



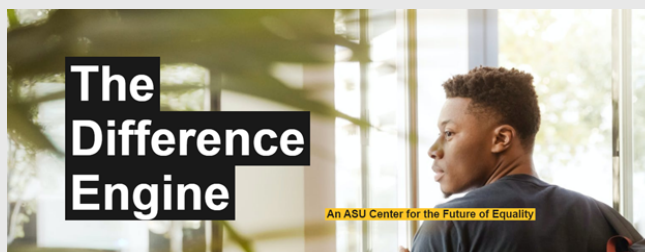
2022 rankings are here

US News and World Report ranks ASU Law No. 25 best law school in the nation

ASU Law continues to maintain its reputation as a premier law school in the nation, placing No. 25 overall in U.S. News & World Report's 2022 best law school rankings, released March 30. ASU Law has now been ranked in the top 30 for the past seven years and remains the youngest law school in the top 25.

ASU Law is the No. 9 public law school, the No. 5 overall law school in the West and the No. 3 public law school in the West, with six specialty programs ranked in the top 30: [Legal Writing](#) (No. 3), [Dispute Resolution](#) (No. 13), [Health Care Law](#) (No. 16), [Environmental Law](#) (No. 20), [Tax Law](#) (No. 28), and [Criminal Law](#) (No. 30).

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The Difference Engine launches

A first-of-its-kind center focusing on the future of equality launches

"[The Difference Engine: An ASU Center for the Future of Equality](#)" pairs interdisciplinary entrepreneurship with the enthusiasm of ASU students and thought leadership of ASU faculty and staff to help communities overcome social, political and economic inequality. It is led by Ehsan Zaffar, a civil rights lawyer and educator who previously served as a senior adviser on civil rights during the Obama administration.

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The Difference Engine launch and the newly formed *Faculty Inclusion Research for System Transformation (FIRST)*, led by Victoria Sahani, ASU Law associate dean of faculty development and professor of law, were included in ASU President Michael Crow's statement [Black History Month at ASU: Actions LIFT our community](#).



Advance Scholars opens up doors for diverse future legal leaders

First cohort member and Army veteran Brian Ridley was drawn to ASU's strengths

Launching in fall 2021, ASU Law's Advance Scholars Program will produce the next generation of legal leaders – like Brian Ridley. Throughout almost three decades in the Army, Ridley had three things he came to depend on: a diverse team that felt like family, embeddedness in the community and mentorship. Learn more about why ASU Law and this program are the right next steps for him.

The Advance Scholars Program is part of a broader mixed inclusion strategy that includes the [Diverse Student Coalition](#) and a number of diversity and [social justice programs](#) at ASU Law.

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ASU Morrison Prize honors proposal to reform utility laws to combat climate change

Joshua C. Macey, assistant professor of law at the University of Chicago Law School, believes the time has come for states and the federal government to abandon certain outdated utility laws that are obstructing the nation's push toward cleaner, more renewable energy sources.



Biotechnology research expert joins ASU through WEF fellowship

Thunderbird School of Global Management and ASU Law are pleased to host Kevin Doxzen as a recipient of the World Economic Forum's Hoffmann Fellowship for the Fourth Industrial Revolution, which offers early-career academics the opportunity to work at the intersection of society, science and technology.

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Student Highlights



Indian Legal Program launches 'Salt River Scholars'

In a new partnership with the Indian Legal Program and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, two top Native American ASU Law students have been named the first Salt River Scholars.

Initiated last fall and funded directly by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the program offers ASU Law students who are selected to receive a full-tuition scholarship, a paid research assistant position, faculty mentorship and financial assistance to gain legal experience during summer breaks. The inaugural Salt River Scholars are first-year ASU Law students Ashleigh N. Fixico and Noah Goldenberg.

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Sports law and business program students accepted into NCAA Emerging Leaders Seminar

Six future sports industry leaders with the Allan "Bud" Selig Sports Law and Business program at ASU Law were accepted into the NCAA Emerging Leaders Seminar. Part of the Master of Sports Law and Business (MSLB) program, Allison McFarling, Erin Oliphant, Ethan Good, Evan Singletary, Heather Udowitch and Lucy Reed will be attending the prestigious seminar.

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Faculty in the News



ILP professor accepts leadership role in Biden-Harris administration

ASU Law professor appointed to Interior Department leadership role

When Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes attended ASU Law, the college's Indian Legal Program was one of only a few of its kind that focused on enrolling and retaining Native American students, recruiting Native faculty and expanding the number of Indian law courses.

"That commitment was the key to my success," said Bledsoe Downes, who has been named deputy solicitor for Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior. "Now, the Indian Legal Program has over 370 alumni, and I know I will inevitably be working with many of them in this new position."

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Education and smart-region changemakers win gold at first-ever ShapingEDU Winter Games

What do education and smart-region design have in common? A goal of creating smarter campuses, cities and regions, so that we can ultimately create a smarter world for generations to come.

"When I talk about smart cities and smart regions, I actually never talk about the technology," said Professor Di Bowman, associate dean of international engagement at ASU Law and co-director for ASU's Center for Smart Cities and Regions. "It's about improving their quality of life, however defined. Humanity is central to the work that we're doing."

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January 2021

- **Bill would block transfers of Colorado River water from rural areas to growing cities**
 - Featuring: Rhett Larson

- **What a 'Modernized' Gaming Compact Could Mean For Sports Betting In Arizona**
 - Featuring: Larry Roberts

February 2021

- **Opening arguments begin today: Second impeachment trial of former President Trump ruled constitutional**
 - Featuring: Stefanie Lindquist
- **Potentially 'earth-shattering' changes for Arizona law firm ownership are now in effect**
 - Featuring: Victoria Sahani
- **Tribes have high hopes as Haaland confirmation hearing nears**
 - Featuring: Larry Roberts
- **Chief of Cherokee Nation Asks Jeep to Stop Using Tribe's Name**
 - Featuring: Stacy Leeds
- **APS customers are tired of getting burned. Was this time different?**
 - Featuring: Paul Bender and First Amendment Clinic
- **Not all health care workers in Arizona are opting to get a COVID-19 vaccine**
 - Featuring: Jen Platt and James Hodge Jr.
- **ASU plans racial justice efforts through renamed LIFT Initiative**
 - Featuring: Victoria Sahani and The Difference Engine

March 2021

- **Jeep owes the Cherokee Nation; it's time to pay up**
 - Featuring: Stacy Leeds
- **Arizona man's case leaves lasting impact on suspects by creation of 'Miranda warning'**
 - Featuring: Valena Beety
- **Now This: Who is Arizona?**
 - Featuring: Patty Ferguson-Bohnee
- **Some bar owners in Arizona still upset over continuing COVID-related restrictions**
 - Featuring: Ilan Wurman
- **US Government Response to Pandemic Posed Fundamental Civil Liberties Issues**
 - Featuring: James Hodge Jr.
- **McGirt v. Oklahoma: The Indian Law Bombshell**
 - Featuring: Robert Miller

Alumni News



ASU alum Ann Timmer recognized as 'Legal Rebel' by American Bar Association

Arizona Supreme Court Vice Chief Justice Ann A. Scott Timmer, an ASU Law alumna, has been recognized in the "Legal Rebels Class of 2021" by the American Bar Association Journal and American Bar Association Center for Innovation.

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Three-time ASU grad advocates for Native students in higher education

For Kris Beecher, the Great Recession was a catalyst for positive change, spurring him to leave a career in manufacturing to pursue a degree at Arizona State University and a career path more aligned with his community.

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ASU Law and its Indian Legal Program mourn the loss of Judge Claudette White, JD '05

Judge White served as a judge for many tribal communities and was recently elected to serve as a council member for the Quechan Tribe. She was a popular figure in Indian Country due to her quick wit, warm smile and dedication to Indian Country. She gained deserved notoriety after being featured in the 2017 PBS film documentary "Tribal Justice." The documentary featured Judge White and another tribal judge as they worked to use traditional concepts of justice to reduce incarceration and improve community safety. Most recently, she performed with the Quechan

Lightening Singers to open the inauguration events of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

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Events

2021 Alumni Celebration

Honoring excellence at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Please join us in celebrating the incredible Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law alumni being honored this year at the [2021 Alumni Celebration](#). ASU Law alumni make an impact across the globe, and each year the Alumni Association chooses a select few to honor for their contributions to the legal community.

Join us virtually for a live-streamed event on Wednesday, April 7 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. MST (Arizona time) to celebrate this year's alumni and faculty honorees. We invite you to leave a note with a congratulatory message for our honorees [here](#).

[Learn more and RSVP here](#)

Bruce E. Meyerson Lecture
Online | April 7, 2021

Ask For More with Alexandra Carter

Wall Street Journal Bestselling Author
Clinical Professor of Law | Columbia Law School



The [Fourth Annual Bruce E. Meyerson Lecture](#) will feature Alexandra Carter, clinical professor of law and bestselling author on Wednesday, April 7 at 6 p.m. MST (Arizona time), to discuss how to improve your essential negotiation skills. She regularly trains students, judicial leaders and United Nations' diplomats how to effectively negotiate and resolve disputes.

Professor Carter's fresh take on negotiation was recently published in *Ask for More: 10 Questions to Negotiate Anything*. Hear her straightforward, accessible advice for getting more out of any negotiation. She'll explain how to get more value by asking the right questions. Her 10-question framework makes it simpler for both sides of a negotiation to emerge victorious.

[Learn more and RSVP here](#)

Donor Spotlight



Brad and Laura Donovan

What led you to give back to ASU Law?

We are both ASU Law alumni. When we were in school, ASU Law ranked around 50 and is now 25. Under Dean Sylvester's leadership, every aspect of the school (i.e. facilities, faculty, experience) has improved. It is an institution and community that we are proud to be a part of... and so should you!

Why do you feel it is important to philanthropically support ASU Law?

The transition to self-funding was and will continue to be a challenge. Philanthropic giving assists in keeping the school finances healthy and may allow for projects/initiatives that may not otherwise be possible solely based on funding from tuition income.

What excites you the most about the future and our next generation of lawyers and legal sector leaders?

We are excited to see the intersection between law and new technologies (i.e. blockchain, drones, virtual reality, online equity trading platforms, social media monetization, etc.). These issues will form and shape the next generation of lawyers and legal leaders.

What advice do you have for our students as they embark on the next chapter of their lives?

Turn off the screens and get outside. You are starting a life in one of the most stressful occupations, so preparing and maintaining your mind and body in a healthful way is worth establishing early. Unplugging benefits your clients, yourself and your family.

Have news to share?

Have you landed an incredible externship? Received an award or other outstanding recognition? Have you recently participated in a unique opportunity that we need to know about? Let us know!

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