

# MISSION STATEMENT OF SCHOOL OF LAW

A legal education in a profoundly humane environment is the mission of the School of Law.

The School of Law provides professional legal education to prepare graduates for a lifetime of service at the bar, in government, in business, or in teaching. Members of the law faculty, through their scholarship and public service, contribute to the advancement of legal knowledge and to the critical evaluation, strengthening and improvement of legal institutions. As the state law school, the School has a special concern for assuring that the practice of law is open to all qualified persons regardless of economic or other barriers, and has a special responsibility of service to the legal and social institutions of Connecticut. The School's library is a major research center for the bench, bar and general public, as well as the scholarly focal point for students and faculty.

## Areas of Emphasis:

- Insurance Law, including the law regulating financial institutions, health law (health as a regulated industry, food and drug law, and bioethics), the impact of insurance on society, employee benefits, including retirement benefits, and theories regarding the allocation of risk and responsibility.  
*Academic Plan areas:* Arts, culture, and society from a local to global perspective; health and human services
- International and comparative law, including public and private international law, international trade, finance, human rights law, the law relating to ethnic, religious, and cultural minorities, international environmental law, comparative constitutional, administrative, statutory, and human rights law.  
*Academic Plan areas:* Arts, culture, and society from a local to global perspective; environmental sustainability.
- Intellectual property law, including the law of copyrights, patents, trademarks, telecommunications, free speech, and the theories regulating creation and protection of a wide variety of intellectual property, including cultural property.  
*Academic Plan areas:* Arts, culture, and society from a local to global perspective; innovations in science and technology.
- Law and Society, including legal history and the relationship between law and social institutions.  
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- Issues of Federalism including state and local government, state constitutional law, campaign finance and election issues, civil rights and civil liberties, land use planning and regional cooperation, economic development issues, and state and municipal finance, including especially issues of taxation.  
*Academic Plan areas:* Arts, culture, and society from a local to global perspective.