Wayne State University Law School, founded in 1927, is located in the heart of Detroit’s historic cultural center, offering a unique urban experience. Detroit’s vibrant legal market including government offices, state and federal courts, multinational corporations, unions and major law firms provides students with a wide range of opportunities for employment and externships. Our students are bright, mature, conscientious and altruistic. They come from unique backgrounds and professions, some having previously served as doctors, musicians, actors, engineers and law enforcement officers before pursuing the law. Wayne Law also offers a network of more than 11,000 living alumni, including established leaders of the legal community, practicing throughout the nation and in more than a dozen foreign countries. Our expert faculty’s nationally and internationally recognized scholarship adds depth to our students’ understanding of legal theory, doctrine and practice. Wayne Law students, faculty and alumni are deeply engaged in the community and profession.

Accreditation & National Recognition
Wayne State University Law School is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. The Law School has a chapter of the Order of the Coif, the national honorary society dedicated to the highest standards of legal scholarship.

Setting & Facilities
The Law School is a flagship unit of Wayne State University, a major metropolitan research university located in the heart of Midtown, about four miles from downtown Detroit. Within blocks of the Law School are the Detroit Public Library, Detroit Institute of Arts, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit Science Center and other cultural attractions. The city of Detroit shares an international border with Canada and offers access to Michigan’s largest concentration of law firms and state and federal courts.

The Law School complex includes four buildings - Classroom Building, Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, Law Building and Arthur Neef Law Library with lounges, gathering areas and meeting rooms. The three-floor Arthur Neef Law Library offers print and digital resources, a computer lab, 14 study rooms and wireless access. Special collections cover antitrust law, international law, Jewish law and Michigan law.

Degrees
The Law School offers academic programs leading to the degrees of Juris Doctor (J.D.), Master of Laws (LL.M.), and Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.). The J.D. is a graduate degree requiring a baccalaureate degree as a prerequisite. The LL.M. is a graduate degree offered by the Law School in the fields of and corporate and finance law, labor and employment law, and taxation which requires the J.D. or its equivalent as a prerequisite. The M.S.L. is a graduate degree requiring a baccalaureate degree as a prerequisite to help business professionals expand their knowledge of legal principles and the U.S. legal system. The Law School also participates in joint degree programs with other Schools and Colleges within the University.

Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights
The Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne Law is a regional hub for civil rights teaching, research and advocacy, training and inspiring