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WELCOME

There are many law schools that teach the fundamentals of law and do it quite well.

I count Villanova Law among them. But here, we also believe that a legal education without values at its core is meaningless. ***We don't just create technically excellent lawyers: We develop students' sense of values and ethics, their obligation to support each other and their power to lead.***

As lawyers, you will be uniquely positioned to enact meaningful change, through the law, for society and for your clients—whether those are businesses, nonprofits, government or individuals. We will always challenge you to ask, 'How do I really wish to use my education as a lawyer and live out my values? Is it as a partner at a law firm, as a CEO, as a managing attorney at a nonprofit, or something else?'

Our commitment is grounded in Villanova Law's Augustinian Catholic heritage, which draws inspiration from St. Augustine's words: 'Become what you are not yet.'

We are dedicated not only to giving our students a rigorous, first-rate legal education but also to creating the ethical lawyers and leaders today's world needs. Once you are a student here, you will see the strength and depth of our commitment. ”

Mark C. Alexander

The Arthur J. Kania Dean and Professor of Law

VERITAS, UNITAS, CARITAS

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I remember walking into Villanova Law for the first time and sensing it had a different air about it. Right away, I felt I belonged—I could see it in the way students interacted with each other. *Here, students want to build each other up, not push each other down.*

We want to succeed together, and we all want our school to be the best it can be.

I was fortunate to play NCAA Division I ice hockey and then coach at the collegiate level before coming to law school. As a coach, I always aimed to teach life through ice hockey. You don't want to have only the top athletes; you also want people of great character. Villanova approaches legal education in a similar way. There have been many instances when I was sitting with classmates having lunch, and we've encouraged each other to apply to a concentration, submit an article to a journal or blog, or simply get through exams ■ ■ ■

Samantha Pulley

Huntingdon Valley, PA
BA, Boston University
MS, Manhattanville College



■ ■ ■ I love that we support each other here. I've had other family members attend Villanova, but I'm the first to experience the law school. I was happy to see that the deep-rooted sense of community I'd always heard about is also present here.

The university and the law school aim to combine the best educational environment with the best community environment.

You have to come visit and experience it for yourself. ”

—Samantha Pulley



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This isn't an ordinary law school: This is a special place where values and community are as much a part of a student's legal education as contracts, torts and constitutional law. ”

Dean Mark Alexander

Our Augustinian Heritage

Through rigorous coursework and practical experience, Villanova Law prepares you to be successful in today's competitive and ever-changing legal market. But when you enroll at Villanova, you also become a member of a community rooted in and inspired by the Augustinian Catholic values of Veritas, Unitas and Caritas: truth, unity and charity, or love.

You will be inspired to focus not only on your own ambitions but also on the success of your classmates. Together, you will determine how each of you will use the top-notch legal education you receive here to serve your clients and society, lead change and stay true to your values—wherever you build your careers.

Giving Voice to Values

Villanova Law is one of only a handful of law schools in the world that has integrated the *Giving Voice to Values* approach into our curriculum. Widely adopted by business schools, the program is designed to help you develop the skills, confidence and “moral muscle memory” you need to voice and act on your values. You'll gain the tools necessary to make ethical decisions even in the most challenging professional situations.



Work as a Team.

“You hear stories about law school—how you need to compete against other students from great colleges and always be better than the person sitting next to you. I am grateful to be a part of the Villanova Law community because I never felt that competition here.

I'm learning that success in the legal world always requires teamwork, and I must be more than a strong advocate for clients—I must be a strong teammate.”

Keith Lee

Barnegat, NJ
BA, Monmouth University

Jane Voegele '90 CLAS, VSB, '96 CWSL

Associate Professor of Law

LEARN REAL SKILLS



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All second-year law students take the Business and Financial Literacy for Lawyers Module the week before their spring semester. This Module is a critical piece of real-world learning for our students. It introduces students to the basics of financial accounting and business valuation and culminates with a mock sale/purchase negotiation between two hypothetical business partners. The experience is a collaborative effort among the entire Villanova network: professors from the law school and business school introduce financial concepts, and Villanova Law alumni and other local distinguished practitioners mentor the students throughout the negotiations. This Module demonstrates to all our students that financial literacy is an integral and important part of practicing law, no matter the specialty. *We prioritize financial literacy in our students, and a practical experience like this Module makes Villanova Law students stand out.*”

Putting Concept Into Practice

“My experience with the Business and Financial Literacy Module helped me understand that being a successful attorney means opening yourself up to new learning opportunities. The Module offered me new insights into the importance of finance and accounting from a law perspective. The course focused on the significance of understanding and finding unique solutions to best suit clients’ financial conditions—a lesson I will remember throughout my career. The Business Modules provide wonderful insights into becoming a knowledgeable, resourceful and confident attorney. It is also a fantastic way to connect with Villanova Law alumni who want to share their experiences and wisdom.”

Olivia Arasim '22

Law Clerk for the Hon. Joel H. Slomsky, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Where Law Meets Business

We’ve revolutionized legal education to give our students the skills and experience necessary to succeed. Guided by our *Where Law Meets Business* philosophy, we’ve developed programming that connects vital business principles with the everyday practice of law. Whether you pursue corporate, criminal, government or public interest practice, you will draw upon these skills to serve your organizations and clients.

Apply Your Learning.

“The emphasis on Business Law was a huge draw for me. I wanted courses and experiences that included business and law—not just the courtroom and working for a judge. I loved the focus on externships, too: I worked in the legal departments at the energy company UGI Corporation and at Wawa.

During my Wawa externship, I was asked to help with drafting a corporate policy, which drew directly on assignments I’d done in my Transactional Writing course. The associate general counsel was shocked that I knew how to write the policy, but I told her I just used the tools I had already learned in class.”

Spencer Miller

Chester Springs, PA
BS, Villanova University



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With an accounting background, I hadn’t done as much writing as my law school classmates who majored in Political Science, English or the humanities. My Legal Writing professors were so great at meeting me where I was and giving feedback. We were all on a level playing field and being pulled up together.”

William “Zack” Mineo

Hillsborough, NJ
BS, MBA, Rutgers University



Write to Advocate.

“For my third Legal Writing class, I chose Litigation/Appellate Advocacy, where we write and then present oral arguments at the Theodore L. Reimel Moot Court Competition. I had not done much public speaking and wanted to challenge myself.

I drew on that experience for my externship with Troutman Pepper’s pro bono immigration program. I spent most of my time researching and writing briefs for the Board of Immigration Appeals, working on behalf of detained immigrants. Because I speak Spanish, my clients really came to trust me and saw me as an ally. I had a client in Arizona who was released based on a brief I had written, which was truly rewarding.”

Analhi Lizzaraga Burciaga

Americus, GA
BA, College of the Holy Cross

Our Writing Focus

Employers rate writing as the most important skill in new hires. Villanova Law requires five semesters of Legal Writing, versus the more common standard of just two, giving you even more opportunities to hone this top-rated skill. Along the way, you’ll receive in-depth feedback from your professors so that you leave with the training needed to excel in your career.

PREPARE TO PRACTICE

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As a Villanova undergraduate, I attended a refugee vigil on campus, where Professor Michele Pistone talked about Villanova Law’s Clinic for Asylum, Refugee & Emigrant Services (CARES). A man from Syria stood up and talked about how the Clinic had helped him. My own dad was born in Syria and both my parents have roots in Armenia, with ancestors who are genocide survivors.

Right then I knew I wanted to go to law school and work in immigration law—but as the first in my family to attend law school, I wasn’t sure of my career options. *Now I have come full circle by accepting a full-time position as a judicial law clerk in the Boston Immigration Court.* My externship and my work with CARES as a Villanova Law student showed me the way ■ ■ ■

Meliné Derderian

Media, PA
BA, Villanova University



■ ■ ■ My externship with a judge on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania was amazing.

I honed my research and writing skills in ways I couldn't always do in the classroom. I wrote judicial opinions, and the clerks worked with me word by word, line by line, to make my opinion more concise and to the point. My externship shed light on what my role as a clerk would be in a judge's chambers, and it relates directly to what I will be doing in my first job.

I started with the Clinic in my second year, and haven't stopped since. I am so grateful for the unique experience of working with immigrants and asylum-seekers. I am the one interviewing my clients, developing a holistic sense of their stories, working through interpreters, calling foreign countries for evidence, representing them on my own. *Every time I see that real human being in front of me, and not just their stack of papers, it reaffirms why I came to law school to pursue immigration law.*

This is where my heart and my passion lie. ”

—Meliné Derderian



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I love hearing clinic students say, 'This was incredibly eye-opening. I never thought I would be able to represent a client and put in the time and preparation to make that possible.' It is wonderful to see students represent folks who otherwise would not have access to legal services. ”

Caitlin Barry

Director, Farmworker Legal Aid Clinic
Director, Clinical Programs
Professor of Law

Clinical Program

Villanova Law believes that lawyers can enact meaningful change in society. Our six clinics—housed within the law school and supported by dedicated staff and faculty—give students the opportunity to spend a semester (or more) representing real clients on real legal issues.

When you work in a clinic, you become the primary advocate for clients who otherwise would not have access to, or be able to afford, legal representation. You do the research, conduct interviews, manage witnesses, draft legal documents, write contracts and represent your clients in court, often working in small teams with other students. Essentially, you become the lawyer as you serve individuals, organizations and businesses that need your assistance in navigating the complexities of the law.



8 In-House Clinics

Caritas Clemency Clinic

Civil Justice Clinic

Clinic for Asylum, Refugee & Emigrant Services

Clinic for Law & Entrepreneurship

Farmworker Legal Aid Clinic

Federal Tax Clinic

Intellectual Property Clinic

Interdisciplinary Mental & Physical Health Law Clinic

Trial Advocacy

The best way to learn how to think and execute like a lawyer is to practice. Villanova Law offers an array of courses and trial team opportunities to guide you in the complex art of trial advocacy. In our state-of-the-art courtroom-style classrooms, you'll learn how to argue effectively in court, think on your feet, and use your understanding of the law to advance a client's case. You'll benefit from working with our full-time faculty, as well as seasoned trial lawyers, and federal and state court judges.



Develop Your Courtroom Skills.

"As chair of the National Trial Team, I can say that this is as close as you can get to being a trial attorney while you are still in school. At my last regional trial competition, I distinctly remember cross-examining a witness and feeling that it was the best I had ever done. Upon finishing I thought, 'I am not playing dress-up as an advocate anymore—I am a lawyer.'"

Chelsea Eret
Council Bluffs, Iowa
BA, Iowa State University



Trial is the most challenging aspect of being a lawyer but also the most rewarding. The Trial Advocacy programs build the foundation of invaluable courtroom skills that any lawyer needs to be successful. For me, representing Villanova in Texas at the National Trial Competition helped cement my career path to the courtroom.

Jerry Rassias '19
Assistant District Attorney
Delaware County, PA

Making Your Case

Our National Trial Team, Moot Court and Sports Law Negotiation Team participate in competitions both regionally and nationally. Many have advanced to the final rounds of competition and won.

Wide Reach, Wide Range

Sample externship placements:

ACLU of Pennsylvania

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Comcast Corporation

Federal, State and Local Judges

GlaxoSmithKline PLC

Office of the Attorney General (DE, NJ & PA)

Pennsylvania Innocence Project

Troutman Pepper

UGI-Corp.-AmeriGas

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission



Externships

Hands-on experience is a hallmark of a Villanova Law education. We've developed strong relationships with supervising attorneys in all areas of law: large corporations and small businesses, social service organizations and nonprofits, county courthouses, and state and federal government—to name a few. You can use one or more semester-long externships to explore career possibilities or develop focused expertise in a specific area. You also have the flexibility to propose a placement to fit your individual career goals. In addition to working closely with your field instructor and a faculty adviser, you'll meet with other externs in a formal class to reflect on your experiences and learn from each other.



Help Real Clients with Real Issues.

"In the world of law school, where you spend much of your day reading cases, I loved having the opportunity to work with real clients and make a direct impact on their lives. During my externship at Community Legal Services, I helped residents with issues ranging from home ownership and landlord-tenant relations to consumer rights. And, to gain more policy experience, I worked with PA State Representative Joanna McClinton '06, whose district includes Southwest Philadelphia and Delaware County.

My externships and work in the Health Law Clinic showed me that public interest law is the best fit for me. I enjoy it because it reminds me of my hometown, which is a community where people face similar issues but often don't have access to affordable legal services."

Charlie Burrows
Hazleton, PA
BA, BS, Penn State University

CURRICULUM

Villanova Law's courses are designed to teach not only the rules of law but also how legal institutions operate. Students learn how lawyers analyze issues, express themselves and solve problems. The course of study consists of three full-time, consecutive years.

Joint Degrees

JD/MBA
JD/MPA
JD/LLM in Taxation
JD/LLM in International Studies

Concentrations

Business Law
Health Law
Intellectual Property Law
Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Sports Law

YOUR FIRST YEAR

You'll study **six foundational doctrinal courses**, which are taught in one-semester segments to allow you the ability to focus intensively on each subject.

- Civil Procedure
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Property
- Constitutional Law
- Torts

You will also be immersed in:

- A year-long Legal Research, Analysis, Writing & Communication course
- A one-week Business Aspects of Law Module
- A year-long one-credit Professional Development course

YOUR SECOND AND THIRD YEARS

In the second and third years, you will mostly shape your own course of study while taking several additional graduation requirements.

Upper-level requirements include:

- Legal Writing III (Transactional or Litigation)
- Professional Responsibility
- Practical Writing
- Research Paper course (or second Practical Writing course)
- One credit of Professional Development during both your 2L and 3L years
- Six credits of experiential learning in a clinic and/or externship
- A one-week Business and Financial Literacy for Lawyers Module

The Law School supports a wide range of **externship opportunities** at government, for-profit and nonprofit organizations that provide opportunities to learn in real-world settings. In our award-winning **clinics**, you will represent real clients in real cases working with full-time clinic faculty.

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

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A key part of my job is guiding students as they figure out their path in the law and then finding ways to help them achieve their goals. Often, students come to me about issues related to criminal justice because that is my passion. However, I engage with students who have a range of interests. I assist them as they explore both short- and long-term options. *I help them make connections for externships, summer jobs and employment after law school—in our region and beyond.*

A great thing about teaching at Villanova Law—and I’ve been here for 20 years—is the mentoring relationships that develop between professors and students. Sometimes I get to know students through one class or project, but other times my interactions with students extend for all three years ■ ■ ■

Steven Chanenson

Faculty Director, The David F. and Constance B. Girard-diCarlo
Center for Ethics, Integrity and Compliance
Professor of Law



■ ■ ■ I do a great deal of policy work for governments and nonprofits. I am always looking for ways to give students opportunities to get involved and gain real-world experience. For instance, some students work with me as research assistants.

My role doesn't necessarily stop when students graduate.

There are plenty of graduates with whom I am still in contact years later, and it is always exciting to hear from them. They might ask questions about substantive issues, seek advice when they are considering a career change, or simply want to touch base. I also enjoy learning from them. Just the other day, I was emailing with a former student who is serving as a public defender. What I learned from her about jury instructions in her courthouse can help me with my work. Learning is always a two-way street. ”

—Steven Chanenson



Chart Your Path.

“The Public Interest Scholars Program drew me to Villanova, but I had no idea how to make a legal career out of my desire to serve others. My career adviser and faculty adviser were instrumental in helping me develop that path by offering advice on coursework and externships, job networking and interviews. Working for Villanova Law’s Civil Justice Clinic and the Defender Association of Philadelphia made clear that I love being in court and interacting with clients. I now know that I want to work at the intersection of public defense and child welfare, and next year I’ll be clerking for a judge in the Family Division in New Jersey.”

Katie Carden

Bethesda, MD
BA, University of Maryland College Park

Define Your Interests.

“As part of the first-year Professional Development course, I attended weekly career panels with practicing attorneys. These were such a great opportunity to gain insight into what different practice areas are like. Having grown up in Europe, I was leaning toward international law, but I felt myself drawn toward corporate law and litigation.

Even in my first year, I met with my career adviser frequently, worked with mentors through the Minority Alumni Society, developed a resumé and did mock interviews. This helped me land my first summer position at GlaxoSmithKline, and this summer I will be working at Troutman Pepper.”

Sierra Stockley

Brussels, Belgium
BA, The University of Alabama



Career Strategy

From your very first day of law school to your last, individualized career exploration and planning are formally integrated into your studies. You’ll be matched with a faculty adviser and a career adviser who will guide you during your three years with us. Through one-on-one conversations, self-reflection, career panels with practicing attorneys, resumé drafting and mock interviews, you’ll start building the roadmap for your Villanova Law experience and, ultimately, your career. “The relationship between career adviser and student is a true partnership focused on each student’s success,” says Jennifer Henfey, Associate Dean for Professional Development & Leadership.

Access Employers

You’ll have access to employers and externships through programs run by the Office of Career Strategy & Advancement, including on-campus interviews and regional job fairs. Other services include resumé collection and distribution, employer outreach, and more.



Practice Area Panels

What is it really like to work as a public interest lawyer, tax attorney, litigator, corporate lawyer, or sports and entertainment lawyer? Panel presentations by practicing attorneys—many of them Villanova Law alums—will help you discover your passion and where you’ll excel.

LIVE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Looking back, I realize one of the biggest decisions of my life was leaving my small North Carolina town of 9,000 to attend college at the University of Pennsylvania. I worked there after graduation and lived in West Philadelphia, then moved to Radnor when I decided to attend Villanova Law.

I love the fact that Philly is smack in the middle of everything. I can hop on a train and be in New York in under two hours to visit my friends in Brooklyn and Gramercy Park. I can get to D.C. in less than three hours. I've gotten to know some great restaurants and live music places in Philadelphia, too, and I try to get into Center City as much as I can. I love living close to the law school now and having a more suburban life. There are great restaurants here, places to hike, dog parks for my two dogs ■ ■ ■

Ferrell Townsend

Rockingham, NC
BA, University of Pennsylvania



■ ■ ■ There are so many Villanova Law alumni in this area, which is really helpful as you explore your law career. I'm the alumni relations chair for the Student Bar Association, so I get to interact with many of them. They are trial attorneys and litigators; they work in large law firms, investment firms and large corporations. They have given me even more insight into the Philadelphia area.

This is a great place to figure out what your future in the law might be. There are so many opportunities to gain real work experience not only in the city but also in the surrounding counties, and in New Jersey and Delaware. So much is within easy reach, whatever your interests are. And since I have lived here for a while, I also can show my classmates all the places to enjoy in Philadelphia. ”

—Ferrell Townsend

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Joining the Singing City Choir in Philadelphia took me outside the 'law school bubble' and helped me get to know some incredible individuals from all walks of life—including other attorneys. We performed at churches, mosques and other locations throughout Philadelphia. I'm a classically trained vocalist, and I really wanted to continue that interest. ”

Justin Schilling '19

Former Judicial Law Clerk for
The Hon. Paula T. Dow, Burlington County
Superior Court, Chancery Division



An Ideal Location

Located just 12 miles west of Philadelphia in a beautiful suburb convenient to Center City, Villanova Law will suit you whether you crave the vibrancy of a city or the quieter pace of the historic towns of Philadelphia's Main Line. Three on-campus SEPTA rail stops provide easy access to locations throughout Philadelphia, including 30th Street Station (a major rail hub) and Philadelphia International Airport. New York City is 100 miles to the north and Washington, D.C., 135 miles to the south—readily accessible by train or car (2-3 hours).

Most law students live within a 10- to 15-mile radius of the Villanova campus

Center City Philadelphia ■ Fairmount/Art Museum area ■ Manayunk ■ suburban towns such as Ardmore, Bryn Mawr, Radnor, Villanova, Wayne ■ King of Prussia

Philadelphia and the Main Line: Great Destinations

- The Barnes Foundation
- Bryn Mawr Film Institute
- Fairmount Park
- The Fillmore Philadelphia
- Historic Philadelphia
- King of Prussia Mall
- Philadelphia Museum of Art
- Schuylkill River Trail
- South Philadelphia Sports Complex (home of the Philadelphia Eagles, Flyers, Phillies & 76ers)
- Valley Forge National Park
- ... and more



BUILD YOUR NETWORK



I came to Villanova Law because of my connection with alum Richard Trumka '74, president of the AFL-CIO. I met Mr. Trumka after he spoke at Cornell when I was an undergrad, and he remained a mentor to me through college, into law school and beyond. When I was looking to transition from Big Law, he connected me with the NFL Players Association. That connection eventually led to my current position as General Counsel and Head of Business Affairs with the NFLPA.

I've stayed involved with Villanova Law, mainly through my work on the advisory board of the Jeffrey S. Moorad Center for Sports Law. *I want to pay it forward to today's students*—exactly what Mr. Trumka did for me. Through the Moorad Center, I've made many connections with students. I can answer questions about getting into sports law as well as labor and transactional law ■ ■ ■

Sean C. Sansiveri '08

General Counsel and Head of Business Affairs
NFLPA/NFL Players, Inc.



■ ■ ■ Whenever I get back to campus (not as often as I'd like), I leave with new student contacts and lasting relationships.

I also want students to understand that their peers will eventually become their biggest advocates. On my first day of law school, I was standing in line to pick up a textbook and struck up a conversation with a stranger. A week later, we started a study group, and we remain best friends to this day. I have a network of very dear friends from Villanova now working in different fields, but we often bounce ideas off each other through email and video calls, along with taking the occasional vacation. *Those friendships formed through the intensive work of law school have always been invaluable to me.* I have relied heavily on both my undergraduate and Villanova Law networks throughout my career. ”

—Sean C. Sansiveri '08

**135,000+ Villanovans
in the U.S. and worldwide**

Your National Nova Network

By choosing to “Go Nova,” you’ll be joining a tight-knit community of alumni that is 12,000 lawyers strong. From the moment you arrive, you’ll find that alumni take an active role in helping students network and find jobs—whether in the Mid-Atlantic region, on the West Coast or internationally. You’ll also become part of the larger Nova Nation, a worldwide community of over 135,000 Villanovans.



Ishmail Harris
Waldorf, MD
BS, BA, North Carolina Wesleyan College

“From the beginning, I sensed that the alumni really cared. As a Charles Widger '73 Leadership Scholar, I got to know Mr. Widger and many other alums who are partners and of-counsel at different firms. Antonio Burrell '13, an attorney with the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, is like a big brother to me, and I'm always running ideas by him. I have reached out to other alums in Washington, D.C., New York and Chicago, and they've always been willing to hop on the phone to tell me about their careers.”



Marie Bussey-Garza '17
Associate, DLA Piper

“I have reaped the benefits of this extraordinary support system. From alumni serving as judges for Moot Court competitions, to a former classmate reaching out to share a great opportunity, this community is all about giving back. Most recently, I had the great honor of working with Villanova Law professors, staff and alumni to develop the Villanova Law Women's Network. As vice president of this organization, I am excited to use this platform to champion Villanova Law women and the entire Villanova Law community.”

Katie Albanese '19

Associate, Greenberg Traurig, LLP



READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT



I came to the law school with a graduate degree in physics, so patent law seemed like the best way to meld my science background with the law. Now I'm an associate with Greenberg Traurig, LLP, where I work on patent litigation related to electronics, software and aerospace. Next year, I will be doing a one-year clerkship with a U.S. District Judge in East Texas who hears about 25% of all patent infringement cases in the nation.

My experiences at Villanova Law showed me what this field is all about and helped pave my way. *I still refer to my textbooks and notes from classes taught by patent attorneys who came right from practicing law every day to teaching us in the classroom* ■ ■ ■

■ ■ ■ But it all really started in my first year, when I attended the public interest auction at the law school and won a dinner with two intellectual property attorneys—one patent, one copyright—who were both alumni teaching at the law school. They became my mentors, and I still consult with them to this day. I served as president of the Intellectual Property Society, a small but tight-knit group of students who shared my interest. I also interned at IBM, I did an externship with a judge in Delaware, and I worked in the Clinic for Law and Entrepreneurship.

Thanks to the Legal Writing program, I also learned how to write well after years of focusing on the sciences. Arguing persuasively through writing was so foreign to me, but my professors taught me how to do that—and do it well.

My level of preparation coming out of Villanova Law was a 10 out of 10. ”

—Katie Albanese '19

Travis Nembhard '13

Administrator, Compliance and Enforcement, Department of For-Hire Vehicles, Washington, D.C.

“My experiences at Villanova Law solidified my career ambition for public interest law. This was largely due to the many externships and summer positions I held—especially my last two, at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Office of White House Counsel. The law school gave me the flexibility to live in D.C. for my last semester, which allowed me to participate in the White House internship program. The fact that I could obtain a nationally recognized legal internship speaks to the strength of Villanova Law.

As an adjunct law professor I encourage my students to take on externships. You gain an invaluable skill set that prepares you for practical legal assignments, challenging work environments and core lawyering scenarios. I'm grateful that Villanova helped me explore many different paths.”



Thomas Gallagher '89

Partner, Goodwin Procter

“I've always enjoyed staying plugged in to the law school. When I was a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Philadelphia, I taught Trial Advocacy courses and served as president of the Alumni Association. I was a founding member of the J. Willard O'Brien Inn of Court, which is all about mentoring and networking. Now I'm a member of Dean Alexander's Board of Consultants, helping to shape the future of the law school. I loved my Villanova Law experience.”

Sarah Baranik de Alarcón '19

Staff Attorney, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

“I work with survivors of violence from all over the world, helping them navigate the immigration benefits available if they want to stay in the U.S. I always tell my clients that they are the experts in their cases, what happened in their lives, and what they experienced in their countries and this expertise is the center of any case. My approach stems directly from my experiences in the law school's Clinic for Asylum, Refugee & Emigrant Services.

I also draw on lessons from faculty mentors who showed me that I would always be learning throughout my career. Villanova Law gave me the tools to become both an independent learner and the kind of advocate I want to be.”



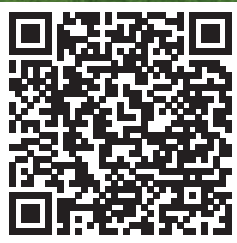
DAY ONE AND BEYOND

Everything you do at Villanova Law—from coursework and experiential learning, to Professional Development, to alumni networking and extracurriculars—will prepare you for day one of your job, and beyond. So will the many people you meet along the way: faculty mentors, career advisers, peers, alumni and practicing attorneys. This is a community invested in your success. We invite you to learn more about us at law.villanova.edu.



JOHN F. SCARPA HALL

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