Just a few minutes' drive away from Detroit, students can find great food, live music, and major league baseball, basketball, football and hockey games.











## TRANSFORMING WINDSORLAW

In 2019, Windsor Law set out to renovate the Ron W. lanni building to support the next generation of lawyers. Transforming Windsor Law is about creating an innovative and accessible institution committed to revolutionizing legal education and shaping the future of legal practice. We are proud to be a leading law school that nurtures a diverse student body, encourages thoughtprovoking and impactful learning, and fosters a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

## Mission:

Create a welcoming and accessible place that instills pride in Windsor Law.

Increase usable building space in a way that puts the **student** experience at the centre and that supports dynamic teaching, research, experiential learning and service.

Design flexible and multi-purpose spaces that are forwardlooking and open to change.

**Connect the building to our local Indigenous peoples,** physical environment, heritage and communities.

Promote environmental sustainability, health and wellbeing.

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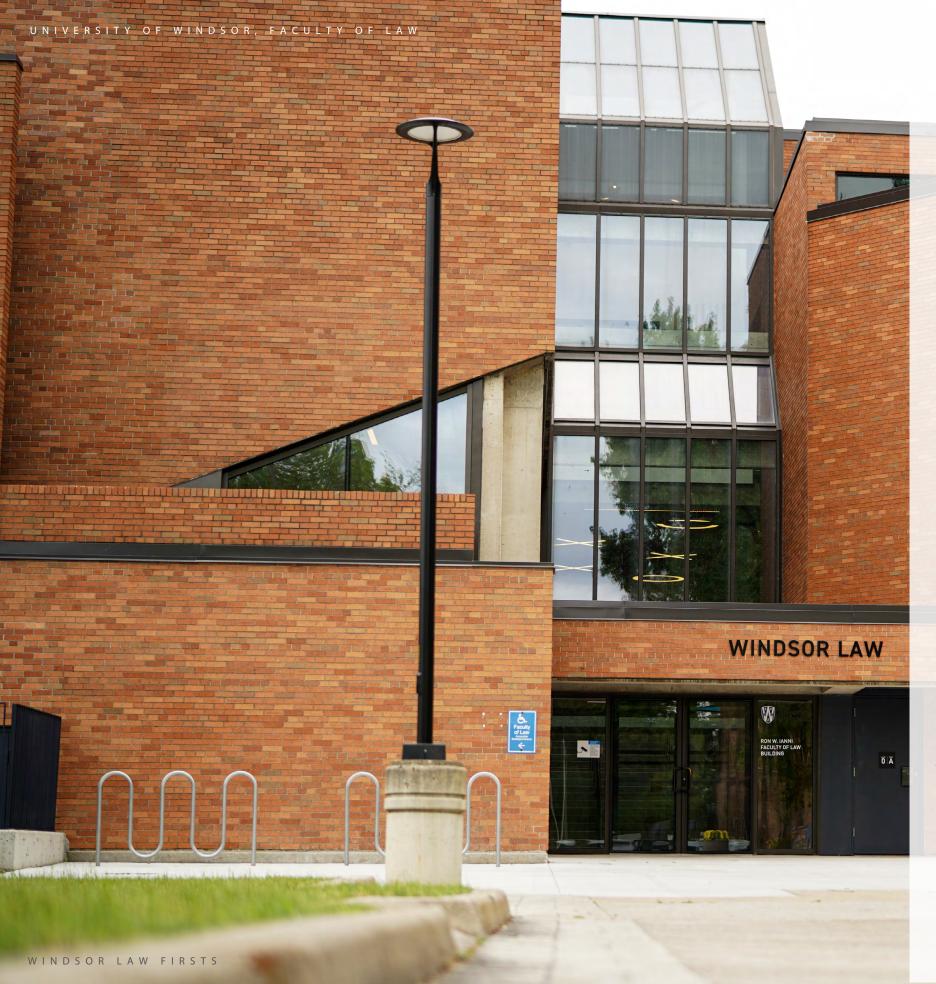
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## WINDSOR LAW FIRSTS

Windsor Law, known for its commitment to access to justice, social responsibility, and innovative legal education, has achieved several notable firsts and milestones in its history.

Some highlights include:

First Class Actions Clinic in North America

First Migrant Farmworkers Clinic

First law school dedicated to access to justice and first to introduce a mandatory course in access to justice

First Canadian (Professor Laverne Jacobs) selected to United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

First law school to appoint a Black woman as Dean in Juanita
Westmoreland Traore

First Dual program offered in the country

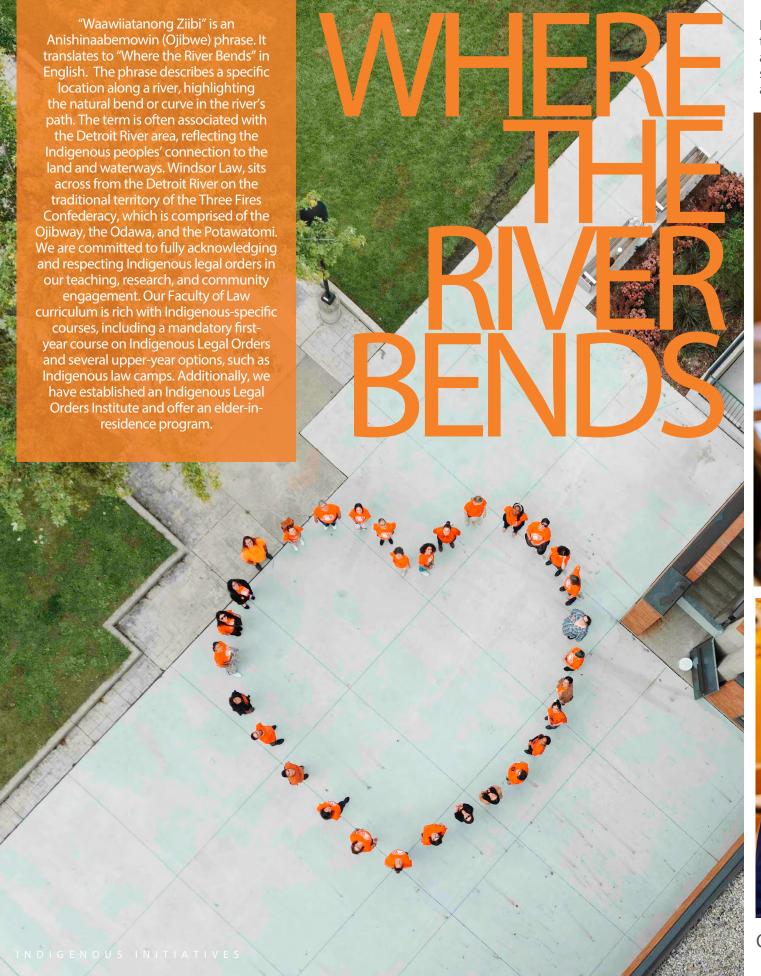
Founding member (Professor Sujith Xavier) and supporter of first journal dedicated to Third World approaches to international law,TWAIL-R

First school to introduce a holistic admissions policy

"Our admissions program is different from others too. It is consciously directed to the facilitating of access to legal education and the legal profession for those who have been disadvantaged due to gender, race, creed, colour, religion or socio-economic background. We seek out those who have tradtionally been barred from higher law study to ensure that Canada's many communities will have access to legal professionals, and so that Canada's diverse and varied socity can be served from a variety of perspectives."

Dean, Neil Gold

WINDSOR LAW FIRSTS



Launched in the fall of 2019, the **Indigenous Legal Orders Institute** aims to promote and assist Indigenous peoples with the revitalization and dissemination of their respective Indigenous legal orders through relationship building, collaboration and re-development using Indigenous and other research methods. Our objective is to use our institutional capacity and legal skills to provide research to further the needs of Indigenous communities locally, provincially, nationally and internationally to address the interruption and transmission of Indigenous knowledge by the impacts of colonization.











Our community of Indigenous and Métis students, faculty, and staff is vibrant and growing.

## STUDENT SWELLNESS

## **MEETOUR CLINICAL THERAPIST**

Lorraine Oloya is a Registered Social Worker who is currently completing her PhD at the University of Windsor. With over a decade of experience in mental health she has a strong background in providing psychotherapy to post-secondary students and has a holistic understanding of the experience of law students. Lorraine's areas of focus include anxiety, mood disorders, substance use, life transitions, grief, and trauma.

Lorraine utilizes a collaborative and strengths-based therapeutic approach. She assists students in recognizing and utilizing their resources, promoting greater self-compassion, self-awareness, and understanding of personal values to support their goal achievement. Lorraine embraces person-centred care, respecting individuals' unique identities and experiences. She conscientiously creates a safe and supportive atmosphere for all her students.



## **OUR ELDER IN RESIDENCE**

Myrna Kicknosway is a Bodawatomi/Odawa Anishinaabe Kwe of the Loon Clan. She originates from the lands and waters that are part of Bkejiwanong Territories and resides at Walpole Island, upstream from Detroit/Windsor on the St. Clair River. She is a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Her background and skills have led her to work professionally and voluntarily in the fields of education, counseling, economic/employment planning, federal corrections, environmental activism, and community development.

Her life journey, personal learning, and healing are providing her with an ever-expanding appreciation and gratefulness for who she is and the knowledge and wisdom of the ancestors who walked on this creation before her. Helping others is her life purpose, opening endless possibilities and opportunities for resilience, compassion, joy, and forgiveness.

She acknowledges all those men and women, many of whom have passed into that beautiful Spirit realm, who have helped her on her journey. This journey has led her toward the recognition of the interconnectedness of all humans, the significance of culture, language, traditions, and all those elements that help sustain life here, this place she calls her mother.





Windsor Law recognizes the importance of good mental health as imperative to the practice of ethical, justice-seeking lawyers. We believe that taking personal mental health and wellness seriously is of utmost importance for all law students. As such, the Faculty of Law is proud to provide services to enable students in building their resilience, healthy habits, and space to discuss personal challenges, and receive support when they need it.

As a Faculty, we are committed to inclusivity and accessible legal education. Improving wellness in the faculty, and providing a rich legal education are synchronized interests. Addressing mental health issues within our community makes happier and healthier individuals, but also better students and members of the legal profession.

Law school does not have to be synonymous with poor student and practitioner health - it is not a necessary by-product of a rigorous legal education. We encourage students to build resilience, social supports, and to reach out for help when needed; because no one can do it alone.

### In addition to student support offered on campus, Windsor Law offers:

- Counselling Services: free and confidential sessions with an on-site clinical therapist.
- Elder in Residence Program: an on-site Elder who adopts the role of surrogate grandmother or grandfather.
- Mental Health and Wellness Initiative: a volunteer-based student group that hosts wellness events and initiatives.
- Therapy Assisted Online: an online self-help guide.
- Peer Mentorship Program: a program that pairs first-year law students with upper-year mentors.

STUDENT WELLNESS

**ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM:** Law students come from a variety of academic disciplines. The Academic Success Program assists first-year students in transitioning to law studies. Sessions address anything from learning strategies to case analysis, briefing, and prepping for exams. Tutorials provide further support for students beyond the classroom.

**PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:** At Windsor Law, you will always have someone to turn to for advice and support. Upper-year students are matched with first-year students to help them transition to law school.

**JOB SHADOWING PROGRAM:** Shadow a private practice lawyer, a corporate Bay Street partner, a government lawyer, a politician, a leader in business or industry or a director of a NGO. Wherever you're going, we've got a mentor for you.

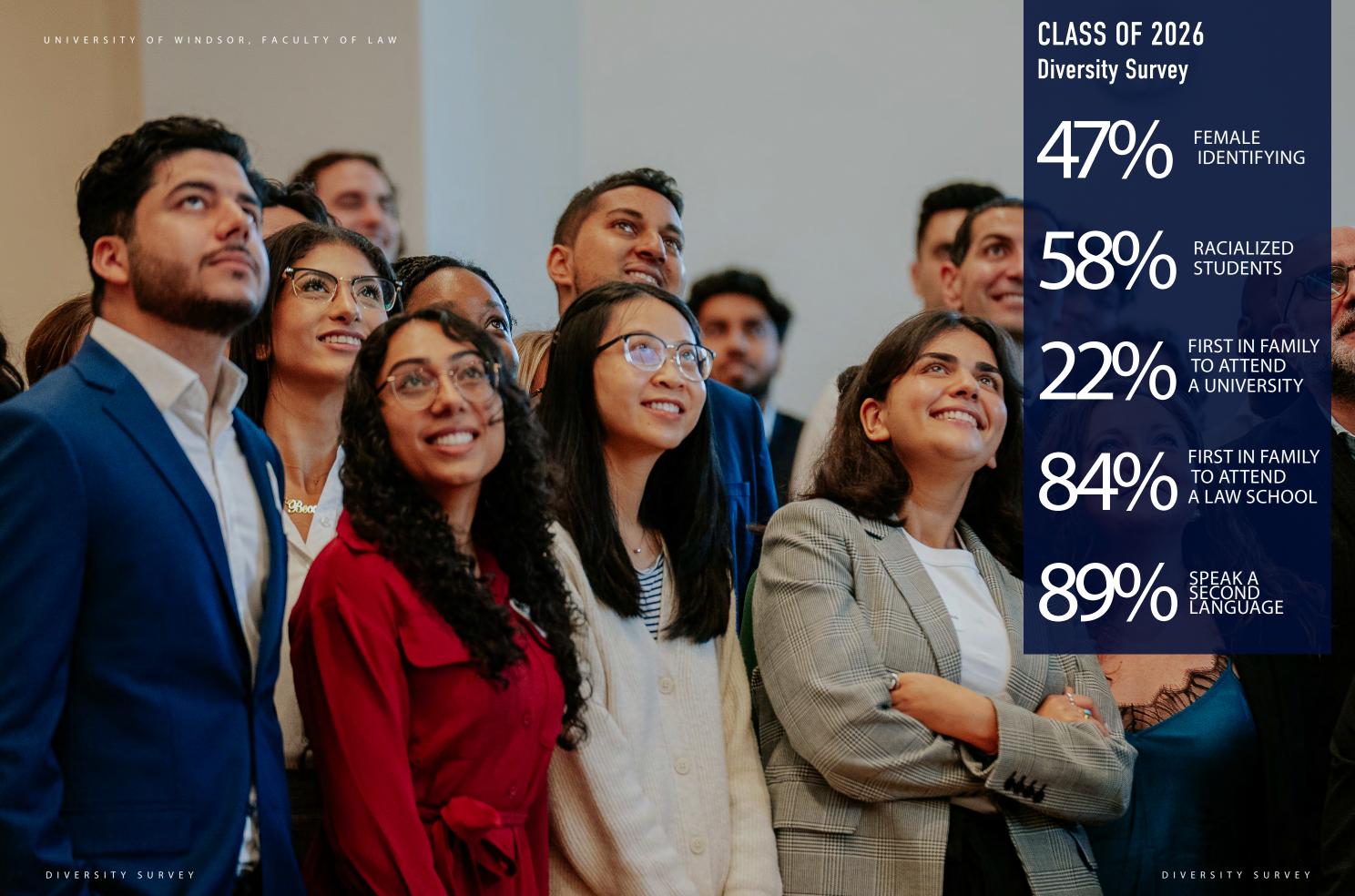
INDIGENOUS LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM: In addition to our Indigenous Legal Orders course, Windsor Law offers hands-on, experiential learning of the same kind by taking students, faculty and staff to local First Nations communities. Teachings are conducted outdoors to demonstrate first-hand how Indigenous law is found in many different aspects of the living and natural world.













## CHART YOUR COURSE

Our alumni number over 8,000+ strong and have risen to tremendous heights in their professional careers. Windsor Law has produced great leaders who have gone on to become social justice advocates, partners at national and international law firms, legal aid and human rights lawyers, in-house counsel, government and policy advisors, sports executives, and entrepreneurs. In addition to their impressive achievements, our alumni carry on the Windsor Law ethos of giving back to their community and advancing access to justice in their fields.







JACQUELINE HORVAT

ELECTED TREASURER OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO IN 2022 & APPOINTED A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE OF ONTARIO IN 2024.



PARTNER AT FALCONERS LLP, ONE OF CANADA'S LEADING HUMAN RIGHTS FIRMS.



**ARUN KRISHNAMURTI** SENIOR COUNSEL AT GOOGLE CANADA.

## DEFINE YOUR FUTURE

OUR ALUMNI OUR ALUMNI

## JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE

Windsor Law has been fortunate to count **150+** Judges within its alumni ranks since we opened our doors in 1968. We are justifiably proud of our Judicial alumni as they serve the profession and people of Canada.



## JUSTICE JASMINKA KALAJDZIC

Windsor Law Professor Jasminka Kalajdzic was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario in Windsor.

"I loved the 15 years I spent at Windsor Law. It is an incredible place to work and grow as a legal scholar," Kalajdzic said. "I am honoured now to be a judge of the Superior Court of Justice in Windsor, and to continue serving the community I call home."

For the past 15 years, Justice Kalajdzic has been a trailblazer at Windsor Law. She was the first Windsor Law faculty member to be elected a bencher of the Law Society of Ontario in 2023. She also is the founding director of the country's first Class Action Clinic.

Kalajdzic joined the Faculty of Law in 2009 after 12 years in private practice as a civil litigator. Her classes in evidence, class actions, access to justice, and legal ethics have always had long waiting lists.

In 2021, she received the inaugural Excellence in Class Actions Award from the Ontario Bar Association, and the University of Windsor Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Contributions to University Teaching. In 2023, she was honoured by the bar association for her significant contributions to access to justice. She has published three books and dozens of peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and reports on all aspects of class action litigation, among other topics.

## JUSTICELLOYD DEAN





JUSTICE CHRISTOPHER UWAGBOE

JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE





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PANELISTS AT THE 2024 CULTURE
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CO-DEVELOPED AN ORIGINAL COURSE ON "ASIAN CANADIANS AND THE LAW."



Windsor Law is committed to transformative legal research and impactful mentorship. Learn from and collaborate with inspiring and thought-provoking faculty members who are adept at both teaching and research. These distinguished scholars and educators are recognized as leaders in their respective national and global domains, engaging in activities ranging from authoring books and



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## OVER\$15 MILLONIN FUNDING

## AWARDS, BURSARIES, FINANCIAL AID

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OF OUR STUDENTS RECEIVE FUNDING IN ADDITION TO PROVINCIAL STUDENT LOANS.

\$17,500

WAS LARGEST BURSARY AWARDED IN 2023. At Windsor Law, we recognize the financial challenges that many students face when pursuing a legal education and we are here to support you through this process. During the 2023-24 academic year, Windsor Law awarded approximately \$1.5 million in financial aid to our students to assist them in managing the cost of a legal education.

Windsor Law is very proud of our generous scholarship and bursary program, offering assistance to students with financial need. In addition to awards based on financial need, we offer many awards that recognize students who demonstrate good citizenship and academic excellence.



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