

# STUDENT HANDBOOK

2024



**Windsor Law**  
University of Windsor





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# 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.



### Your Professional Responsibilities

Learn more about the [Complete Rules of Professional Conduct](#)

# CITY OF WINDSOR

The city of Windsor is big enough to provide plenty of art, music, delicious food, and natural beauty, but small and safe enough to make you feel instantly at home. Downtown Windsor is divided into five distinct neighborhoods, each offering a unique flavor of city life. Ouellette Avenue is the main shopping and dining destination, with some of the best views of the riverfront parks and the Detroit skyline. At the south end of Ouellette are some of Windsor's hottest bars and clubs, offering live music, DJs, and drinks to fit every taste. Chatham Street, Pitt Street and University Avenue frame Windsor's arts district, where you can visit top-end galleries like the Art Gallery of Windsor and Artcite, attend a Windsor Symphony Orchestra concert or catch plays and musicals at venues like the Chrysler Theatre at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts.

Windsor residents enjoy some of Canada's best weather. This means they can take advantage of scenic biking, running, and walking trails along the Detroit River and make day trips to the dozens of area parks and beaches. The Windsor Sculpture Park next to the campus displays large-scale, internationally recognized works of contemporary sculpture by world-renowned artists. Riverfront festival venues make Windsor a prime spot for unforgettable events like the Bluesfest International and the hilarious Windsor Elvis Fest. And just 50 kilometres south-west of the city lies Point Pelee National Park, a green oasis whose location on migration routes for both birds and monarch butterflies attract about 300,000 visitors each year.

Located at the busiest border crossing in North America, Windsor has always been one of Canada's most international cities, something celebrated every year at the Carrousel of the Nations festival. If you live here, you'll enjoy authentic culture and amazing food from every corner of the world.

Learn more about [THE CITY OF WINDSOR](#).

More information:

[CITY OF WINDSOR WEBSITE](#)

[DOWNTOWN WINDSOR BIA](#)

[WINDSOR STAR \(NEWSPAPER\)](#)

[TRANSIT WINDSOR \(BUS\)](#)

[DEVONSHIRE MALL](#)

[WINDSOR CROSSING PREMIUM](#)

[OUTLETS](#)

[WALK-IN CLINICS IN WINDSOR-ESSEX](#)

[COUNTY](#)

[VISIT WINDSOR-ESSEX](#)





# CITY OF DETROIT



Witness the resurgence of an iconic American city! Detroit is famous as the birthplace of two of America's most revolutionary economic and cultural exports: the automobile and Motown music. But it's also where Techno music was invented, it's the hometown of Eminem and the White Stripes, and remains a showcase for historic urban architecture.

The powerful pull of the auto industry drew generations of workers from all around the world to Detroit. Alongside the industrial rhythm of the great car factories, the city was also a cultural foundry, vibrant with the sounds of blues, jazz, and rock. The city has suffered some tough economic setbacks over the years, but has never lost its diverse, working-class vibe and strong link to the arts.

As America's 14th largest metropolitan area, Detroit offers all the benefits of a big city. It has five professional sports teams, 13 museums, 15 theatres, hundreds of terrific restaurants, and tons of convenient shopping venues.

Detroit is where University of Windsor students go for a stadium-sized rock concert, a Stanley Cup playoff game, or an afternoon of shopping at trendy boutiques.

Getting to downtown Detroit from Windsor has never been easier. Just hop on the Tunnel Bus, which connects downtown Windsor to Comerica Park and Ford Field, or drive across the Ambassador Bridge, directly next to the University of Windsor campus.

Learn more about [THE CITY OF DETROIT](#).

More information:

[UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY LAW](#)

[CITY OF DETROIT WEBSITE](#)

[AMBASSADOR BRIDGE](#)

[DETROIT-WINDSOR TUNNEL](#)

[DETROIT-WINDSOR TUNNEL BUS](#)

[PURE MICHIGAN: DETROIT](#)

[THINGS TO DO IN DETROIT](#)

[EVENTS IN DETROIT](#)

[CAMPUS MARTIUS PARK](#)

[DETROIT EASTERN MARKET](#)



# UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR

The University of Windsor is a comprehensive, student-focused university with nearly 16,000 students enrolled in a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs including several professional schools such as: Law, Business, Engineering, Education, Nursing, Human Kinetics and Social Work. We have strong student-faculty relationships, exceptional award-winning faculty, and innovative staff. It creates a unifying atmosphere of excellence across all our faculties to encourage lifelong learning, teaching, research, and discovery.

In September 2015, the University completed the first phase of its downtown campus with the opening of classes for the School of Social Work and Continuing Education, located at the old Windsor Star building. The second phase of the downtown campus includes the School of Creative Arts, located in the Windsor Armouries and the Alan Wildeman Centre for Creative Arts. In the summer of 2022, the state-of-the-art Toldo Lancer Recreation Centre opened its doors for all things athletic, recreation and community gatherings.

When the Ron W. Ianni building was conceived, the architects envisioned a new kind of law school, with bold lines, materials, and spaces reflecting “law as a social process.” The building has served us well, but Windsor Law’s 50th anniversary in 2018 was an ideal time to reassess our needs. The transformed building will offer improved spaces for teaching, learning, and collaboration, while meeting the accessibility needs of a diverse population. Please explore the [\\$40 million building transformation on our website](#).

The university overlooks the Detroit River on one of Canada’s most beautiful waterfronts and is minutes away from North America’s busiest international border crossing. This location speaks to UWindsor’s strength as an internationally oriented, multi-disciplined institution that actively enables a broad diversity of students, faculty, and staff to make a better world through education, scholarship, research, and engagement.

Learn more [About the University of Windsor](#)



- [CAMPUS MAP](#)
- [VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR](#)
- [UWINCARD](#)
- [CAMPUS BOOKSTORE](#)
- [STUDENT PARKING](#)
- [STUDENT PARKING PERMITS](#)
- [RESIDENCE AT UWINDSOR](#)
- [LANDLORD TENANT MATTERS: Know Your Rights](#)
- [CANTERBURY COLLEGE](#)
- [REGISTRAR'S OFFICE](#)
- [FAQ: Microsoft Office 365](#)
- [UNIVERSAL STUDENT BUS PASS](#)
- [WINDSOR LANCER ATHLETICS](#)
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- [LANCER RECREATION](#)
- [CAMPUS DENTAL](#)
- [CAMPUS PHARMACY](#)
- [STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES](#)
- [CHIROWORKS REHABILITATION & WELLNESS CENTRE](#)
- [OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUITY AND ACCESSIBILITY](#)
- [STUDENT LIFE ENHANCEMENT FUND](#)
- [BLACK STUDENT SUPPORT](#)
- [ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CENTRE](#)
- [FINANCING YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION WEBINAR](#)
- [FINANCING YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION PRESENTATION](#)





# TRANSFORMING WINDSOR LAW

In 2019, Windsor Law set out to renovate the Ron W. Ianni building to support the next generation of lawyers. The Transforming Windsor Law project 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 thought-provoking and impactful learning, and fosters a supportive and inclusive learning environment. Learn more about [Transforming Windsor Law](#).

## Mission:

Create a **welcoming and accessible place** that instils 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 forward-looking and open to change.

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

Promote **environmental sustainability, health and well-being**.

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MOVABLE FURNITURE  
FOR DYNAMIC LEARNING

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ROOMS WITH  
SMUDGING CAPABILITIES

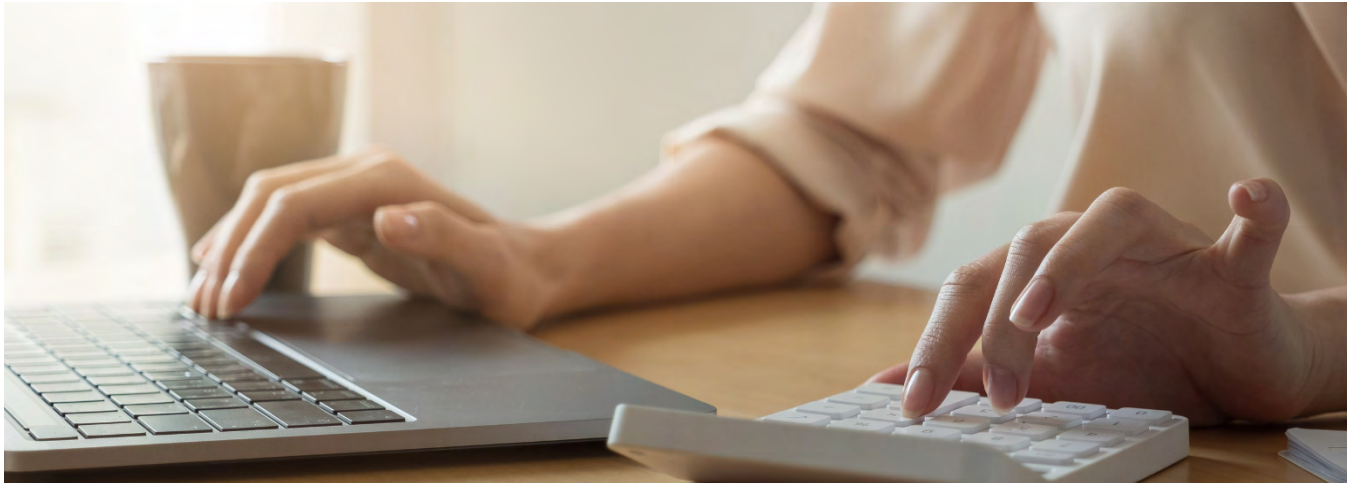
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MORE STUDY SPACE  
IN THE LAW LIBRARY

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NEW ACCESSIBLE  
RAMPS





# TUITION, FINANCIAL AID, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

## ENROLMENT VERIFICATION

All incoming law students will be registered for courses directly by the Registrar's Office. Thereafter, please allow up to 24 hours for your registration to be activated.

Enrolment Verification Letters will be available to students, once registered, on UWinsite Student, under the "My Academics" tile, under "Request Self Service Letters".

If you require an Enrolment Verification Letter (or Enrolment Certificate) in advance of registration, you can make the request by accessing the following page: [Requesting a Self-Service Enrolment Verification Letter](#).

Be sure to indicate that you are an incoming 1L student who requires a manually produced enrolment certificate, prior to registration.

## PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES

Fees (including tuition, incidental & society fees, and residence/meal plan fees) must be paid within 24 hours of registration or by August 15, 2024, whichever is later, for the Fall 2024 term and December 15, 2024, for the Winter 2025 term to avoid a late payment penalty by: [Student Accounts](#).

You can use the [tuition estimator tool](#) to estimate tuition and fees before they are posted to your account.

Please check your UWinsite Student portal for confirmation of registration and tuition information, once posted.

DAILY INTEREST CHARGES WILL APPLY to all balances outstanding after the payment due date each term at the rate of 14% per annum, calculated daily, compounded monthly.

You may pay your fees by one of the methods identified by the Cashiers Office under [Payment Options](#).

Video: Financing Your Legal Education Information Session (Coming Soon)

# TUITION, FINANCIAL AID, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS CONT

## FINANCIAL AID SUMMARY FOR 2024-2025

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 2023-2024 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.

Annually, Windsor Law awards approximately 300 students with scholarships and bursaries ranging between \$500 and \$17,500. Financial need-based bursaries are dependent on a student's eligibility for government student assistance as well as a reliance on government student assistance throughout their undergraduate degree.

Although students are automatically considered for some awards, others will require the completion of the UWinAward Student Profile, available from the 'Award Profile' tile within UWinsite Student. The profile will open in early August, with an application deadline of **September 30**.

For information on how to apply for awards and a complete listing of Windsor Law awards, scholarships, and bursaries, please visit [Awards Search](#) on or after August 1st.

### External Awards

[Renfrew County Law Association - F. Allan Huckabone Memorial Scholarship](#) - Deadline: November 29, 2024

[The Miller Law Group Scholarship](#) (Dual JD) - Deadline: November 30, 2024

## OTHER RESOURCES

- [FACULTY OF LAW SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES](#)
- [CASHIER'S OFFICE](#)
- [STUDENT AWARDS AND FINANCIAL AID](#)





# ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All Windsor Law students are highly encouraged to review the policies and information provided below. These serve as the fundamental framework within which all academic processes and procedures are bound and are very important to become familiar with.

- [ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT](#)
- [ACADEMIC STATUS REGULATIONS](#)
- [ACADEMIC STATUS: Seeking Extension or Accommodation](#)
- [ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT NOTATION](#)
- [APPEAL REGULATIONS](#)
- [APPEAL - WINDSOR LAW GUIDE TO GRADE APPEALS](#)
- [CLINICAL AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PLACEMENTS - ENROLMENT AND WITHDRAWAL POLICY](#)
- [CONFIDENTIALITY AND USE OF PERSONAL DATA](#)
- [EMAIL POLICY](#)
- [EXAMINATION PROCEDURES](#)
- [GRADE POLICY- DUAL JD PROGRAM](#)
- [GRADING POLICY](#)
- [HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY FOR LAW](#)
- [NON-ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT](#)
- [PLAGIARISM](#)
- [RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS](#)
- [STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS](#)
- [SUPERVISED RESEARCH RULES](#)
- [TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES AND DEFINITIONS](#)
- [UNIVERSITY POLICY ON SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT](#)
- [UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR POLICY ON RECORDING LECTURES](#)
- [WINDSOR LAW LEARNING OUTCOMES](#)

## ACADEMIC COORDINATOR OFFICE

The Office of the Academic Coordinator team provides administrative and records support to students. Services include:

- DEGREE AUDITS; CONFIRMATION OF PROGRESSION TOWARDS GRADUATION
- STUDENT PETITIONS FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR EXAMS/ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC STATUS COMMITTEE
- LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING/LETTERS TO THE LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO
- CREDIT VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR TERMS
- STUDENT CLASSROOM/EXAMINATION ACCOMMODATIONS INFORMATION
- GRADE APPEALS
- COURSES BY SELECTION/PERMISSIONS FOR REGISTRATION
- REGISTRATION APPOINTMENT INQUIRIES
- EXAM CONFLICTS/RESCHEDULING/RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS
- SUBMISSION OF FINAL GRADES INTO UWINSITE

Learn about [Academic Coordinator resources](#) and reach out at [lawac@uwindsor.ca](mailto:lawac@uwindsor.ca).

The Academic Coordinator's Office also works with the Office of the Associate Dean to set important academic dates and calendar. Please refer to the [Important Dates Page](#) to plan accordingly for exams, intensive course, school breaks and other key events.

## 2024/25 IMPORTANT DATES

### FALL 2024

#### 1ST YEAR REGISTRATION IN MID-AUGUST

July 29 - August 2 and August 6 - August 9

Monday, August 19 – Friday, August 23

Monday, September 2

Tuesday, September 3 – Friday, September 6

Thursday, September 5

Wednesday, September 18

Monday, October 14

Monday, November 4 – Friday, November 8

Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, December 5

Friday, December 6 – Wednesday, December 18

Thursday, December 19

Monday, December 23 – Wednesday, January 1

Thursday, January 2

Monday, January 6

Monday, January 6

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Monday, February 17, 2025

Tuesday, February 18– Friday, February 21

Friday, February 21

Friday, April 4

Monday, April 7

Tuesday, April 8 – Monday, April 21

Friday, April 18

Tuesday, April 22

Friday, June 6, 2025 (tentative)

Indigenous Pre- Law Student Summer Program

Dual JD Detroit Mercy Orientation

Labour Day – University Closed

1st Year Law Orientation (Mandatory)

First Day of Law Classes

Last Day to Add/Drop Fall Classes in Law

Thanksgiving Day – University Closed

Study Week for All Students

Last Day of Classes for Law

Class Make-Up Day (if needed) & for Mon, Oct 14 (Thanksgiving)

Law Final Exam Period

Law Make Up Exam Day (ASC permission required)

University Closed for Winter Break

### WINTER 2025

University Offices Re-open

First Day of Law Classes

WLPS week for 1L students

Last Day to Add/Drop Winter Classes in Law

Family Day – University Closed

Reading Week

University Offices Closed

Last Day of Classes for Law

Class Make-up Day (if needed)

Law Final Exam Period

Good Friday – University Closed

Law Make Up Exam Day (ASC permission required)

Spring Convocation



# REGISTRATION AND GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

All incoming law students will be registered into classes automatically. Registration is completed by the Registrar’s Office directly – you do not need to register for courses in first year. You will be placed into a small group and assigned to your course sections. You can check the status of your registration on UWinsite Student under the Academic Records tile.

Please see below for the Single JD Class Schedule for the Fall 2024 Term. All sections of a course will be taught at the same time with the exception of Legal Research and Writing. You will be either placed in the 10am class or the 11:30 am class. Please note this schedule is only for the Fall semester. Indigenous Legal Orders occurs in the Fall term and you will be enrolled in Access to Justice in the Winter term, the timing of which has yet to be finalized.

University of Windsor, Faculty of Law FALL 2024 ALL SECTIONS 1L SCHEDULE						
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
8:30AM						
10:00AM		LAWG-5807-1/3 LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 10:00AM-11:20AM		LAWG-5807-1/3 LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 10:00AM-11:20AM	LAWG-5862 INDIGENOUS LEGAL ORDERS (ALL SECTIONS) ONLINE	
11:30AM		or LAWG-5807-2/4 11:30AM-12:50PM	NO CLASSES FOR EVENTS	or LAWG-5807-2/4 11:30AM-12:50PM		
1:30PM	LAWG-5805 CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE 1:30PM-3:50PM	LAWG-5801 PROPERTY LAW 1:30PM-3:50PM		LAWG-5810 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 1:30PM-3:50PM		
2:00PM			LAWG-5803 CONTRACTS 2:00PM-4:20PM			

## GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

Each first-year student is assigned to both a Small Group and a Class Section. Here’s how to interpret your assignments:

### JD, MSW/JD and MBA/JD Students

**Small Groups:** Each student is assigned to a Small Group of approximately 15 to 18 students each. Each small group will be provided a faculty advisor to be available throughout the first-year experience. In addition to sharing a class schedule for all courses (except Legal Research and Writing), there will be Small Group activities that will help to facilitate social and extra-curricular interaction. One of our Academic Orientation activities will see each Small Group tasked with naming their Small Group but for now, each Small Group is tentatively assigned a letter designation, A – L.

### Class Sections:

There are three Class Sections each of Criminal Law, Property Law, Contract Law, and Constitutional Law. Each section is made of up of 4 Small Groups;

There are seven sections of Indigenous Legal Orders and seven sections of Access to Justice.

There are four Class Sections of Legal Research and Writing. Each Class Section is made of up approximately 45 students.

### DUAL JD Students

Dual JD students will be assigned to one Class Section for each of Criminal Law, Property Law, Contract Law, and Constitutional Law. For ALTA (both Fall and Winter) and Indigenous Legal Orders (Winter only), Dual JD students are divided into 3 groups.

Group Lists included for: JD Indigenous Legal Orders and Access to Justice, JD Groups (Core Courses), JD Groups (Legal Research and Writing), Dual JD Core Courses, Dual JD Sections 1 - 3 for Comparative Legal Research (DML)

# LAW LIBRARY



Welcome from the team at the Windsor Law's Don & Gail Rodzik Law Library.

We offer you specialized legal resources and assistance to help you make the most of your law school experience. We're here to help you learn about what sources exist, how to use them, and when to use them.

The library offers many different spaces for research and learning, including places for personal study and meeting rooms for group work. The library is open seven days a week.

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am – 11:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

\*Please note that that library closes 10 minutes earlier than posted times for staff work.

Collectively, our librarians have almost a half-century of legal research expertise. Our staff can connect you to the resources you need for your coursework and research, and if we don't have it in our collection, we can order your material through interlibrary loan. During evenings and weekends our Student Reference Associates, upper year law students, are available to assist you as well.

Visit the [Law Library website](#) to find copies of your textbooks and other course materials, legal resources, research guides, book study rooms, and to get in contact with library staff.

You can email us via:

- [lawreference@uwindsor.ca](mailto:lawreference@uwindsor.ca) for research assistance or to book an appointment with a librarian.
- [lawcirc@uwindsor.ca](mailto:lawcirc@uwindsor.ca) to renew books or to book student study rooms or call 519-253-3000 ext. 2977.

Law students will be provided personal accounts to LexisNexis and Westlaw, two essential sources of legal information and research for legal research and writing. Visit the Law Library to receive instructions to set up your accounts or follow the instructions at <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/library/get-passwords>.





## INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES AND RESOURCES

Windsor Law sits on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy comprised of the Odawa, Ojibway and Potawatomi and has a strong commitment to enhancing Indigenous voices and scholarships in the Windsor community and within the legal profession. We are ensuring that Indigenous legal orders are fully acknowledged and respected in our teaching, research, and community engagement.

Indigenous Faculty of Law members and non-Indigenous allies within the Faculty of Law at the University of Windsor have launched and continue an ongoing effort to act in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Our mission is to educate ethical, justice-seeking lawyers through teaching, research, advocacy, and service. Our vision is to create an enriching school where thought and action inspire a community that is passionate about achieving a more just and equitable world.

Windsor Law is building on a long-standing commitment to social justice that seeks fairness, equity, and dignity, with particular focus on relationships with Indigenous peoples. There is an abundance of Indigenous-specific courses in our Faculty of Law curriculum, including a mandatory first-year course on Indigenous Legal Orders and several upper-year options, including Indigenous law camps. We also have an Indigenous Legal Orders Institute and an elder-in-residence program.

Our mandatory Indigenous Legal Orders course is taught by Indigenous faculty members, Knowledge Keepers, Elders, Indigenous Scholars, and guest speakers. Windsor Law offers hands-on, experiential learning of Indigenous Legal Orders by taking students, faculty, and staff to local First Nations. Teachings are conducted in an outdoor setting to assist students in understanding how Indigenous law is found in many different aspects of the living and natural world.

Students also can join the Shkawbewisag Student Law Society, a student group that organizes several activities throughout the year including Indigenous panels, pow wows, round dances, and walk-outs.

Learn more about the [Indigenous Initiatives at Windsor Law](#).

# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Windsor Law has many prospects for students to practice real-world social justice lawyering through clinical and experiential learning opportunities. Our programs place students in a broad array of work and volunteer environments where they can learn more about law-in-action.

## **Externship Program (2L & 3L)**

The Externship Program places students for credit in clinics, firms, NGOs and other law-related placements. Students get hands-on experience in a supportive environment (4 credits), alongside an integration seminar (2 credits). The course and placement take place simultaneously. Placement hours are negotiated directly with the supervising lawyer. Each placement is a unique experience. Every attempt is made to tailor placements to students' learning and career goals.

Visit our website to learn more: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/externships>.

## **Judicial Internships (2L & 3L)**

In Windsor Law's Judicial Internship Program, students are placed with one or more Supervising Judges in one of the Ontario Provincial Courts. Currently, Windsor Law has partnerships with the Ontario Court of Justice in Windsor, Woodstock and Newmarket. Internships are in the area of criminal law. Judicial Internships provide a unique opportunity to better understand the work of the courts, learn from observing and critically reflecting on legal advocacy, and refine legal research and writing skills under the direct supervision of a Judge. Students interested in future Clerkship opportunities are highly encouraged to consider a Judicial Internship. Students will receive three (3) credits for their work. Assessment is based on the student's professionalism and contributions to the work of the Court.

For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/judicial-internships>

## **Judicial Internship with the Supreme Court of Northwest Territories (2L & 3L)**

In the Northwest Territories Judicial Internship, students work under the supervision of Justices of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories. This Internship is an unparalleled opportunity for full-time learning with a Court. Students will earn 15 credits toward their law degree over the course of the term. Students will gain exposure to a wide range of legal areas. Students receive financial assistance and support securing rental housing. This is a truly transformative experience for students.

For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/1282/northwest-territory-judicial-internships>

## **Community Legal Aid (CLA) (2L & 3L)**

Located in downtown Windsor, CLA is a SLSO legal clinic offering services to university undergraduate students and members of the Windsor-Essex community living on low income. Under the close supervision of Review Counsel, law students provide client services from the initial intake to the resolution of the matter. This includes interviewing, correspondence, and negotiation with opposing parties, drafting applications, analysis of disclosure documentation, preparation of legal arguments, client management, and representation before the Criminal and Provincial Offences Courts, Small Claims Court, and the Landlord and Tenant Board. Our criminal law areas of practice include intimate partner assault and representation of clients in Mental Health Court. We assist in small estates and wills. We also provide summary advice in Family Law. We provide summary advice and public legal education workshops. For more information about CLA, visit [their website](#).

University of Windsor Law students can enroll at CLA for course credit (Full-time placement: 8 - 11 credits, Part-time placement: 4 - 7 credits) during the fall and winter academic terms. The CLA academic Practice Program awards course credits to 2L and 3L law students who will engage in work as Caseworkers at CLA.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/373/clinics-programs>



### **Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW) (2L & 3L)**

Located in downtown Windsor, LAW is a community legal clinic offering services to members of the Windsor-Essex community living on low income. Students work in a multidisciplinary model with social workers and lawyers. Under the supervision of Staff Lawyers, law students conduct file work from the initial intake to the resolution of the matter. This includes correspondence and negotiation with opposing parties, explaining, and drafting applications with clients, analysis of medical documentation, preparation of legal arguments and representation before the Social Benefits Tribunal or the Landlord and Tenant Board. Students can also be involved in systemic advocacy through community outreach and law reform initiatives in the areas of social assistance reform, income security, human trafficking, and landlord/tenant. For more information about LAW, visit [their website](#).

University of Windsor Law students can enroll at LAW for course credit (Full-time placement: 8 - 11 credits, Part-time placement: 4 - 7 credits) during the fall and winter academic terms.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/373/clinics-programs>

### **Community Legal Aid “CLA” Volunteer Program (1L, 2L & 3L)**

CLA is a Student Legal Service Organization (“SLSO”) providing free legal advice and representation for University of Windsor undergraduate students and low-income residents of Windsor and Essex County. CLA Volunteer Program offers an exciting opportunity for 1L, 2L, and 3L students to work directly with clients who require legal assistance on various matters. You will be working with your peers, under the close supervision of Review Counsel in the following areas of law: landlord/tenant, criminal law, employment law, consumer protection, elder abuse, family law summary advice and university academic and non-academic matters. Students will also have the opportunity to work in a systemic advocacy group preparing and presenting Public Legal Education workshops and systemic advocacy research projects.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/373/clinics-programs>

### **Migrant Farmworkers Clinic (2L & 3L)**

The Migrant Farmworker Clinic is the first legal clinic for migrant farm workers in Canada and uses a “law and organising” framework. It is an LFO-funded project founded by Justicia for Migrant Workers (J4MW) in collaboration with Windsor Law. It is unique in offering a singular place for racialized migrant farm workers that will address their complex, intersectional legal needs while simultaneously building their structural power to challenge systemic oppressions

Around 30,000-40,000 migrant agricultural workers from the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America, and other Global South regions work in Ontario farms every year, with southwestern Ontario employing a majority of these workers. Migrant workers, as a racialized and marginalized group in precarious status, face numerous forms of exclusion and discrimination. The legal regime that affects them functions at the complex intersection of immigration law, international bilateral agreements, employment law, workers compensation law, human rights law, health law, food law, law and political economy of agriculture, among others.

For students, the Clinic is an important and novel avenue to get a holistic understanding of social justice organizing, community engagement, and movement lawyering. Students will learn how different areas of law intersect to produce legal marginalization, the historical and global policy and social environment around agricultural labour and immigration, and strategies on organizing, representing and advocating for Black and racialized migrant workers and similarly disadvantaged persons.

Students will earn 4 credits during the term.

For more information, please visit: [Migrant Farmworkers Clinic and Seminar | Faculty of Law \(uwindsor.ca\)](#)

### **Class Action Clinic (2L & 3L)**

This is Canada’s first class action clinic. The clinic has both a web-based and physical presence, as well as a telephone service. Students work at the clinic under the supervision of full-time review counsel. The clinic provides a range of services, from summary advice, public education and outreach, assistance with filing claims in settlement distribution processes, and legal representation in court hearings.

Students enrolled in the Class Action Clinic will be expected to attend weekly meetings, undertake legal and policy research on class action issues, draft legal documents, and provide summary advice and assistance to class members. Students can earn 4 credits per term.

For more information, please visit: [Class Action Clinic, Faculty of Law & Class Action Clinic](#)

# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

## Mental Health Justice Clinic (2L & 3L)

Students will support the work of the Empowerment Council, a voice for the collective community of mental health and addiction service users primarily in the Toronto area <https://empowermentcouncil.ca>.

Students will conduct research to support the development of legal and other strategic responses to the access to justice barriers facing consumers and survivors of the psychiatric system. Areas of law will predominantly centre around mental health law, family law, housing justice and immigration/refugee law. Students will also participate in a two-hour weekly clinic seminar and attend in person three times a semester at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto. Students can earn 3 credits per term.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/3133/mental-health-justice-clinic>

## **Cities and Climate Action Policy Clinic (2L & 3L)**

The Cities & Climate Action Policy Clinic supports law reform and policy creation to support municipalities and other local institutions to lead on good and effective climate action. We understand climate action to be a municipal responsibility that overlaps significantly with addressing the housing crisis, sustainable land use and transportation policies, and questions of public health equity, and environmental justice. Students participating in the Cities and Climate Action Policy Clinic for one term will earn 3 credits.

For more information, please visit: [Cities and Climate Action Policy Clinic | Faculty of Law \(uwindsor.ca\)](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/3133/cities-and-climate-action-policy-clinic)

## **Social Justice Fellowships (1L & 2L)**

The Windsor Law Social Justice Fellowship Program is intended to support students interested in obtaining exposure to social justice advocacy in either a domestic or an international context and to enhance the capacity of future social justice lawyers to work towards the protection of human rights and the pursuit of social justice goals. The Program is designed to enable the Fellows to experience enriching professional and intellectual opportunities.

Fellowships funds (\$10,000) will be awarded for international or domestic placements. Students should not otherwise be paid by the organization. Fellows work at their placements for 35 hours per week for 10 weeks. There are no credits earned with this placement.

For more information visit: [Social Justice Fellowships | Faculty of Law \(uwindsor.ca\)](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/3133/social-justice-fellowships)

## **Project-Based External Placement: United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) (2L & 3L)**

This Project-Based External Placement provides students with the opportunity to work with a member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Students will gain an up-close look at the functioning of the UN, adversarial advocacy before it, policymaking and norm generation of disability equality law, and an in-depth appreciation of disability rights law at the international level. Through reflective work, students will also gain a better understanding of Canadian domestic disability rights law and its relationship to international law.

This Project-Based External Placement is worth four (4) credits. Students will have the opportunity to travel to the UN in Geneva for at least two weeks to take part in this PBEP with a supportive stipend.

For more information, please visit: [Project-Based External Placements | Faculty of Law \(uwindsor.ca\)](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/3133/project-based-external-placements)

Overall, our programs place students in many work and volunteer environments where they can learn more about law-in-action.

Visit [Clinical & Experiential Learning Programs](#) to browse the opportunities and to find your ideal placement! Questions can be directed to Windsor Law's [Clinical and Experiential Learning Coordinator](#).





# WINDSOR LEGAL PRACTICE SIMULATION REQUIREMENT

LAWG 5817 – January 6th - January 9th, 2025

All first-year students will participate in the Windsor Legal Practice Simulation, a four day intensive in the Winter 2025 semester.

WLPS is a problem-based practice simulation. Each year, WLPS teaches law students about client relationships, legal professionalism, file management, access to justice, teamwork, legal research and writing, alternative dispute resolution, and other areas of law which have in the past included family law and human rights law.

Additional details will be provided in advance of this intensive week.

## **Other resources**

[Video Introduction to the Windsor Legal Practice Simulation Requirement](#)



# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Welcome to the Office of the Clinical Therapist! We are so happy to welcome you to your first year at the Faculty of Law.

We understand that asking for help in the form of therapy (or counselling as many wish to call it) can feel daunting and may not be accepted within your circle of family and friends, or you just might be overwhelmed by the whole thought of it. If you are unsure or have any questions about getting help on, or off campus, please feel free to contact us. We have worked alongside law students at the University of Windsor for many years and we are happy to serve you too.

If you need someone to talk to, extra support, or some guidance throughout your time here (Fall, Winter, and Summer) we are here for you. All appointments are offered at no additional cost to all enrolled law students and completely CONFIDENTIAL. Your information will not be shared with anyone at the Faculty of Law. In fact, all information is kept on a separate server with the Student Counselling Centre. Appointments are offered in-person, and virtually both via secure video conferencing and telephone.

If you would like to make an appointment, you can email the [Student Counselling Centre](mailto:scc@uwindsor.ca) at [scc@uwindsor.ca](mailto:scc@uwindsor.ca) and request an appointment, or the Clinical Therapist at [lawtherapy@uwindsor.ca](mailto:lawtherapy@uwindsor.ca) to facilitate the intake. From there, you will be guided through a quick and easy process.

Additionally, if you do not wish to access the Office of the Clinical Therapist for now, there are many other Mental Health & Wellness Resources available to help you along the way on and off campus if you prefer. We have our Elder in Residence program and Therapy Assistance Online ([TAO](#)) for those who prefer online modules or text support and peer support available to name a few. Please remember if you find yourself 'stuck' at any point, there is help available, whatever your level of comfort. You can find a list of some of the resources available on the [Windsor Law Mental Health & Wellness page](#).

At The Office of the Clinical Therapist, we also work with law students as part of the Windsor Law Mental Health & Wellness Initiative on events throughout the year. These events focus on reminding students to take care of their wellbeing, increasing mental health literacy, and providing referrals and resources, to de-stigmatize seeking help twitter when needed. Follow us on [Instagram](#) or [X](#).



Remember starting law school is a transition as with all transitions it will take some time to figure out the ins and outs of this your new home for the next three years. There are new people, maybe a new city, and new ways of learning. It is easy to be overwhelmed by so much change. It is important to take it easy on yourself while you are learning and adjusting.

Take some time to consider how you want to take care of yourself in all spheres of your life (physical, intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual) through law school. Students often feel there's no time to do this: to reflect on what is important to you and what brought you to law school, to make time for things you enjoy, to keep connected to your support people, or even basic things to care for yourselves physically, psychologically, emotionally.

Wishing you all well as you start this new journey.

## LORRAINE OLOYA

– CLINICAL THERAPIST, WINDSOR LAW



Lorraine 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.

## OTHER RESOURCES

- [MAP: Counselling for Lawyers, Law students, Judges, Paralegals](#)
- [MENTAL HEALTH TOOLKIT FOR LAW STUDENTS](#)
- [CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION - CBA WELL-BEING](#)



# WINDSOR LAW SERVICES

## WELCOME FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

The Student Services Office is here to help you with all aspects of your legal studies. We are the gateway to services and resources available within the Faculty of Law, the University of Windsor, the community, and the profession. The Student Services Office administers a range of programs to enhance the student experience, mental health and wellness.

We look forward to meeting you and to guiding you through your legal studies.

Learn all about your [Student Services Office](#) and reach out at [lawstudentservices@uwindsor.ca](mailto:lawstudentservices@uwindsor.ca).

## WELCOME FROM THE CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

The Career Services Office is here to assist our law students in assessing potential career paths and in developing successful career search strategies. We encourage students to explore the wide variety of career options available through a law degree. Our office helps students seek careers in full-service law firms, social justice, public interest, legal clinics, in-house small rural practices, academia, international organizations, courts and much more. Our services include:

- Individual career counselling – job search and networking strategies, resume and cover letter review, mock interviews, and clerkship advising
- Online job board – Symplicity (which you will receive login information for later)
- Resources for your job search – handouts, guides, and databases
- Events – panels, legal employer tours, workshops, career fairs, on-campus interviews
- Actively promoting our students and programs to create and augment employment opportunities for them

Your Career Services Team welcomes you to Windsor Law! We look forward to meeting you personally to discuss your career plans.

Learn about [Windsor Law Career Services](#) and reach out at [windsorcso@uwindsor.ca](mailto:windsorcso@uwindsor.ca).

## WELCOME FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

The General Office (the GO) is a central point of contact for Windsor Law administration and University of Windsor resources. The General Office is on the main floor of the Ron W. Ianni Faculty of Law Building. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and we are open during lunch. We can be reached by email at [uwlaw@uwindsor.ca](mailto:uwlaw@uwindsor.ca).

# STUDENTS' LAW SOCIETY (SLS)

Dear Class of 2027,

Congratulations on your admission to Windsor Law! We are thrilled to have you join us and be part of our Windsor Law community.

The Students' Law Society is made up of a dedicated group of Windsor Law students who strive to make a difference and create a more equitable and supportive environment, both inside and outside the classroom. Through clubs, committees, and social events, we work together to shape our academic experience, which includes collaborating with the Windsor Law Faculty and academic stakeholders.

First year at law school can be a daunting experience, but it is also incredibly rewarding. The SLS wants to help in making your first year the best that it can be. We do that by connecting you with like-minded students and introducing you to resources that encourage your full potential. We are with you every step of the way and we cannot wait to see where your law school journey takes you.

## Join the Student Law Society

The SLS is a Council made up of elected positions composed of representatives from each year of the Single and Dual JD programs. The Executive consists of Vice Presidents of Finance, Academic, Operations, EDI (Equity, Diversity, & Inclusivity) and the President of the SLS.

In March 2024, elections were held for the 2024/2025 academic year. We were fortunate enough to have several dedicated and strong candidates elected as part of our team, but we are looking for more incredible people to join the SLS. During your first term (Fall 2024), the Chair will call an election (keep an eye on your emails) where you'll have the opportunity to run for a position. Our current open positions are as follows:

- 1L Dual JD Student Law Society Council Representative
- 1L Single JD Student Law Society Council Representative
- 1L Dual Faculty Council Representative
- 1L Single JD Faculty Council Representative
- 1L Equity and Diversity Representative
- 1L Discipline Committee Representative

All the descriptions for these positions can be found [here](#).

## What are the benefits of joining the Student Law Society?

- You get to network with students across the Windsor Law community, including 2Ls and 3Ls & faculty members (remember, reference letters are important for any job application process!)
- You gain marketable skills (especially leadership & negotiation)
- It's a great way to give back to the Windsor community to build a better future for all students

## MEET YOUR STUDENT LAW SOCIETY EXECUTIVES

Jen Spencer, Chair of the SLS – [spence72@uwindsor.ca](mailto:spence72@uwindsor.ca)

Meganne Fletcher, President – [slsp@uwindsor.ca](mailto:slsp@uwindsor.ca)

Megan Fleming, Vice President, Finance – [slsvpf@uwindsor.ca](mailto:slsvpf@uwindsor.ca)

Julia Ciampa, Vice President, Academic – [slsvpa@megauwindsor.ca](mailto:slsvpa@megauwindsor.ca)

Paige Donaldson, Vice President, Operations – [donaldsp@uwindsor.ca](mailto:donaldsp@uwindsor.ca)

Ria Nirula Vice President, Equity & Diversity – [slsvpedi@uwindsor.ca](mailto:slsvpedi@uwindsor.ca)





## SOCIAL ORIENTATION 2024

Social Orientation is held concurrently with Academic Orientation, taking place from Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – Saturday, September 7, 2024. Although attending Social Orientation is entirely voluntary, it's a great way to meet other students in a more informal setting and have loads of fun. Here is the schedule for Social O 2024:

Tuesday, September 3 – 7:30 p.m. Trivia Night & Casual Chat with Upper Years in the Moot Court Room.

Wednesday, September 4 – 5:30 p.m. BBQ + Competitive Team Games (On Campus TBD).

Saturday September 7 – 12:30 p.m. Soccer and Beach Volleyball Match at Dominion House (3140 Sandwich St, Windsor, ON, Canada).

We hope to see everyone there! If you have any questions about this event, please contact our VPO, Paige Donaldson, at [donaldsp@uwindsor.ca](mailto:donaldsp@uwindsor.ca)

We invite you to look at the [Windsor Student Law Society Website](#) to learn more about us and what we have to offer. Additionally, we have worked diligently to provide students with access to updated [Windsor Cans Bank](#) that can be used as supplemental material to what you learn in class. For the password, please contact Cindy Liu, SLS Webmaster, [Lui31@uwindsor.ca](mailto:Lui31@uwindsor.ca).

For up to date professional and social events we also encourage you to join your Class of 2027 Facebook Page and the [Windsor All Years Facebook Page](#) to remain updated on all things Windsor Law.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any of the SLS members listed above. We want to make sure that the SLS is transparent, ethical, and accountable to the students. We cannot wait to meet you and hope that you found this helpful!

Thank you and see you in September!

Sincerely,

The Students' Law Society Team

# PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (PMP)

Dear Incoming Law Student,

CONGRATULATIONS on your acceptance into Windsor Law! It is an incredible accomplishment, and you are in for one of the best journeys of your life! My name is Jessica Kabuli, and I am the Peer Mentorship Coordinator for the 2024/2025 academic year. I am incredibly happy to assist you in this upcoming year, and to welcome you! I am a 2L Single JD student, and I am so excited to work with all of you this year!

I know that there are many emotions happening now, and you may feel overwhelmed. I remember being overjoyed about getting past the LSATs and being accepted and feeling terrified about the upcoming year. Peer mentorship is an incredible opportunity and I encourage all of you to get involved. Take advantage of the people that have been in your position and are excited to introduce themselves and make more friends. We want to make this transition as smooth as possible for you so that you can fully enjoy your time in law school!

## So, What Is the Peer Mentorship Program?

Welcome to the fantastic world of the Peer Mentorship Program (PMP)! This amazing initiative, co-managed by the incredible Meagan Haugh (Assistant Dean, Student Services) and yours truly, is all about creating a dynamic support system through our Student Services Office.

Now, what sets the PMP apart and makes it truly remarkable? It's our superpower to connect you with experienced upper-year students! At Windsor Law, we take immense pride in our warm and inclusive community, and the PMP plays a starring role in making it even more incredible. Worried about feeling like a newbie or unsure about joining? Fear not! Almost all our first-year students enthusiastically jump onboard this exceptional program. It's like having a superhero buddy by your side, even before you step foot on campus! Our mentors, a league of seasoned upper-year students, have been in your shoes before. They are totally committed to paying it forward and lending a helping hand to guide you through your first year.

Hold on tight, because by joining the PMP, you are in for an extraordinary journey! It's not just about having an amazing mentor; you will also gain access to a whirlwind of unforgettable events and unparalleled opportunities, perfectly tailored to help you build lasting friendships and set off on a path to success throughout the year.

Note: Your relationship with your mentor will remain confidential; all mentors complete a binding Confidentiality Agreement and are specially trained to be able to assist you in navigating the challenges and excitement that the first year will bring!

## How Can I Get a Mentor?

All you have to do is ask! Simply [click here](#) to complete the application form. All personal information will be kept private and confidential and will only be reviewed by the PMP team in order to find you an appropriate mentor.

Please ensure that you have submitted your application by no later than **11:59pm on Sunday, August 1st, 2024**. Mentors will be matched based on shared interests and experiences.

Again, this program was instrumental for me in my first year, and it has been such a big part of what makes Windsor Law the warm community that it is. I encourage you to sign up, but please feel free to reach out to me at [lawpeermentor@uwindsor.ca](mailto:lawpeermentor@uwindsor.ca) if you would like to discuss further!

I am so excited to meet and work with you all once school starts!

Sincerely,

Jessica Kabuli  
Law II, JD Candidate 2026  
Peer Mentorship Program Coordinator 2024-25

# PRO BONO STUDENTS CANADA - WINDSOR CHAPTER

Dear Incoming Law Student,

**CONGRATULATIONS** on your acceptance into Windsor Law! My name is Natalie Cusinato. I am a 2L Single JD student and I am the 2024-2025 PBSC Program Coordinator for the summer and school-year. In September, Matthew MacDowell, a 3L Single JD student, will join the PBSC team as our School-Year Program Coordinator.

Starting law school is both thrilling and nerve-wracking. Absorbing new and unfamiliar legal terminologies, meeting many new people, and learning how to manage your classes are challenges that all law students, including myself, experienced and overcame. However, becoming involved in the school community is a beneficial method to create a support system of friends and colleagues, engage in meaningful extracurricular work, and enjoy your free time. Further, becoming a PBSC student volunteer is the best way to gain valuable legal research, writing, and client-facing skills and participate in important legal projects where you can pursue your legal and social justice interests. I am happy to announce that this year, we have many diverse and engaging projects for student volunteers in various fields like employment law, criminal law, family law, and many others.

## What Is Pro Bono Students Canada?

Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) is a national organization with student-led chapters at 22 Canadian law schools. PBSC was the first pro bono organization in the country and is now the largest pro bono organization in Canada. PBSC has a strong presence across the country and a reputation for developing high-quality programs. We are also the leading voice on law student pro bono issues and we are regularly invited to participate in access to justice activities, policy consultations, conferences, and events nationwide. In fact, Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Abella described PBSC as “one of the most visionary undertakings I have seen in my 40 years at the bar.”

With our community partners and under the supervision of lawyer supervisors, law students provide free legal information and services. Every year, about 1,500 PBSC law student volunteers provide approximately 120,000 hours of free legal services in partnership with nearly 400 public interest and other community organizations, courts, and tribunals across the country. We proudly serve diverse populations of Canadians including artists, Indigenous Peoples, Francophone Canadians, LGBTQ2S+ communities, immigrants and refugees, low-income Canadians, seniors, women, veterans, youth, and others. Some well-known community partners that partner with PBSC include Legal Aid Ontario, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, YWCA, Juripop, and Canadian Red Cross among many others.

Every September, Windsor Law students are invited to apply to volunteer on a PBSC project. Last year, we had 96 student volunteers participating on 26 projects. As a student volunteer, you will be helping PBSC work towards a national mission of creating accessible legal systems, where the dignity and rights of every person are upheld. PBSC is an amazing way for students to gain practical legal skills and begin their legal careers by applying the knowledge they learn in their 1L classes to real-life experiences. As a student volunteer, you will be paired with a local non-profit or community organization to provide free legal support to people and communities facing barriers to justice. We offer legal research and writing, public legal education, and clinical projects, where our student volunteers provide legal information and unbundled services. Our students work under the supervision of experienced lawyers, providing unparalleled learning and mentorship opportunities.

## How Can I Become a Student Volunteer?

Applications for this year's projects will open on **September 16th, 2024**, following our Launch Event on **September 16th from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm**. Applications will close September 20th, 2024, at 12:00 pm. Please keep an eye out for more information about our 2024-2025 Chapter events as the school year approaches!

Please note that although we would love to have all students volunteer with PBSC, volunteer positions are limited. Student volunteers will be matched to a project based on their applications alone. Due to the sheer volume of student applicants, we are unable to conduct interviews and place students on projects based on their application answers. Therefore, please carefully complete the application to secure a volunteer position.



We invite you all to join us for our Launch Event on **September 16th from 12:00 to 1:30 pm** in the Moot Court to learn about PBSC Windsor's impactful projects and to hear from our keynote speaker about the value of pro bono placements. Enrich your law school experience by directly contributing to the national fight for access to justice in Canada.

Follow us on our social media sites to stay updated on our 2024-2025 projects and events. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [pbsc@uwindsor.ca](mailto:pbsc@uwindsor.ca) if you have questions. I am so excited to meet you all and I hope you'll consider making valuable pro bono work a part of your education and social community at Windsor Law.

Warmest regards,

Natalie Cusinato

Law II, Single JD Candidate 2026

Pro Bono Students Canada, Program Coordinator

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### **A Glance at our 2024-2025 Timeline**

September:

- LAUNCH EVENT - SEPTEMBER 16TH, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm, Moot Court, University of Windsor, Faculty of Law
- VOLUNTEER APPLICATION DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 20TH BY 12:00 pm
- GENERAL TRAINING AND ANTI-OPPRESSION TRAINING - SEPTEMBER 25TH, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm, Room 2140, University of Windsor, Faculty of Law
- WESTLAW EDGE CANADA TRAINING

October:

- MEET WITH LAWYER SUPERVISOR AND PARTNER ORGANIZATION
- STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WILL DEVELOP THEIR WORK PLAN/SCHEDULE AND BEGIN THEIR PROJECT
- ALL PROJECTS MUST BEGIN BY OCTOBER 1

November:

- WORK PLAN DUE NOVEMBER 1
- SCHEDULE FIRST CHECK-IN MEETING WITH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

December:

- PROJECTS TAKE A BREAK THIS MONTH FOR THE EXAM PERIOD

January:

- RESUME WORK ON PBSC PROJECTS AFTER THE WINTER BREAK
- APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2025-2026 PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITIONS

February:

- SCHEDULE SECOND CHECK-IN MEETING WITH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

March:

- SUBMIT YOUR FINAL DELIVERABLE TO YOUR LAWYER SUPERVISOR AND PARTNER ORGANIZATION
- FILL OUT ONLINE IMPACT SURVEY AND SUBMIT COMPLETED VOLUNTEER REPORT
- VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT AND CHIEF JUSTICE RICHARD WAGNER AWARD CEREMONY

April:

- ALL PBSC PROJECTS ARE COMPLETE!

# STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS – PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

## Canadian Bar Association

As a student in the University of Windsor Faculty of Law, you can be automatically enrolled in the [Canadian Bar Association](#) and the [Ontario Bar Association](#) for free. This is Canada's largest network of practicing lawyers. One of the many advantages to joining the OBA as a law school student is the [OBA's Student Edge program](#) – a suite of services designed especially for law students and aimed at helping you: build a network of practitioners and fellow students; connect with experienced lawyers on a wide variety of topics, including opportunities for lawyers in traditional and non-traditional settings, tailoring your resume, bar exam tips, effective interviewing, etc. with your health and wellness through social activities, gym discounts, our Mindful Lawyer programming and other wellness tips; and influence the law in areas that matter to you through our professionally supported public policy program.

The OBA is ready to welcome you and you can expect to receive your member number and opportunities in early September 2024.

**If you do not wish to be enrolled with the OBA at this time, please email [lawstudentservices@uwindsor.ca](mailto:lawstudentservices@uwindsor.ca) before September 1, 2025, to indicate that you do NOT wish to be included in this membership offer.** If you opt out of enrollment now, you can still join the OBA any time at <https://www.oba.org/studentjoin>. Learn more about the [Canadian Bar Association](#) or [Ontario Bar Association](#).

## Indigenous Bar Association

Indigenous Bar Association memberships are available to First Nation, Métis or Inuit persons in Canada who are attending or who have graduated from an accredited law school. Learn more about the [Indigenous Bar Association](#).

## The Advocates' Society

The Advocates' Society has promoted strong and effective advocacy since its inception. They have been a trusted resource for thousands of advocates across Canada who want to learn, teach, connect, and best serve their clients and the justice system for over 50 years. Learn more about [The Advocates' Society](#).

## Law Students' Society of Ontario

The Law Students' Society of Ontario represents all undergraduate law school students in Ontario. Learn more about the [Law Students' Society of Ontario](#).

## Black Law Students' Association of Canada

The Black Law Students' Association of Canada (BLSA Canada) is a non-profit student group dedicated to helping black law students succeed academically and professionally. BLSA Canada and its law school chapters are focused on the legal difficulties that the black community faces.

They aim to increase representation of black students in law schools and to aid in their success. They offer formal and informal discussions on a wide range of topics, including legal policy challenges, effective career strategies, substantive law evolution, and access to justice for underrepresented populations. They reflect the diversity of the African/Black experience and welcome allies from all backgrounds who want to make a difference in the advancement of justice. Learn more about the [Black Law Students' Association of Canada](#).

## Women's Law Association of Ontario

The Women's Law Association of Ontario is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the issues and causes important to women in the legal profession through education and awareness programs. For decades, the association has served as a vibrant, active voice for women in the profession and a vital resource for members seeking fulfilling and successful careers in law.

In a professional and supportive environment, the Women's Law Association of Ontario provides valuable networking opportunities through social and educational events. As members, we welcome all Ontario-based law students, lawyers, and judges. Learn more about the [Women's Law Association of Ontario](#).

## Federation of Law Societies of Canada

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is the national coordinating body for the 14 law societies mandated by provincial and territorial law to regulate lawyers, notaries, and licenced paralegals in the public interest in Canada.

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada coordinates among its member law societies, promotes the development of national standards, encourages the harmonisation of law society rules and procedures, and, among other things, undertakes national initiatives directed by its members. Every lawyer in Canada, notary in Quebec, and paralegal in Ontario is required by law to belong to and follow the rules of a law society. Learn more about the [Federation of Law Societies of Canada](#).

## Other Resources

- [NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CANADIAN LAW PROGRAMS](#)
- [NATIONAL INITIATIVES OF THE FEDERATION OF LAW SOCIETIES OF CANADA](#)

## National Self-Represented Litigants Project (NSRLP)

The National Self-Represented Litigants Project, also known as NSRLP, is a non-profit organization focused on exploring the large and growing self-representation phenomenon in the justice system. National Self-Represented Litigants Project is based at and partially funded by Windsor Law, directed by Dr. Julie Macfarlane, and hires Windsor Law students as Research Assistants.

National Self-Represented Litigants Project is committed to advancing understanding of the challenges and hard choices facing the considerable number of Canadians who now come to court without counsel. The National Self-Represented Litigants Project works to promote dialogue and collaboration among all those affected by the self-represented litigant phenomenon, both justice system professionals and litigants themselves. The National Self-Represented Litigants Project regularly publishes resources designed specifically for self-represented litigants, as well as research reports that examine the implications for the justice system.

The organization builds on the National Self-Represented Litigants Research Study conducted by Dr. Julie Macfarlane from 2011-2013. The Project takes its mandate from the Final Recommendations of her Research Project. Since 2013, the National Self-Represented Litigants Project has continued to generate energy and motivation towards serious contemplation of system change, reflecting the findings of the Research Study. The core of their work is to advocate for better and deeper understanding of the needs, motivations, and challenges of self-represented litigants. This means that they are committed to:

- **Research** on emerging areas of special interest to those affected by the self-represented litigant phenomenon, including jurisprudence, court and legal information services, and changes in legal practice to meet self-represented litigants' needs (unbundling, coaching). The National Self-Represented Litigants Project also publishes ongoing data on the demographics and narratives of self-represented litigants who complete the Intake Form.
- The development of practical, focused, and accessible resources to assist self-represented litigants and to enhance understanding and cooperation among self-represented litigants, lawyers, judges, and court services staff, and to information and resource-sharing among all interested and affected parties.
- **Dialogue** to enhance the responsiveness of the Canadian justice system to self-represented litigants and their direct participation in the change process, and continuing conversation among all stakeholders who include self-represented litigants, law students, lawyers, judges, and court services staff.

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