

**College
of Law**



AN EXCITING JOURNEY

The College of Law opened its doors in 1895 in rented downtown Syracuse office space with an entering class of just 23 students. By 1921, enrollment had climbed to more than 200 students and the College of Law moved into the John Crouse Mansion near the Syracuse University campus.

Over the years, the College of Law has graduated many influential and successful lawyers, business professionals, and financial leaders. We are proud to count among our alumni members of the U.S. Senate and Congress, state senators and assembly members, state attorneys general, and federal and state judges. In addition, many of our alumni have moved into leadership positions in some of the world's largest law firms and into the fields of finance, real estate development, and international business affairs.

Today, with an enrollment of more than 650 men and women from 28 states and 15 countries, the College of Law offers students an exciting and rigorous academic journey that provides the knowledge, discipline, and analytical skills needed to succeed in the legal profession and related fields—preparing the next generation of leaders to meet the demands and maximize the opportunities of our complex global society.

College of Law opens—23 students begin classes in the Bastable Block in downtown Syracuse.

1895

1901

William H. Johnson is the first African American to graduate from the College of Law.

College of Law's first female graduate, Bessie Seely, receives a J.D. degree.

1903

A DYNAMIC SCHOOL

The quality of College of Law students and faculty enhances our reputation within the national legal community. Our entering law students meet the highest academic standards and possess the drive and imagination needed to embrace the breadth of our interdisciplinary initiatives. Since 2002, we have added 17 new faculty members with J.D./Ph.D. degrees from some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the nation. These new faculty members—along with an already well-recognized faculty base—are committed teachers and scholars who have a direct impact on the local community, in the national arena, and around the world.

Interdisciplinary programs at the College of Law exemplify Scholarship in Action—partnering with other schools and colleges to create innovative initiatives that cross academic barriers. Two institutes that have garnered significant attention on issues of great national and international importance include:

- >> The Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism (INSCT)—created in partnership with the Maxwell School—provides a systematic, interdisciplinary approach to important questions of law and policy related to national and international security and counterterrorism.
- >> The Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media (IJPM)—created jointly by the College of Law, the Maxwell School, and the Newhouse School—is a first-of-its-kind academic institute devoted to the interdisciplinary study of issues at the intersection of law, politics, and the media.



College of Law moves to the John Crouse Mansion near campus (400 Comstock Avenue).

1904!

1949

First issue of *Syracuse Law Review* appears; J. Edgar Hoover serves as guest contributor.

College of Law moves to Ernest I. White Hall, which to this day houses classrooms, faculty and staff offices, and Grant Auditorium.

1954!

MOVING FORWARD

To achieve a prominent position in a highly competitive academic marketplace, the College of Law must address the growing importance of creating a collaborative physical space, attracting exceptional teachers and scholars, offering the best students vital financial assistance, and leading interdisciplinary study initiatives. To strengthen the College's competitive edge, we seek support for the following priorities as part of The Campaign for Syracuse University.

BUILDING FUTURES \$50 MILLION

Create a physical environment that supports excellence in legal research, scholarship, and training to attract the highest caliber students and faculty.

STUDENT ACCESS AND SUPPORT \$20 MILLION

Enlarge the size of our endowment to provide increased financial assistance for students of merit from all walks of life.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE \$20 MILLION

Provide financial incentives to attract and retain faculty members who are recognized as the best legal scholars in the nation.

CROSS-CONNECTIONS \$10 MILLION

Offer more meaningful interdisciplinary study, and academic initiatives involving clinical legal education, advocacy programming, and special projects that will have a significant impact on the lives of students, the local community, and the nation.

The College of Law is already off to a great start, with alumni and friends committing more than \$20 million for programmatic support, scholarships, and expanded facilities. But to achieve our \$100 million goal, we need the full participation of all law alumni. Learn how you can do your part to move the College of Law forward by contacting the College of Law at **315-443-1964**, **su-law@law.syr.edu**, or visit **campaign.syr.edu**.



H. Douglas Barclay Law Library—a modern four-level building designed to house 240,000 volumes—is dedicated.

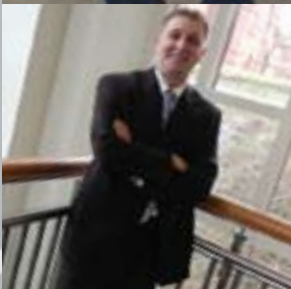
1985

1998

Winifred MacNaughton Hall opens—houses new courtrooms, classrooms, and student office space.

College of Law celebrates 30 years of Law in London program—created in 1977 to offer law students an opportunity to gain a broader world view.

2007





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