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School of Law

Great in theory. Even better in practice.



A PROBLEM-SOLVING, PRACTICAL APPROACH

More enrollment options than any law school in the country.

A rigorous curriculum that prepares you to practice. More than 19,000 alumni to help guide your path to your career. Whether you take classes days, nights, weekends, on-campus or part online, you'll start learning the work of a lawyer by doing it. You'll benefit from top-ranked programs in emerging specialties. You'll be ready to make an immediate contribution in law, business, government, community service, or whatever field you pursue.

At Mitchell Hamline School of Law, we have been educating lawyers for more than 100 years but are still innovating to respond to the changing legal world. Let us help you put your dreams to work.



The Mitchell Hamline campus is located on historic Summit Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota.

YOU'LL BE WELL-QUALIFIED TO GO RIGHT TO WORK

Mitchell Hamline prepares students from all walks of life to hit the ground running as lawyers and leaders as soon as they graduate.

Our multiple enrollment options are designed to let you earn a J.D. without putting your other commitments in life on hold—or even relocating to the Twin Cities. In addition to full- and part-time on-campus schedules, we offer several partially online options:

- A weekend J.D. program, in which students attend classes on campus every other weekend
- The first-in-the-nation HYBRID J.D.SM program, in which students spend 1-2 weeks per semester on campus
- The Executive J.D. option, which involves two visits to campus per semester and includes a focus on leadership skills.

Our faculty is comprised of experienced jurists and practitioners dedicated to teaching and invested in your success. We are an independent law school, which allows us to move quickly and innovatively in response to changing times. We were pioneers in teaching students a deeper understanding of the law through application to real-world situations, and we continue to lead today. We have top-ranked offerings in dispute resolution, health law, clinical practice, and part-time programs.

At Mitchell Hamline, we don't make you wait for graduation to get experience. Your immersion in experiential learning begins on day one. Many 1Ls volunteer in the community through the Minnesota Justice Foundation and work as research assistants. Upper-level students can work in legal settings through externships and residencies and also represent clients—under the supervision of experienced faculty—as part of the clinical program.

Getting out of the classroom allows our students to connect with an alumni network that's the largest in the region and passionate about helping graduates succeed. Our alumni are attorneys in law firms large and small, entrepreneurs and business professionals in an array of industries, and public servants on the bench, in elected office, and working in government agencies, legal aid organizations, and nonprofits.

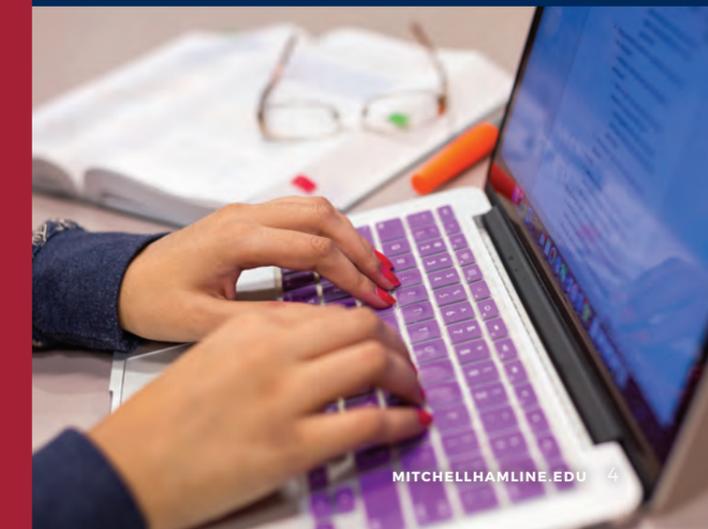
It takes more than knowing the law to be a great lawyer. It takes knowing how to put it to work to make a difference in the world. When you graduate from Mitchell Hamline, you'll have the skills, knowledge, network, and confidence to start making your own contributions the first day on the job.



legacy +
innovation

“At Mitchell Hamline, we’re creating a new model of 21st century legal education, one student at a time.”

MARK GORDON, PRESIDENT AND DEAN,
MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOOL OF LAW



ACADEMICS

We give you a solid grounding in legal theory, in the context of professional practice.

FLEXIBLE ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Mitchell Hamline is the only ABA-approved law school to offer six enrollment options to meet the needs of students from all walks of life. Students can easily switch between on-campus options as they progress toward their J.D.

Traditional full time: On-campus, 4-5 classes per semester for 3 years, classes meet M-F.

Part-time evening and day: On-campus, 3-4 classes per semester for 4 years, first-year classes meet at 6 pm three nights per week (with an occasional fourth night) M-Th. Day schedule also available.

Hybrid part time: On-campus and online, 3-4 classes per semester for 4 years, on campus for first week of first and third semester and final week of every semester, for a total of 10 weeks on-campus over the course of the program. **The HYBRID J.D. program is the first program of its kind in the country.**

Weekend part time: On-campus and online, 3-4 classes per semester for 4 years, on campus every other weekend (for a total of 7 weekends per semester), classes meet all day on Saturdays and on Sunday mornings and may meet Sunday afternoons.

Executive J.D.: On-campus and online, 3-4 classes per semester for 4 years, on campus twice every semester, includes leadership training and prepares graduates to sit for the bar in every state, including New York.

THEORETICAL FOUNDATION

Our classes teach theory, practical and problem-solving skills, and the professional attributes students need to be successful lawyers and business practitioners.

Courses integrate lectures, reading, and hands-on training. They empower students with the ability to think critically, write sharply, advocate ethically, and solve problems effectively.

We provide a demanding legal education so engaged with the profession that our graduates have an enduring advantage as they meet the challenges of an increasingly complex world.

By the time our students earn their degree, they have the skills, knowledge, professionalism, and experience to step confidently into their career.

SKILLS-BASED CURRICULUM

Skills-based coursework at Mitchell Hamline starts in the first year of law school with Lawyering: Advice and Persuasion. It features small-group classes designed to help students begin to master fundamental client-representation skills such as interviewing, researching, writing, negotiating, arguing, and settling.

In addition, all Mitchell Hamline students take upper-level classes that deepen their skills in both advocacy and problem-solving.

These are the curricular cornerstones for an approach that's at the heart of what Mitchell Hamline offers: **an experiential education that provides students with the maximum possible opportunity to do what real lawyers do while still in law school.**

options
+ quality



AREAS OF STUDY

You'll have the opportunity at Mitchell Hamline to focus on particular areas of legal theory and practice. Among the areas in which you'll have the chance to specialize are:

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION	FAMILY LAW
BUSINESS LAW	GOVERNMENT SERVICE
CHILD WELFARE	HEALTH LAW
CIVIL LITIGATION	INDIAN LAW
CIVIL RIGHTS	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
CRIMINAL LAW	PUBLIC INTEREST LAW
ELDER LAW	REAL ESTATE LAW
EMPLOYMENT LAW	REGULATORY LAW
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW	TAX LAW
ESTATE PLANNING	



TOP-RANKED PROGRAMS

The dispute resolution program at Mitchell Hamline, built around the **Dispute Resolution Institute**, has been ranked in the top 5 nationally by U.S. News & World Report for 17 consecutive years. The health law program, anchored by the **Health Law Institute**, is ranked 11th. The **clinical and part-time programs** have been among the top-ranked in the nation.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

At Mitchell Hamline, we've been doing experiential learning longer and better than anybody else.

It's fashionable these days for law schools to talk about their commitment to experiential learning. **At Mitchell Hamline, it's at the core of our approach to legal education. It pervades our curriculum, touching all students.**

Our students were among the first in the nation to represent real clients with real legal problems through a partnership we established with a local charity in St. Paul in 1922. A dozen years later, we became the only U.S. law school to offer a four-year course in court practice. Then came a seminar on legal writing and legal drafting in the late 1950s.

The foundation of the school's current experiential education program came in 1973, with the creation of one of the nation's first clinical programs. That program is housed in the Rosalie Wahl Legal Practice Center. Named for one of its co-founders and a Mitchell Hamline alumna who would go on to become the first woman on the

Minnesota Supreme Court, the Rosalie Wahl Legal Practice Center functions as a law office within the law school. Students represent low-income renters, prisoners, nonprofit groups, immigrants, and others. They draft contracts and file patent applications. The clinical program has been among the top-ranked in the nation for more than a decade.

At Mitchell Hamline, students get pro bono experience starting in their first year through the Minnesota Justice Foundation and are eligible in later years for more than a dozen clinics as well as externship and residency placements in more than three dozen legal settings. They participate in moot courts and competitions. They have the chance to travel throughout Minnesota on a specially designed vehicle—nicknamed the "Wheels of Justice"—providing free legal assistance. Throughout the curriculum, simulations are used to give students practice resolving situations they'll face in the real world.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRESSION AT MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Year 1	Year 2*	Year 3*
Minnesota Justice Foundation		
	Externships	
	Clinics	
		Residencies

* Based on a full-time schedule.



As a student, Inti Martínez-Alemán and Associate Dean Peter Knapp visited a community organization in St. Paul to meet with clients as part of a clinic.

MITCHELL HAMLINE CLINICS

As part of Mitchell Hamline's clinical program, students—under the supervision of full-time professors—take the lead on representing real clients who might not otherwise have access to an attorney.

We offer the following clinics:

BUSINESS LAW	INNOCENCE
CHILD PROTECTION	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
CIVIL ADVOCACY	LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO MINNESOTA PRISONERS
EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION MEDIATION REPRESENTATION	MEDIATION
HEALTH LAW	REENTRY (FOR FEMALE EX-PRISONERS)
IMMIGRATION LAW	STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER POST-CONVICTION
INDIAN LAW: IMPACT LITIGATION	



“The law is certainly something we've got to think about, but it's also something that in the end we've got to do. It's great to read the DMV's motor safety regulations, but there's nothing like being out on the road if what you're trying to do is learn how to drive.”

PROFESSOR PETER KNAPP
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

theory +
practice



HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE TO GIVE YOU A LEG UP.

Cumah Blake '14 clerked for the general counsel in Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton's office while in law school and now works as legal counsel for Governor Dayton. The Texas native came to law school knowing she would pursue a career in public service. "I wanted to give back to the community," she said. As a law student, Blake helped represent low-income clients as part of the criminal misdemeanor clinic. A member of the National Guard, she is pursuing a position as a Judge Advocate General. "My law school education gave me the fundamental knowledge of the law, but it also took it to the next level, providing me with practical, hands-on training as well as the skills to network and build relationships and connections. It's that combination of things that allowed me to go straight from graduation into a job that I love."



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CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The region's largest alumni network, and a host of professional connections, give you the advantage in building a career.

CAREER SERVICES

We provide resources to assist you with every aspect of professional development. Our J.D.-credentialed counselors can help you identify your strengths, focus your career interests, and develop a job search strategy. We can connect you with attorneys practicing in areas you're interested in, and we'll provide guidance on how to network with them. We specialize in helping you prepare effective and professional resumes, cover letters, and other application materials. And, when you're preparing for an interview, we'll conduct a mock interview with you and provide feedback on your performance.

EXTERNSHIPS AND RESIDENCIES

We offer more than 200 externships with some of the most prestigious organizations around the country that allow you to earn credit outside of the law school by working with practicing attorneys in the community. Deeper, more intensive experiences at external sites are available through the residency program.

Students work across a range of practice areas, including health law, business law, alternative dispute resolution, and criminal law. They also experience a variety of legal settings, working with public defenders to preserve the rights of the accused; with prosecutors to achieve just results in criminal cases; with state and county agencies to shape public policy and protect society's most

vulnerable; with federal, state, and tribal judges to ensure the judicial system is just; and with numerous other partners. Students in externships and residencies are supervised both by Mitchell Hamline faculty and by attorneys or judges in the field.

MENTORSHIPS

We offer a range of mentorship opportunities throughout your law school career. For entering students, we set up small groups that include alumni and a second-year student to offer guidance and assistance on making a successful transition to law school.

After their first year, students are paired with more experienced alumni working in areas of specific interest to the students, with an emphasis on observational opportunities, expanding networks, and building additional connections to the student's career of choice. All along the way, there are numerous opportunities for social interaction, job shadowing, and networking.

support
+ success

MENTORS TO HELP SHOW YOU THE WAY.

Andrew Davis '16 was paired with mentor Christopher Keyser '08 in his first year of law school and has stayed in touch ever since. Davis calls Keyser's influence "absolutely pivotal" in his decision to open a solo practice after he graduated. "He gave me the confidence to jump. I don't know that I would have been confident enough to go out on my own had I not met Chris," Davis said. Keyser said he's happy to give back through mentoring. "There were attorneys who bridged the gap between law school and practice for me, so I'm happy to pay that experience forward."



Andrew Davis, right, and mentor Christopher Keyser



THE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

The Mitchell Hamline campus is located on historic Summit Avenue in the capital city of St. Paul, Minn. Summit Avenue features the longest stretch of preserved Victorian architecture in the country—perfect for strolling or biking. It's been ranked as one of the best places in the state to view fall foliage. One street over is Grand Avenue, a destination for dining, shopping, and living.

On campus, you'll find a welcoming, collaborative environment with more than 50 student groups, facilities that were recently ranked among the best in the nation, classrooms equipped with the latest multimedia technology, and a state-of-the-art law library named for Warren E. Burger, a 1931 graduate and the 15th chief justice of the United States. You'll also benefit from an enduring relationship with Hamline University—Minnesota's first university—that provides access to dual-degree programs as well as facilities and cultural programs.



LIVING IN THE TWIN CITIES

Mitchell Hamline is just minutes by car or light rail from the downtowns of Minneapolis and St. Paul, which are home to state and federal government offices, top law firms, and 17 Fortune 500 companies—all of which employ Mitchell Hamline graduates in leadership positions.

Roughly 3.5 million people call the Twin Cities home, drawn to world-class attractions including professional teams in football, baseball, basketball, hockey, and soccer; an extensive network of parks, lakes, and trails; thriving nightlife; a burgeoning craft beer community; and more theater seats per capita than anywhere outside New York City. St. Paul/Minneapolis was recently named the "Absolute Top" city in the country to live in, based on its multiple appearances on various "best of" lists.



law + life



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

WHY MITCHELL HAMLINE IS RIGHT FOR YOU

An unmatched commitment to access that allows you to earn a law degree in a way that fits your life. Rigorous training focused on preparing you to practice law or to use your legal training in the profession of your choice. A comfortable, welcoming campus with top-notch facilities in the heart of a vibrant metropolitan area. The region's largest network of alumni, made up of more than 19,000 graduates ready to advise, connect, and inspire you on your path to a career.

At Mitchell Hamline, you'll benefit from the experience we've gained over more than a century of educating students to be knowledgeable, skilled, confident lawyers. And you'll grow with us as we pioneer new ways to teach the law in a changing world. You'll get an education that's great in theory, even better in practice.

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Meet students, professors, and Admissions representatives. Tour campus. Sit in on a class. Envision yourself as a law student here.

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