

# ASU LAW

A Higher Degree of Opportunity







Welcome to the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, where you will experience a higher degree of opportunity on your road to becoming a great lawyer or a master of legal principles in your industry. It is a privilege—and a great responsibility—to be entrusted with the name and legacy of former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. We strive to honor her by committing ourselves, as she has, to advancing justice through education and public service.

At ASU Law, we offer comprehensive curriculum which includes more than 250 unique courses offered each year so students can tailor their education to their interests. We believe providing personalized and practical legal education is paramount. And therefore, we offer a number of programs and guaranteed externships that are led and supported by faculty, staff and other experts who are passionately focused on students' success. And while we continue to increase the number of programs we offer and experience growing student interest, we continue to have one of the best student-to-faculty ratios in the country.

ASU Law and its home in downtown Phoenix, the nation's fifth-largest city, provide tremendous opportunities that range from exciting intellectual and practical academic experiences, to economic advantages that come from being the only law school within 100 miles and just steps away from law firms, government entities, and businesses. Opportunities also come in the form of rich cultural activities and an overall lifestyle that is enhanced by endless sunshine and the great outdoors. ASU Law further offers extensive programs beyond Phoenix, in key places like Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles.

Our commitment to our students' success continues forever through our Law for Life program, which offers graduates free career guidance and support from our Office of Career and Employment Services as well as free or low-cost preferred tuition rates on continued education.

With gainfully employed graduates, a dynamic and vibrant community, and an institution dedicated at every level to providing you with the finest educational experience possible, ASU Law is ideally suited to get you where you want to go.

## Douglas J. Sylvester

Dean and Professor of Law  
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law  
Arizona State University

# No. 9

public law school

— 2020 U.S. News & World Report

# No. 23

in the world

— Academic Ranking of World Universities

# No. 27

best law school nationally

— 2020 U.S. News & World Report

Five programs in the top 27

## #5

Legal Writing

## #10

Dispute Resolution

## #16

Health Law

## #21

Environmental Law

## #27

International Law

— 2020 U.S. News & World Report

## Degrees offered



**JD, Juris Doctor**



**LLM, Master of Laws**



**MLS, Master of Legal Studies**



**MSLB, Master of Sports Law and Business**

## ASU Law at a glance

**100%** of JD students received scholarships

**50** student organizations

**250** unique courses offered each year

**8,000+** alumni in all 50 states

**200+** externship placement options

**100,000+** public service hours  
voluntarily donated by students each year



# Academic

Join ASU Law, the nation's No. 9 ranked public law school, and you'll be part of a university that has been named the most innovative in the country five years in a row by U.S. News & World Report (2016-2020). Now located in downtown Phoenix, ASU Law is steps away from the legal, political, and economic heart of Arizona and the Southwest, making it even easier for students to work and network with alumni and employers. That's one reason why ASU Law is ranked 24th in the nation for percentage of graduates who land high-quality jobs, at 89 percent, and has been in the top 25 in that category for the past five years.

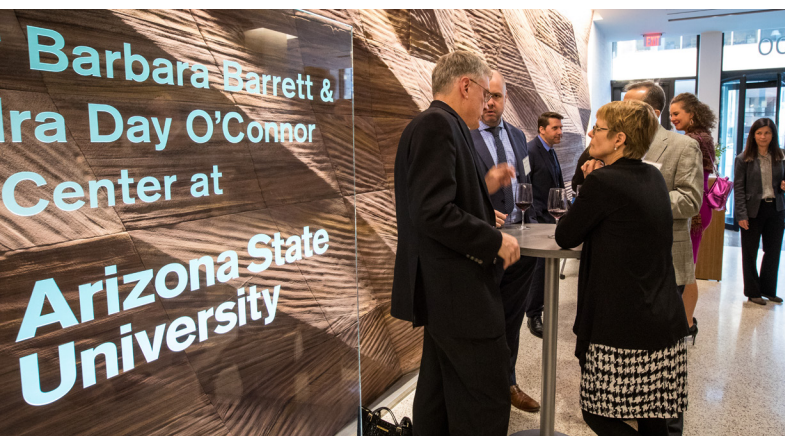






"As I was going through the decision process, ASU just continued to show up as a school that was taking my interest and my goals seriously. Between the amazing program, engaged faculty, and the interesting family connection, I recognized the overwhelming possibility of endless opportunities here. So that's when we packed up our car and decided to move to the desert."

**Michelle Stinson, JD '21 Candidate**





# Economic

Maricopa County has been named the fastest-growing county in the U.S. for third year in a row (2019) and Arizona has one of the strongest economies in the nation, ranking among the best states for job growth (3rd), entrepreneurship (6th), net migration (7th), and increase of young population (9th), according to U.S. News & World Report. Phoenix was the nation's 2nd-fastest growing city in 2019, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and Forbes.com highlighted the area's low unemployment rate, rental affordability, projected job growth, and median salary earned by recent college graduates. Arizona is also among the best states for lawyers seeking employment, featuring one of the nation's lowest ratios of lawyers to lawyer jobs, according to Credible.







"It's a prestigious, top-tier law school putting forth best efforts in creating bridges between academic legal opportunities and the business world... ASU Law has come up with this fantastic program that is designed not only to introduce students at a graduate level to the finer points of the law, but also the practical uses of that law in their own chosen professions."

**Sam Semon, JD '91**

Executive Vice President, NBCUniversal Media, LLC





# Cultural

Arizona is home to some of the nation's most popular national parks and monuments, including the Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, Saguaro National Park, and Organ Pipe National Monument. In Phoenix, you have a diverse collection of art galleries, theaters and museums, including the nationally acclaimed Heard Museum, which features American Indian art, and the Musical Instrument Museum. Greater Phoenix has professional teams in four major sports and hosts of Major League Baseball's teams for spring training every year. It is also a regular destination for the biggest championship games in sports, including the Super Bowl and the NCAA Final Four. Plus, you are well-situated for easy trips to Los Angeles, San Diego, Las Vegas, and Mexico.

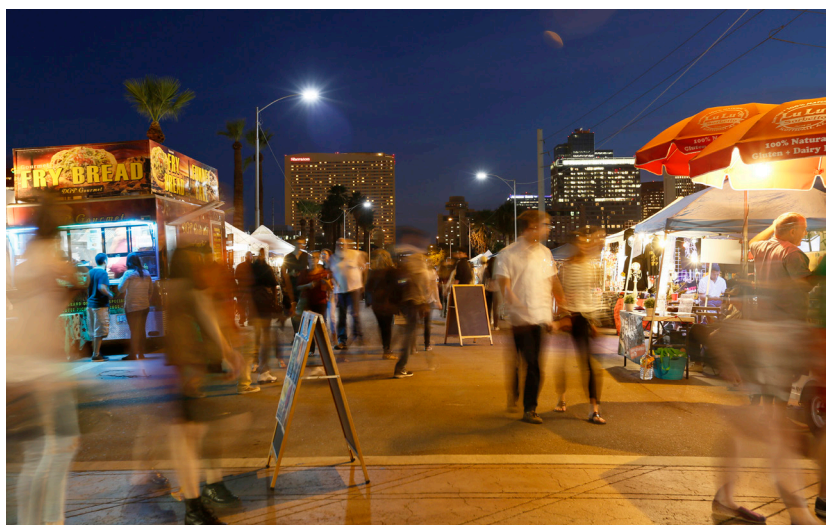






Kim performed 1,300 hours of pro bono work while at ASU Law. “Those experiences have really shaped my law school career, because they have allowed me to do two things: One, to love my neighbors in the most practical sense. And two, to be reminded of the very reason I joined law school in the first place. When I’m helping these families who remind me of my parents, that’s very powerful.”

**Thomas Kim, JD '18**  
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP





# Lifestyle

Arizona is the sunniest state in America and offers an abundance of outdoor activities. It's no surprise that Phoenix is a hiker's paradise with more than 40,000 acres of desert parks and mountain preserves. Despite having the nation's 5th-highest population, Phoenix ranks just 47th in traffic congestion, allowing you to get around with minimal stress. And with a flourishing food, drink, and arts scene, you'll have plenty of options for a lazy morning catching up with friends or a date night out.







"When we have exams, we can study in our bathing suits by the pool, under the palm trees. They don't get to do that in Harvard. It's freezing brass monkeys in Boston right now. We have palm trees, and that makes studying for exams infinitely less stressful. Because you get to study in paradise."

**Helen Goldstein, JD '18**







"I am proud that this college bears my name. It is dedicated to providing students with opportunities and experiences that advance justice and the rule of law."

**Sandra Day O'Connor**

Retired Associate Justice  
Supreme Court of the United States



"I looked at ASU when I was deciding on schools to transfer to, at first because of its rank among public schools in the West. Then, after looking at ASU some more, I saw that the clinics the school offers made it the best choice for me... If they (other students) are deciding whether to transfer to ASU, I would recommend it. ASU offers so many courses and clinics that I am able to take only classes that interest me. Additionally, in talking to lawyers and judges in the community, they almost always mention the great reputation that ASU Law has and that it is only improving."

**Michael Allmon, JD '21 Candidate**



"In looking at ASU's graduate programs, I came across the MLS program and realized it was a perfect fit for what I wanted to do... My MLS degree has given me the tools to speak and debate knowledgeably with other HR professionals and with lawyers. And it has given me a great foundation of knowledge that makes me better at recognizing and mitigating risk, as well as understanding our legal system and how companies operate and navigate."

**Samantha Geiger, MLS '17**

Human Resources Business Partner  
Groupon



"I represent sort of a weird niche in the program in that I was already well established in a career and was looking for an opportunity to better understand areas within my career that could be supported with a degree in law. And as a result, that's what appealed to me. I wasn't necessarily looking to become a lawyer. I was more interested in understanding the law as it applies to my already chosen and established field."

**Blaine Bandi, MLS '12**

Chief Administrative Officer  
Wesley Community and Health Centers

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