



Meet Your Administrative Team

Starting law school is exciting, challenging, and filled with new faces, offices, and resources. One of the greatest strengths of our law school is the team of professionals dedicated to supporting you throughout your journey. This guide introduces the administrative staff you'll meet during your time here, along with their photos, roles, and the many ways they can assist you.

We encourage you to get to know these individuals early—not just when you have a problem. Whether you have questions about academics, financial aid, student organizations, career planning, wellness, accessibility, technology, registration, or simply aren't sure where to turn, someone in this guide is here to help. Our goal is to make sure you always know who to contact and that you feel supported every step of the way.

Law school is not a journey you take alone. We look forward to getting to know you, helping you navigate challenges, celebrating your successes, and cheering you on all the way to graduation and beyond. Welcome to the WNE Law community—we're excited to be part of your success story!

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ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT



Téa Wilmot

Assistant Dean of Law Admissions

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How I Can Help You:

Dean Wilmot leads the admissions office and supports prospective and admitted students throughout the enrollment process. She also assists with transition programming for new students entering law school.

Contact Me If You:

- Have questions about your admission or enrollment.
- Need assistance before beginning law school.
- Want information about scholarships or admissions programs.
- Know someone interested in attending WNE Law.



Fred Royal

Associate Dean of Graduate Legal Studies

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How I Can Help You:

Dean Royal oversees the online LL.M. in Elder Law and Estate Planning program. He works with students, faculty, and staff to ensure a high-quality graduate legal education experience and continued growth of the program.

Contact Me If You:

- Are enrolled in or interested in the LL.M. program.
- Have questions about graduate legal studies.
- Need academic guidance related to the LL.M. curriculum.
- Want information about graduate legal education opportunities.

LAW SCHOOL LEADERSHIP



Zelda B. Harris

Dean of the School of Law

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How I Can Help You:

Dean Harris serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the School of Law. She provides strategic leadership for the law school, oversees academic programs and operations, and works to ensure an outstanding educational experience for all students.

Contact Me If You:

- Want to share ideas for improving the law school.
- Are interested in major law school initiatives and opportunities.
- Need assistance with matters that require dean-level review.
- Have a significant concern that cannot be resolved through another office.



Dale-Marie Dahlke

Director of Operations and Assistant to the Dean

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How I Can Help You:

Director Dahlke oversees many of the operational and administrative functions that keep the law school running smoothly. She manages budgets, coordinates major law school events and operations, and serves as the Dean's principal administrative assistant.

Contact Me If You:

- Need assistance being directed to the appropriate office.
- Have questions regarding law school operations or events.
- Need help connecting with the Deans' Office.
- Have administrative questions that are not clearly assigned to another office.
- Have concerns related to the law school building.



Terese Chenier

Law School Registrar

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How I Can Help You:

Registrar Chenier oversees and maintains academic records and assists students with registration, transcripts, graduation requirements, and other academic records matters.

Contact Me If You:

- Need a transcript.
- Have questions about registration.
- Need certification of enrollment.
- Have questions regarding academic records.
- Have questions about the schedule of classes and exams.



Yessenia Guzman
Director of JD Access
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How I Can Help You:

Director Guzman serves as the primary point of contact for students in the JD Access online part-time program.

She helps students navigate academic, administrative, technological, and student support resources while fostering a strong sense of community within the program.

Contact Me If You:

- Are a JD Access student and have questions about the program.
- Need assistance accessing campus resources or support services.
- Have questions about online learning tools or navigating your courses.
- Want support, guidance, or connections to help you succeed in law school.

STUDENT SUPPORT



Justin Dion
Associate Dean of Student Success
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How I Can Help You:

Dean Dion is here to help you navigate all aspects of student life outside the classroom. Dean Dion's goal is to ensure you have the support, resources, and guidance you need to thrive personally, professionally, and academically throughout law school. Whether you are facing a challenge or simply don't know where to start, Dean Dion is happy to connect you with the right resources.

Contact Me If You:

- Need assistance accessing wellness, mental health, medical, or other campus and community resources.
- Have questions about housing, food insecurity, transportation, or other basic needs.
- Have concerns about a student organization, leadership opportunities, or student programming.
- Want to discuss professionalism, student conduct, or concerns affecting the law school community.
- Need assistance connecting with another office or university resource.
- Need help balancing law school, work, family, or other personal responsibilities.



Bridgette Baldwin
**Associate Dean of Justice, Equity, Diversity,
and Inclusion**
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How I Can Help You:

Dean Baldwin works to foster a welcoming and inclusive community where all students can thrive. She develops programs and initiatives that support belonging, equity, and student engagement throughout the law school.

Contact Me If You:

- Are seeking support related to wellness, belonging and inclusion.
- Want to become involved in justice, inclusion, and diversity-focused programming.
- Have concerns affecting your experience as a member of our community.
- Need to report a Title IX or bias-related incident.



Jessica Mahon Scoles
Director of the Tendler Center for Inclusive Advocacy
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How I Can Help You:

Professor Mahon Scoles is the Director of the Tendler Center for Inclusive Advocacy. The Tendler Center houses the law school's mock trial, moot court, and tax challenge teams. These teams help students to develop their written and oral advocacy skills through participation in competitive simulated legal proceeding legal proceedings. The Tendler Center also offers programming, and volunteer opportunities to prepare students to become effective, culturally competent, and inclusive advocates.

Contact Me If You:

- Want to learn more about the Tendler Center and its programs.
- Want to learn more about the mock trial, moot court, or tax challenge teams and how you can get involved.
- Need support finding opportunities to strengthen your cultural competency and client advocacy skills.
- Have ideas for programs or events that enhance the law school's advocacy program.



Julie Steiner
Director of the Institute for Legislative and Governmental Affairs
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How I Can Help You:

Professor Steiner leads the Institute for Legislative and Governmental Affairs, which provides educational programming focused on government, public policy, legislation, and public service. Through lectures, debates, hearings, civic engagement programs, and special events, the Institute connects students with lawmakers, public officials, and leaders working in government and public service.

Contact Me If You:

- Are interested in government, public policy, or legislative careers.
- Want to participate in programs involving elected officials or public servants.
- Are interested in civic engagement, public service, or policy-focused events.
- Want information about opportunities connected to the Institute for Legislative and Governmental Affairs.



Timothy Webster
Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development
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How I Can Help You:

Dean Webster supports the scholarly and professional development of the law school's faculty and helps advance the law school's academic reputation through faculty research, publications, conferences, and professional engagement. He works closely with faculty to promote innovative scholarship and thought leadership while contributing to the intellectual life of the law school.

Contact Me If You:

- Are interested in faculty scholarship, research projects, or academic programming.
- Want information about faculty lectures, presentations, or scholarly events.
- Have ideas for academic collaborations involving faculty research.
- Are seeking opportunities to engage with faculty outside the classroom through scholarly initiatives.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT



Luwam Dirar

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

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How I Can Help You:

Dean Dirar oversees the law school's academic program and curriculum. She works with students on academic planning, course selection, graduation requirements, and academic policies.

Contact Me If You:

- Have questions about course registration.
- Need assistance with academic planning.
- Want guidance regarding graduation requirements.
- Have concerns related to academic policies or procedures.
- Need accommodations for the classroom or exams.



Justin Dion

Assistant Dean of Academic and Bar Success

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How I Can Help You:

Dean Dion works with students to maximize their academic performance from the first day of law school through the bar examination. Whether you are looking to improve your study strategies, overcome academic challenges, develop stronger exam skills, or prepare for the bar exam, Dean Dion provides individualized coaching and evidence-based strategies to help you achieve your goals.

Contact Me If You:

- Want to improve your study strategies and time management.
- Need help preparing for law school exams.
- Would like assistance creating outlines, study schedules, or academic success plans.
- Are experiencing academic difficulty or are concerned about your performance.
- Want to develop stronger exam-writing or multiple-choice testing skills.



Nicole Belbin

Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources

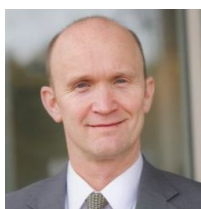
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How I Can Help You:

Dean Belbin oversees the law library and legal research services. She and her team help students develop strong research skills and access the resources needed for academic and professional success.

Contact Me If You:

- Need help conducting research or need database access.
- Have questions about library resources.
- Need assistance locating research materials.
- Want to improve your research skills.



Robert Statchen

Associate Dean of Experiential Learning

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How I Can Help You:

Dean Statchen oversees the law school's clinics, externships, practicums, and other live-client experiential learning opportunities. He helps ensure students gain practical legal experience that prepares them for professional practice.

Contact Me If You:

- Want to participate in a clinic, practicum, or externship.
- Need guidance about experiential learning opportunities.
- Have questions about field placements.
- Are interested in gaining hands-on legal experience.



Tiffany Smith

Director of Academic and Bar Success

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How I Can Help You:

Director Smith works with law students from day one through the bar exam. Whether it's developing effective study skills, analytical strategies, and professional habits as a first year, honing time management, mastering outlining, and applying cohesive rule synthesization as a 3L, or reviewing and recognizing challenges and patterns to prepare for success on the bar exam.

Contact Me If You:

- Need help developing a workable study schedule tailored to your individual needs and learning style.
- Want assistance with notetaking, outlining, briefing, IRAC-ing, or test-taking skills.
- Have questions about the MPRE.
- Are seeking advice on bar exam information, character and fitness application, or bar study.



Professor Beth Cohen

Director of Lawyering Skills

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How I Can Help You:

Professor Cohen leads the Lawyering Skills Program, where you will develop the core skills every successful lawyer needs: legal research, legal writing, legal analysis, client communication, advocacy, and oral argument. Through hands-on assignments and individualized feedback, the Lawyering Skills faculty will help you learn to think, write, and advocate like a lawyer while building the practical skills that will serve you throughout law school and your legal career.

Contact Me If You:

- Have questions about the Lawyering Skills course or assignments.
- Need general guidance on legal research.
- Want to improve your legal writing, analysis, or citation skills.
- Need help preparing for oral arguments or other advocacy exercises.
- Are interested in Advanced Lawyering Skills courses and opportunities.
- Want to strengthen the practical skills that will prepare you for success in law school and legal practice.

CAREER AND PRO BONO SERVICE



Melanie Lewis

Assistant Dean of Law Career Services

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How I Can Help You:

Dean Lewis helps students explore career paths, identify and successfully apply to secure internships, summer employment, and post-graduation positions and maintains an internal database of available positions and fellowship opportunities. The CSO office provides resource materials on its Canvas page, runs drop-in sessions for application material reviews, and offers individual counseling sessions.

Contact Me If You:

- Need help with your résumé or cover letter.
- Are preparing for interviews.
- Want assistance finding internships, fellowships, or employment.
- Need guidance regarding career planning and networking.
- Need help complying with the pro bono service graduation requirement.



Zachary Bleckner

Director of the Center for Social Justice

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How I Can Help You:

Director Bleckner leads the Center for Social Justice and helps students engage in public interest law, community service, and experiential learning opportunities that serve underserved populations.

Contact Me If You:

- Are interested in public interest law.
- Want to participate in social justice initiatives.
- Need information about the Consumer Debt Initiative, the Criminal Offender Records Information project, or other community-based opportunities.
- Are interested in pro bono and service opportunities.