SHAPING THE PROFESSIONALS OF THE FUTURE

As a leading international, clinical and digital law school.
MONASH UNIVERSITY: WE’RE STILL LEARNING

MONASH UNIVERSITY WAS FOUNDED ON THE BELIEF THAT THE SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE AND THE WAYS TO USE IT NEVER END. THE MONASH LAW FACULTY WAS ESTABLISHED MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY AGO TO BE A DIFFERENT KIND OF LAW SCHOOL, WITH A PIONEERING SPIRIT, AN ENTERPRISING AND INCLUSIVE APPROACH, AND A DEEP COMMITMENT TO ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN ALL OF ITS FORMS.

At Monash Law, we work with all arms of the legal profession and other industry partners to help to develop a new generation of law graduates whose curiosity, commitment, and leadership will make a difference to our world across all sectors and countries. Our motto, Ancora Imparo - “I’m still learning” - means our search for knowledge never ends and we aim to make a difference in everything we do. We encourage you to join us on this journey by supporting our law school and helping us build the next generation of graduates.

MORE THAN A UNIVERSITY

We know that the best learning is often experiential and practical. So we focus on providing real-world clinical experience, together with solid grounding in theory and doctrine in all areas of law that matter in a globalised legal world. We offer a broadly based legal educational experience, for the benefit of students and their potential employers within and beyond the legal profession.

We invest in the facilities, such as our clinical sites, state-of-the-art moot court, and ‘Future of the Professions’ teaching precinct, that allow students to refine their legal skills while they study. We encourage the hiring of academic staff who also have practical and professional experience to complement their academic knowledge.

RIGOUR AND INNOVATION MEET GLOBAL OUTLOOK AND ENGAGEMENT

As Australia’s largest and most international university, we contribute $3.5 billion to the country’s economic activity. Our Monash Law alumni are leaders in government, industry, and civil society across the globe. And our presence extends across four continents and includes campuses or learning centres in India, China, Malaysia, and Italy, in addition to multiple campus locations in Australia.

Monash Law is the only Australian law school to operate from seven different locations on three continents, and with significant investment in three community legal centres. So, our commitment to local communities and the local legal profession is as deep as our commitment to preparing our students and supporting our academics to make a difference in the world.
MONASH LAW: WE BELIEVE IN BRILLIANT

MONASH LAW HAS BIG AMBITIONS. WE AIM TO PRODUCE NOTHING LESS THAN BRILLIANT LEGAL GRADUATES. THAT MEANS GRADUATES WITH BROAD AND WORLD-CLASS LEGAL TRAINING, TOGETHER WITH CURiosity AND COMMITMENT TO SHAPE THE WORKPLACE AND CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER.

Achieving this means cultivating a sense of justice, an ethic of professional and technological capabilities, qualities of inquisitiveness, resilience and practicality in all our students. So, we pride ourselves on our progressive and dynamic outlook, and try to instil an understanding that legal problems and reforms are embedded in social and practical contexts.

THE SKILLS TO SUCCEED IN A CHANGING WORLD

The global landscape for the legal services and education industries might be in the midst of disruption, but the fundamental technical skills of a good lawyer stay the same. Technical legal education of great breadth and depth will never go out of fashion. At the same time, a 21st century law school must ground great technical expertise of its students and staff in other sets of knowledge, skills, and experiences too.

Through unrivalled opportunities in clinical legal education, LLM pathway programs, mooting competitions, work-relevant placements, and tech-aware experiences, we aim to give every student the personal and professional skills that will help them succeed in the workplace - not just academic knowledge.

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATORS WITH LINKS TO THE PROFESSION

Few things are more important to a legal education than the calibre of the educators who teach us. We aim to be a leader among law schools in combining theoretical and experiential teaching. We employ over 100 legal experts, all of whom are outstanding legal academics and many of whom are also working legal professionals. They’re charged with inspiring our students and imparting knowledge through legal practice, research and industry collaboration, as well as through their teaching.

OPENING THE DOOR TO THE LAW

Part of our mission is to discover, teach and collaborate in the service of the law, our students and society. One important way we do this is by encouraging as many people as possible to participate in the law. Our Access Monash program encourages students from lower socio-economic backgrounds to study law and supports them through their educational journey.

Meanwhile, our clinical legal education program gives people from disadvantaged backgrounds access to justice, at the same time as building confidence and capability in our students.
OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS: PREPARING TOMORROW’S LEADERS

OUR COURSES COMBINE ACADEMIC RIGOUR WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN THE LAW.

Monash law graduates are known for their conviction and creativity, as well as for their diligence and competence. Our network of alumni extends from the Supreme Court of Victoria to the High Court of Hong Kong, senior barristers and law firm partners. It includes cabinet ministers and political party leaders, Order of Australia recipients, CEOs, and some of the world’s leading advocates for justice and human rights.

UNDERGRADUATE: THE CONFIDENCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every Monash student has the opportunity to build their confidence and experience through a clinical placement. This gives them an understanding of the importance of access to justice and lets them represent real people in real legal cases. They also have the opportunity to gain practical experience with an industry placement before graduating, so that they enter the employment market with lived experience of the law in practice.
JURIS DOCTOR: CONVERTING EXPERIENCE INTO EXTROADINARY
Specifically designed for graduates from other disciplines, our JD program allows experienced workers to change careers or pursue their ambition to practise law. The course is taught by academics and legal practitioners. Small class sizes encourage in-depth discussions and students are encouraged to work in a practical placement while studying. The CBD location allows the JD students to study and work together as one cohort, in the heart of Melbourne’s legal and judicial precinct. Each year, the JD program produces around 200 of Australia’s most highly regarded graduates, 60% of whom are women.

LAW MASTERS: DEEPER LEARNING FOR AN ADVANCED CAREER
The Monash Law Masters helps new and experienced lawyers take their career to the next level. Taught at our city campus in the heart of Melbourne’s legal and judicial precinct, it allows internationally and locally qualified lawyers and legal graduates to build on their expertise and sharpen their legal skills. Every student has the opportunity to learn from some of Australia’s foremost legal minds.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY: AN EDUCATION LIKE NO OTHER
Monash Law’s doctorate students are some of the world’s emerging legal thought leaders. Working closely with our world-renowned staff in relevant research centres and groups, they become part of a vibrant research culture that encourages challenging the status quo. Each student has the opportunity to pursue their area of interest in a well-funded and supportive research environment. They are also encouraged to publish regularly and to build networks in the legal profession through professional development experiences.

“Monash provides a highly rigorous, world-class, internationally-minded legal education. There was no better preparation for the Cambridge LLM than the Monash LLB. I reflect on my time at Monash very fondly. In particular, both the Foreign Direct Investment Moot in London and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Moot in Hong Kong were extremely gratifying experiences”

MICHAEL SMYTH
MONASH LAW GRADUATE AND OXBRIDGE PATHWAY STUDENT
AUSTRALIA’S FINEST UNIVERSITY COURT FACILITY

BEING AT THE FOREFRONT OF LEGAL LEARNING MEANS INVESTING IN THE FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL ALLOW STUDENTS TO EXPLORE THEIR POTENTIAL.

STATE OF THE ART COURT

The Centre of our learning facilities is our multi-functional and state-of-the-art moot court. We invested $4 million in this facility, the first of its kind in Australia. It provides an unparalleled forum for engaging students and encouraging the ingenuity and practical skills central to a modern legal education. The Monash Law Moot Court underscores our commitment to providing students with the most technologically-advanced learning experience. Fully paperless and equipped with IT and AV, the court lets students practice and hone their advocacy skills in an environment that’s as close as possible to reality. It also enables students, academics, and other users to engage with anyone in the world, in virtual courts, clinics, and teleconferences. The court is also used to research the mechanics of the legal system, including jury behavior, artificial intelligence and the impact of courtroom architecture and technology upon participants. Various courts and lawyers have already used the Monash Law Moot Court.

The multi-functional uses of the Monash Law Moot Court include:

- Court or tribunal
- Mediation facility
- Research facility
- Conferences and teleconferences
- Training and executive education
- Lectures, seminars and workshops
- Court simulations and mock trials
- Courtroom for hire (film, drama and television).
- The features of the Monash Law Moot Court include:
  - Audio-visual facilities
  - Zoom video conferencing
  - Eight digital screens
  - Live streaming and recording
  - Five digital screens
  - Break-out room
  - Live streaming and recording
The court is designed to encourage and support courtroom research by offering a state of the art venue for courtroom simulation studies. In particular, the technology in the moot courtroom will enable courtroom researchers to test how new technologies might improve legal decision-making and save precious court time and money.”

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JACQUI HORAN
FACULTY OF LAW
Imagine a society in the not too distant future where everybody who can’t afford a lawyer, and who doesn’t qualify for free legal aid, can still get access to justice. Monash Law Clinics are delivering that future. We are one of the major players in access to justice in Victoria and beyond.

Every clinical alumni who speaks to me mentions their clinical experience as one of their best experiences at Monash Law. At the same time, they are disappointed to hear that not every student who wants a clinical opportunity or every worthy community applicant for clinical assistance can be accommodated. We need support.”

PROFESSOR BRYAN HORRIGAN
DEAN OF LAW
MONASH UNIVERSITY

CULTIVATING COMPASSION AND INNOVATION

WE AIM TO LAUNCH A NEW GENERATION OF LAWYERS WHO ARE AMBITIOUS, ADAPTABLE AND INNOVATIVE, WITH EMPATHY AND INTELLIGENCE TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING.

Through hands-on experience, they have come to understand that legal problems are embedded in a social context. Through internships and clinical experience, our students are exposed to a range of opportunities to build their skills outside of their legal training including business skills, project management expertise and digital literacy, preparing them for any field.

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION

Every undergraduate and JD student has the opportunity to work in our clinical legal education program. The program, the first of its kind in Australia, gives students experience working with real clients on real cases under the supervision of practising lawyers. At the same time, it provides representation and advice to people who wouldn’t otherwise be able to access justice. The Clinical Legal Experience supports students to become work-ready graduates is also credited towards the completion of their legal degree.

“We offer all LLB (Hons) & JD students a practical legal experience during their degree”
The Clinical Legal Experience spans a variety of subject matters, which are supervised by a range of both internal and external industry practitioners. These include:

- Family Law
- General Law
- Climate Justice
- Modern Slavery
- Law Reform
- International Trade
- Anti Death Penalty
- Innovation/Start Up

Further supporting this are our three community legal services which offer access to justice to over 2200 individuals per year.

Monash Law Clinics - Clayton

Springvale Monash Legal Service (SMLS)

Monash Law Clinics - Melbourne

My time spent at Monash as a student in the clinical legal education program was one of the most exciting times I had at law school. It taught me about the practical aspects of the law. In my longer-term experience, a student participating in clinical legal education will put themselves a step ahead of the rest of the field.”
ENCOURAGING A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

INCREASINGLY, LEGAL ISSUES ARE GLOBAL IN THEIR NATURE. SO, TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THEIR WORKING LIFE, WE FOSTER LINKS WITH LIKE-MINDED LAW SCHOOLS, BRANCHES OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION, OTHER PROFESSIONALS, AND ALUMNI FROM BEYOND OUR SHORES. WE DO THIS BOTH FORMALLY AND INFORMALLY THROUGH COLLABORATIONS, EXCHANGES, SEMINARS, CLINICS, AND MORE.

TACKLING HUMAN RIGHTS ON A GLOBAL SCALE
At Monash Law we are an active, innovative leader in the movement to eradicate the death penalty worldwide and have created the Capital Punishment Impact Initiative, developed through philanthropy and in partnership with the Capital Punishment Justice Project (formerly Reprieve Australia) to support this mission.

With a commitment to research, case work, network building and shared expertise, we are focused on the abolition of the death penalty. We aim to become the regional hub for a global network striving to influence international policy and law across the Asia Pacific.

INDUSTRY SEMINAR SERIES
Leading lawyers and other industry professionals give students a deep understanding of the issues affecting their sector, both nationally and internationally.

GLOBAL LEGAL HACKATHON
Launched simultaneously across 40 different cities worldwide, this brings law students together with lawyers, IT professionals, academics and entrepreneurs. Together they design and build tech platforms that will solve the challenges facing the legal profession.

ANIKA LEGAL,
A TEAM OF MONASH LAW STUDENTS AND 2018 GLOBAL LEGAL HACKATHON FINALIST.

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We created a tech platform to improve access to justice and provide practical legal training to law students. It allows clients to connect with law students, who’ll work with ANIKA’s artificial intelligence and human supervising lawyers to provide free, high-quality legal advice.”
WE BELIEVE THAT EXCELLENT LEGAL RESEARCH SHOULD REACH BEYOND ACADEMIA TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE LAW AND OF SOCIETY.

Our researchers collaborate across disciplines and universities, as well as with governments, legal professionals, and other industry and community organisations. We also undertake influential competitive grant projects and carry out contract research for community, government, and corporate partners. In addition, Monash Law conducts and supports large amounts of evidence-based and other research for the common good, for people and organisations who most need it. Our academics and students make significant contributions through public submissions and expertise-based advocacy to the public goods of community awareness-raising on matters of law and justice, and to numerous public and parliamentary, policy-making, law-making, and law reform inquiries. Our research expertise is housed in seven key Faculty organs:

- Australian Centre for Justice and Innovation
- Feminist Legal Studies Group
- Centre for Commercial Law and Regulatory Studies
- Law, Health and Wellbeing Group
- Castan Centre for Human Rights Law
- Sustainable Legal Practice Group
- Transnational Criminal Law Group

PROFESSOR JENNIFER HILL
BOB BAXT AO CHAIR IN CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW
FACULTY OF LAW
BETTER GOVERNANCE AND POLICY
Our academics are involved in a range of projects to support local and global government and policy development for the greater good.

• Enhancing Corporate Accountability on a global scale
• Supporting the Australian Government in investigating the regulation of unconscionable business conduct and problematic franchising behaviours
• Sociological analysis of addiction in the Australian legal system and why prohibition is not the only answer

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND DATA SCIENCE
New technologies are impacting upon legal practice, our researchers are investigating new opportunities for innovation digital disruption of the law.

• Ethical considerations for facial recognition technology
• Digital access to Justice
• Online dispute resolution

FAMILY VIOLENCE IN VICTORIA
In 2016, the Royal Commission into Family Violence reported to the Victorian Government on strategies and policies which affect the social and legal responses towards family violence.

Dr Becky Batagol was appointed to the research and policy team tasked with writing the report of the Royal Commission. Work completed by Dr Batagol’s team formed the basis of Chapters 11 and 24 of the final report of the Royal Commission.

Subsequently in August 2018 the Commonwealth government passed the Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Act 2018 which contains a number of critical family law and family violence reforms proposed by Dr Batagol while at the Royal Commission into Family Violence to make the state and federal systems coordinate more seamlessly.

"Monash encourages me to go out there and speak to real people impacted by the justice system. The work that I did, as part of the Royal Commission, means that victims of family violence can now go to one court to seek their intervention order, and to have some basic decisions made about how their children will live and how to divide their property."

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
BECKY BATAGOL
FACULTY OF LAW
INVESTING IN THE PROFESSIONALS OF THE FUTURE

WE’RE LOOKING TO PARTNER WITH PROFESSIONALS AND ORGANISATIONS WHO SHARE OUR DESIRE TO CREATE A NEW GENERATION OF FORWARD-LOOKING, PROGRESSIVE AND INNOVATIVE LAWYERS.

When you work with Monash Law, you’re helping to ensure we can continue to provide the quality education that has made us one of Australia and the world’s best-regarded law schools.

You’ll have the opportunity to assist in concrete and meaningful ways across the faculty. In this process, you’ll help to mould some of the best and brightest law students in the country – students who could also contribute to the knowledge and capability of your organisation.

There are three key areas you can work with Monash Law:

IMPACT IN THE LAW AND RESEARCH
- Named Research Centre
- Establish a Professorial Chair
- Sponsorship of Law PhD Program

IMPACT IN THE LAW AND THE PROFESSION
- Named Annual Public Lecture
- Sponsorship of Global Legal Hackathon
- Innovation Hub
- Customised Executive Education

IMPACT WITH MONASH LAW STUDENTS
- Sponsorship of Law Clinic
- Nominated Professional in Residence
- Co-delivery of Law Elective Unit
- Sponsorship of Student Leadership Program
- Sponsorship of Honours Program