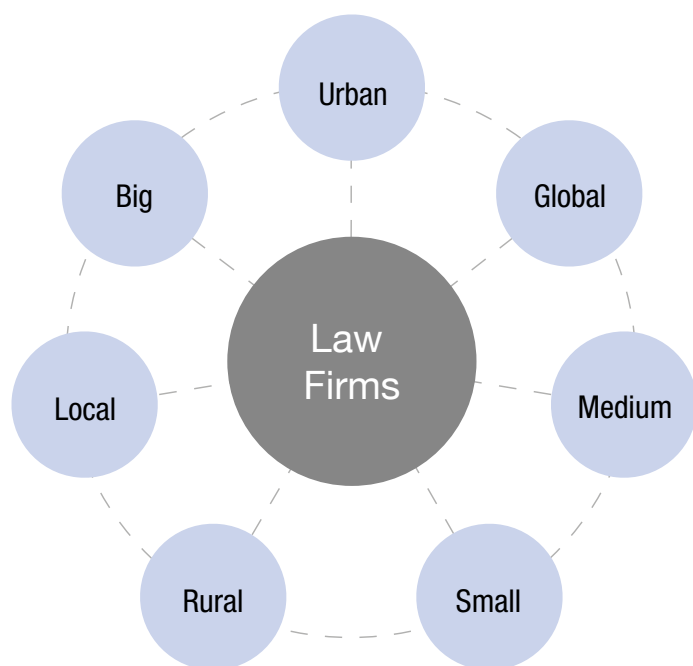


One Law Degree, Many Opportunities

Students enrol in a Monash law degree for many different reasons. Some enrol with the aim of working as a criminal prosecutor. Others enrol with dreams of working for the United Nations. Still others enrol with the goal of working for a top tier commercial law firm.

Getting a job in a top tier firm has always been difficult and competitive, as it is today. So it is worth noting that even within the realm of commercial law firms, there are many options ranging from local firms to global firms, urban firms to rural firms. You may work at one or many of these types of firms at various points in your career.

It is also important to keep an open mind to the multitude of opportunities that exist for students with the skills gained through completion of a Monash law degree. This is especially so for students completing a double-degree, thereby expanding their skill-set even further. As the below diagram illustrates, a law degree from Monash opens the door to opportunities that are both directly related to legal practice as well as opportunities that draw on skills acquired as part of a Monash law degree. These are just a few examples:¹



¹ See: www.monash.edu.au/students/assets/docs/career-connect/outcomes/law.pdf.

The Monash Law Faculty provides you with many opportunities to understand your career options and increase your employability. These include careers fairs, seminars, and direct contact with leaders in your field of interest. And because our academics are the experts in *their* field, the opportunity to work as a Research Assistant (or undertake a research project) with world renowned authorities provides a unique opening for you to develop both the necessary legal knowledge and skills to secure your ideal job. This is of-course in addition to providing you with the forum to develop a relationship with an academic who may be instrumental in helping to facilitate your career advancement in the future.

During your time at Monash, make sure you take advantage of the diverse range of units offered to you (in Melbourne, Prato, Malaysia as well as through our exchange programmes with overseas universities) and make the most of the opportunities to gain practical skills through mechanisms such as the clinical programs, internships and externships.

Also, remember that employers are not only interested in good grades. They are also interested in qualities related to leadership, teamwork, organisation, problem solving, adaptability, communication, enthusiasm, initiative, professionalism and resilience. Your grades may help you get your foot in the door but these other characteristics will enable you to reach for the stars.

You can learn these skills by optimising the broader aspects of your student experience. For example by getting involved with the Law Students Society, participating in the High Achiever's Program, becoming a Student Ambassador and engaging with the inter-faculty opportunities that help you develop the multifaceted interdisciplinary skills, inter-cultural competency and thought-processes crucial to ensuring professional success.

To sum up, Monash Law Students enjoy a transformational educational experience in which a work-integrated learning culture facilitates the development of both the theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary to enhance graduate employability in a competitive environment. To this end, the Monash Law Faculty differentiates itself from other Law Schools by the quality of the student learning experience. We believe that rich, diverse and experiential learning creates graduates with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in a globalised and digitised world.

The Law Faculty provides a variety of resources ranging from information relating to employment opportunities to practical advice relating to putting together your job application and honing your interview skills. See for example:

- The Careers in Law Moodle unit:
<http://moodle.vle.monash.edu/course/view.php?id=7861>
- The University's Careers Connect service:
www.monash.edu.au/careers
- The Law Students' Society:
<http://monashlss.com/careers>

monash.edu/law