

VIRTUAL TOUR



WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
UNIVERSITY



SCHOOL *of* LAW

WELCOME TO THE BLAKE LAW CENTER, HOME TO THE WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW!

Like you, students are drawn to our collegial and supportive learning environment where they are inspired by a faculty that is passionate about the law and its power to impact our world for the greater good. Our learning space is more than bricks and mortar, it is a place where students find their voice as legal scholars, advocates, and defenders of the rule of law. Come be a part of this life-changing community.

“I think of Western New England as a whole as a place of opportunity, but it is also a place of community. And these are two values that we embrace in every part of the University. We embrace it in terms of our academic units being ones where we teach students about the grandiose ideas that are part of our discipline. We provide them with the practical training to get them to the goals that we are trying to achieve. And we also do it with a sense of community, and it’s community among faculty, and staff, and administrators all joining together to create this environment for our students.”

**Sudha Setty
Dean, School of Law**



LAW COMMON

The Law Common is the where you will be welcomed to the Blake Law Center. As the heart of the Law Center, it serves as a community gathering space for guest lectures, School celebrations, open houses, symposia, and other events. On a day-to-day basis, it is also a space where students come to unwind or socialize with friends.





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Just off of the Law Common you will find the administrative wing. Your one-stop-shop for the Registrar's Office, Dean's Suite, Career Services Office, and the office of the Director of the Center for Social Justice. All of the resources our law students need are located within the Blake Law Center. However, law students also have access to other amenities on our 215-acre campus, such as the main library on campus, dining options at the new University Commons, housing options, and the Alumni Healthful Living Center.





STUDENT LOUNGE

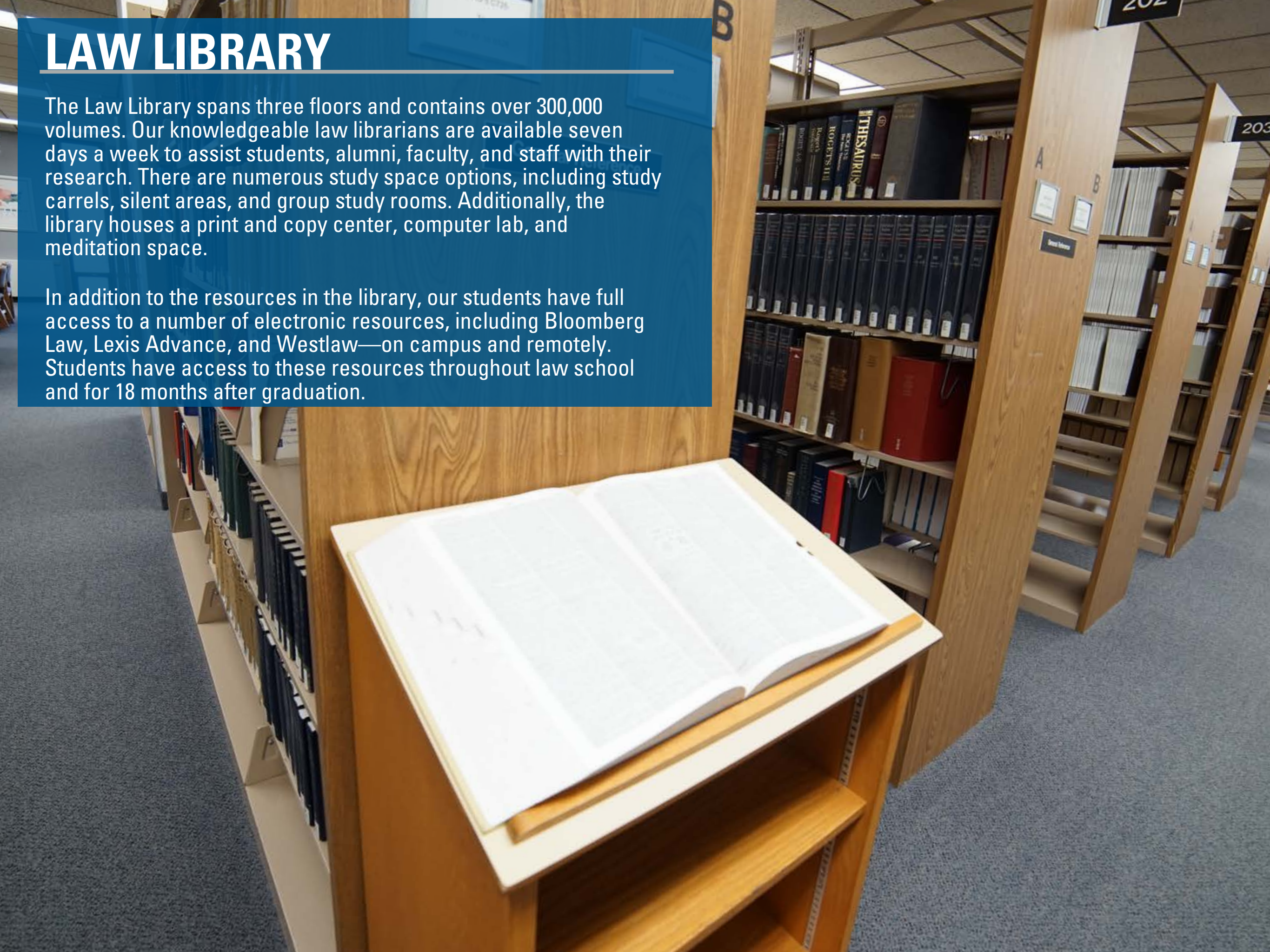
The recently remodeled student lounge is a great space to grab a bite, relax, and enjoy a game of table tennis or foosball with your classmates.



LAW LIBRARY

The Law Library spans three floors and contains over 300,000 volumes. Our knowledgeable law librarians are available seven days a week to assist students, alumni, faculty, and staff with their research. There are numerous study space options, including study carrels, silent areas, and group study rooms. Additionally, the library houses a print and copy center, computer lab, and meditation space.

In addition to the resources in the library, our students have full access to a number of electronic resources, including Bloomberg Law, Lexis Advance, and Westlaw—on campus and remotely. Students have access to these resources throughout law school and for 18 months after graduation.









CLINIC OFFICE

At WNE University School of Law, we have 10 clinics (listed below). Students in our Small Business Clinic and International Human Rights Clinic work in our new clinic office space. Students working in our eight other clinics are placed at sites throughout western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut.

- ▶ Criminal Defense Practicum
- ▶ Criminal Prosecution Clinic
- ▶ Family Defense Practicum
- ▶ Family Law Mediation Clinic
- ▶ International Human Rights Clinic
- ▶ Legal Aid Clinic / General Civil Practice Units
- ▶ Legal Aid Clinic / Immigration Unit
- ▶ Legal Aid Clinic / Veterans Unit
- ▶ Real Estate Practicum
- ▶ Small Business Clinic

In addition to the clinics, we have a wide variety of externships available each semester. Our Externship Program places students with judges and lawyers who have agreed to provide a mentored learning environment.

All students enrolled in a clinic or externship have access to the clinic space, which contains conference rooms and classrooms.





PELLEGRINI MOOT COURT ROOM

The Pellegrini Moot Court Room is a state-of-the-art court room, equipped with a recording system, judge's chambers, and jury deliberation room. This room is used primarily for our simulation-based classes and moot court teams. Additionally, it is used by the community for naturalization ceremonies to welcome new citizens, and for the Massachusetts Court of Appeals to hold hearings each semester.









CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND BAR PROGRAMS

At WNE, we have a robust academic support program to help you succeed in law school and on the bar exam. On the first floor of the Blake Law Center, you will find the Center for **Academic Success** and **Bar Programs**, which contains a resource room with numerous study aids, meeting space, and the office of our Director of Academic Success Programs Professor Justin Dion.



CLASSROOMS

The JD program is structured to prepare you for the practice of law in any American jurisdiction. You will begin with several required courses that form the foundation for more advanced legal studies. These courses include Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Introduction to the Law, Introduction to the Legal Profession, Lawyering Skills I, Lawyering Skills II, Property, and Torts. Later, you will take Advanced Legal Analysis, Business Organizations, Evidence, Income Tax I, and Professional Responsibility.

Many of the foundation courses are held in our larger classrooms. All of these rooms are equipped with Wi-Fi, smart podiums, recording equipment, and other learning technology that you would expect to see in a modern classroom.



A young man with short dark hair and a light beard, wearing a red and blue plaid shirt, is seated at a desk in a classroom. He is looking towards the right and gesturing with his right hand, palm up, while holding a pen in his left hand. A pink wristband is visible on his left wrist. In the background, other students are blurred, and the setting appears to be a modern classroom or lecture hall.

CLASSROOMS

WNE School of Law offers a wide variety of elective courses. These courses range in size and in learning style (i.e. lecture course, seminar, simulation-based course, writing course etc.) Many of our elective courses are designed to be more intimate and are taught in one of our smaller classrooms.

Although many of our students choose to design their own curriculum with guidance from a faculty advisor, we also offer five **concentrations**: Criminal Law, Gender and Sexuality, International and Comparative Law, Public Interest Law, and Transactional Law.







OPEN STUDY SPACES

The Blake Law Center has several open study spaces throughout the building. This lends itself well to the collegial atmosphere that we pride ourselves on. Our students truly see each other as colleagues rather than competitors. This mentality forms a great base for our alumni community—a strong network of over 8,000 people stretching across all 50 states and several countries.



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***LAW REVIEW* OFFICE**

The *Law Review* Office is located on the third floor of the library. Full-time students may join after their first year and part-time students may join after their second year. *Law Review* is a two-year commitment and involves writing an original piece of legal research of publication quality and editing articles that have already been slated for publication.

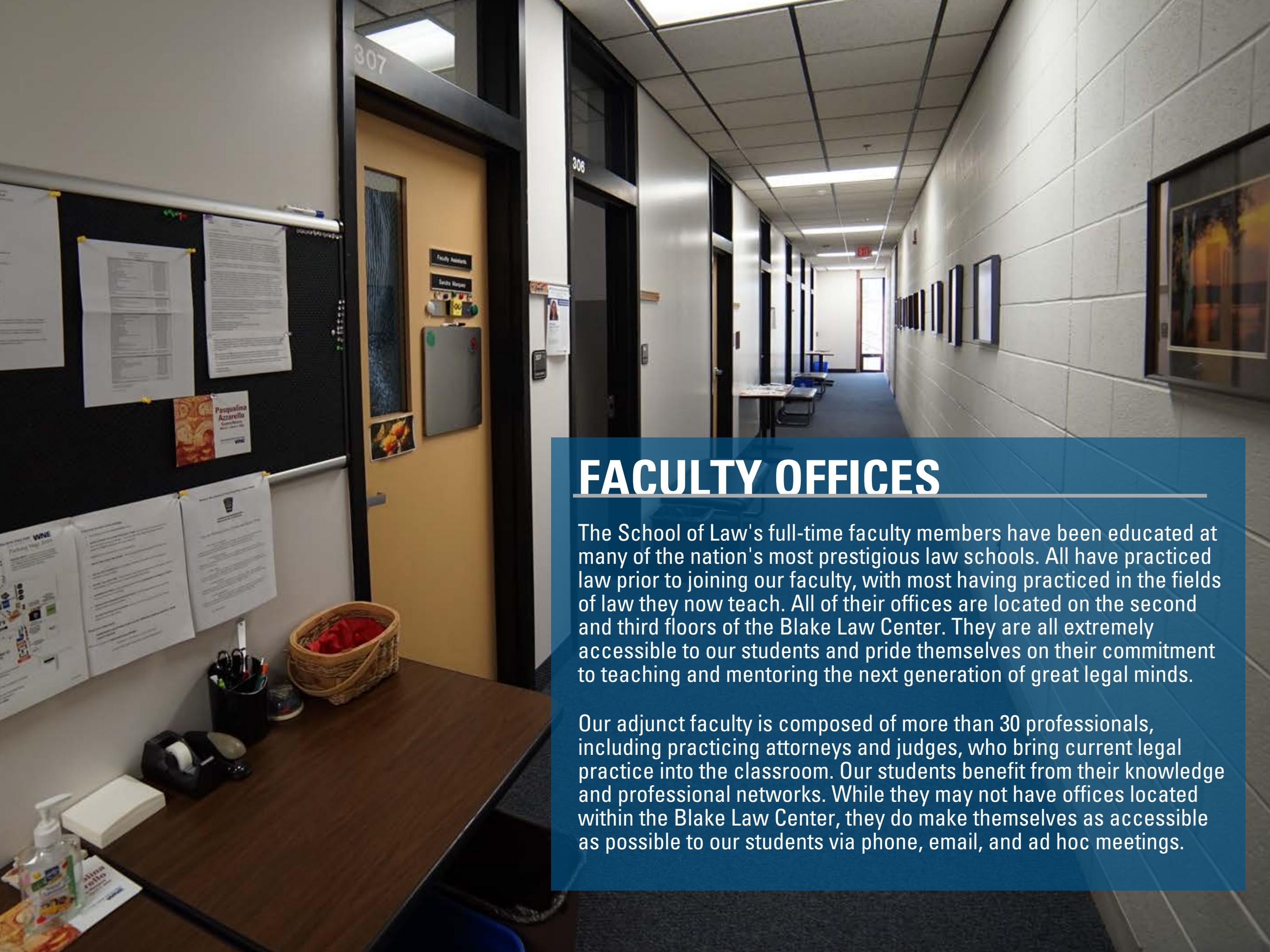






SBA OFFICE

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is our form of student government. The SBA oversees all student organizations and school-wide events. It is also involved in the management of the law school, with students attending faculty meetings, admissions committee meetings, and other operations that have a direct effect on our student body.



FACULTY OFFICES

The School of Law's full-time faculty members have been educated at many of the nation's most prestigious law schools. All have practiced law prior to joining our faculty, with most having practiced in the fields of law they now teach. All of their offices are located on the second and third floors of the Blake Law Center. They are all extremely accessible to our students and pride themselves on their commitment to teaching and mentoring the next generation of great legal minds.

Our adjunct faculty is composed of more than 30 professionals, including practicing attorneys and judges, who bring current legal practice into the classroom. Our students benefit from their knowledge and professional networks. While they may not have offices located within the Blake Law Center, they do make themselves as accessible as possible to our students via phone, email, and ad hoc meetings.



A photograph of three men in conversation. The man in the center, wearing a dark suit and tie, is speaking and gesturing with his hands. To his left, the back of a man's head is visible. To his right, another man in a grey hoodie is seen from the side, carrying a black bag with books. The background is a brick wall.


CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The School of Law's roots in community-based legal education stretch back a century, with the mission of promoting opportunity for students and engagement with the greater Springfield community. Launched in 2019, the University's Centennial year, the **Center for Social Justice** has two main goals. The first is to provide a cohesive organizing framework for the School of Law's justice-related teaching, scholarship, and service. The second is to broaden the School of Law's academic offerings in the social justice arena, engage students more robustly, and work closely with community organizations and partners to identify and address unmet needs that require a multidimensional response cutting across law and other fields.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Western New England University is located in a residential neighborhood of Springfield, Massachusetts. Our campus is an expansive 215 acres. The Blake Law Center is located on the edge of campus and is surrounded by ample parking for our students.



The image shows the exterior of the Blake Law Center building at dusk. The building features a prominent entrance with a glass canopy supported by white columns. The name "Blake Law Center" is visible on the canopy. The building has a brick and stone facade. The sky is a deep blue, and the interior lights of the building are on, creating a warm glow.

Blake Law Center

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