



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW



SMALL SCHOOL. **BIG VALUE.**
REAL NEW MEXICAN PERKS.

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ROYCE DELLER

UNM School of Law
Class of 2021

"I have never experienced a closer professional community than UNM School of Law. From local attorneys volunteering their time in Evidence and Trial Practice, to New Mexico Judges and Justices teaching Appellate Decision-Making. When you attend UNM Law, you truly become part of the pack. Go Lobos!"

DEDICATED FACULTY.

Our faculty are dedicated and strongly committed to teaching. They bring real-world experience to the classroom and a healthy diversity of backgrounds, professional interests and outlooks.

SMALL CLASSES.

First year research/writing classes:
14-20 students or fewer

Upper division median class size:
12 students or fewer

Clinic class size:
8 students or less per section

HIGH EMPLOYMENT RATES.

UNM Law graduates frequently outpace the national rate for securing long-term jobs that require bar passage.

WE'RE SMALL. STUDENT-CENTRIC. A GREAT VALUE.

We focus on what matters. And our graduates prove it.

AFFORDABLE TUITION, GREAT VALUE.

UNM Law has consistently ranked as one of the best educational values in the country. Our tuition is affordable and students graduate to jobs that put their legal training to use.

DIVERSE JOBS FOR NEW ATTORNEYS

UNM Law graduates get jobs in the fields they desire! Our 10 month employment rate for the Class of 2020 was 87%. Of those 105 jobs, more than half were with law firms, nearly a quarter were with the government, 11% were judicial clerkships, and 10% were public interest. Our Office of Student and Career Services is second to none!



HOPE PENDLETON

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"UNM School of Law has been a blessing to me and my family. As a non-traditional student that moved my family to New Mexico specifically for law school, UNMSOL supported me through the entire transition. From my first year, I received support from faculty, staff, and alumni that are all truly vested in the success of each UNMSOL student. Receiving scholarships from funders and support and mentorship from alumni, helped me realize that the UNMSOL legal community reaches beyond the walls of the law school building. Graduating with an Associate Attorney position that was made possible by the law school's assistance in connecting me with a law clerk position my first summer of law school, is affirmation of the school's influence on the future of its students."

OUR UNIQUE FIRST YEAR CURRICULUM

The First Semester Doctrinal Courses

The first semester doctrinal courses are Contracts, Criminal Law, and Torts.

Lab

Lab is a novel approach to teaching first-year students about the practice and substance of law through a hands-on introduction to legal skills. This course is unique to The University of New Mexico School of Law, which is a national leader in experiential learning.

Elements of Legal Argumentation (ELA) I

Elements of Legal Argumentation I is the foundational legal analysis and communication course. In the context of a problem-solving approach to legal writing, students learn how to do the information gathering, pre-thinking and argument development that are essential to good legal communication.

The Second Semester Doctrinal Courses

The second semester doctrinal courses are Civil Procedure I, Property I and Introduction to Constitutional Law.

Elements of Legal Argumentation (ELA) II

Elements of Legal Argumentation II continues the study and practice of legal reasoning and communication that began in ELA I. Students will have the opportunity to use their basic understanding of the core concepts and tools learned in ELA I as they complete a variety of both oral and written presentations.

Introduction to Legal Research

This one credit hour course builds on the legal research foundation acquired in ELA I.

Elective

First-year students also may take an optional elective during the spring semester, an option many law schools do not offer to 1L students.

DEGREES OFFERED

Juris Doctor (J.D.)

J.D./Master of Arts in Accounting

J.D./Master of Arts in Latin American Studies

J.D./Master of Business Administration

J.D./Master of Public Administration

Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.)

Best Law Schools
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BEST

Most Chosen By Older Students
Princeton Review 2021

3rd

#1 Law School for Native Americans
preLaw Magazine 2020

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The **Juris Doctor (J.D.)** is a full-time day program requiring completion of 86 credit hours in three years. J.D. students may also choose to pursue a dual degree J.D./Masters program in Accounting, Latin American Studies, Business Administration, or Public Administration.

Our innovative **Master of Studies in Law (MSL)** program offers a 30 credit, condensed legal education for those mid-career professionals and recent college graduates who do not need or want a law degree.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

INDIAN LAW

Learn to assist in the protection of Indian rights and to represent Native American individuals, communities, and nations in tribal, state, and federal courts and other legal forums.

➤ [LAWSCHOOL.UNM.EDU/INDIAN](https://lawschool.unm.edu/indian)

NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Gain a more comprehensive understanding of natural resources law, environmental law, tribal resources, and energy law in order to participate in key decisions that affect the environment.

➤ [LAWSCHOOL.UNM.EDU/NATRES-ENVLAW](https://lawschool.unm.edu/natres-envlaw)

Bar Passage For First-Time Bar Exam
Takers February 2021

91%

Top Law Schools for Environmental Law
preLaw Magazine 2021

A+

For Diversity
preLaw Magazine 2021

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REAL CLIENTS AND REAL DEADLINES



ONE OF THE NATION'S BEST CLINICAL LAW PROGRAMS

The UNM School of Law clinical program, one of the oldest in the country, is consistently recognized as one of the top programs in the nation.

Unlike students at many other law schools, all students at UNM Law complete a six credit-hour clinical course as part of the J.D. requirements.

Clinic sections include:

- Child and Family Justice Clinic
- Community Lawyering Clinic
- Economic Justice Clinic
- Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic
- Southwest Indian Law Clinic

» [LAWSCHOOL.UNM.EDU/CLINIC](https://lawschool.unm.edu/clinic)



SERGE MARTINEZ

Professor of Law

Associate Dean of Experiential Learning

J.D. 1999, Yale Law School

B.A. 1994, Brigham Young University

PROF. MARTINEZ IN THE NEWS:

[Landlords, tenants feel impact of state eviction moratorium](#)

December 18, 2020

[A positive force in our community: the Economic Justice Clinic](#)
October 19, 2017

[Professor Serge Martinez quoted in CNN Money](#)
November 4, 2016

[First New Mexico LGBT Legal Service Day to be Held on Saturday, November 15](#)
November 10, 2014

HANDS-ON EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING

COMPETITIONS & JOURNALS

Learn to control the courtroom by participating in academic competitions.

- Hone your skills for a career as a trial lawyer by participating in the National Mock Trial competition
- Moot court competitions are designed to teach students how to produce a cohesive brief, master the argument, and argue well.

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UNM publishes three law student-edited journals; each embodies a key area of expertise within the school.

- New Mexico Law Review
- Tribal Law Journal
- Natural Resources Journal

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IN-PRACTICE COURSES

The courses below combine lectures and class discussion with real-world lawyering. Several offer the opportunity to represent actual clients under the close supervision of faculty or practicing attorneys.

- Appellate Law in Practice
- Appellate Decision Making
- Criminal Law in Practice
- DWI and Domestic Violence Prosecution in Practice
- Evidence and Trial Practice

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EXTERNSHIPS

Externs gain valuable practical skills in a real-world setting while working with a supervising attorney.

As an extern, you confront actual legal problems and analyze the various roles that lawyers or legal institutions play in their communities.

- Agency Externships
- Judicial Externships
- Alternative Dispute Externships
- Semester in Washington D.C.

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CHRIS HALL
UNM School of Law
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"UNM Law has consistently given me opportunities to pursue real-world experiences beyond anything I expected to be doing while still in law school: I've helped pass a bill in the state legislature, helped draft other proposed legislation, worked on criminal prosecutions, testified before the utilities commission to help keep people's lights on during the pandemic, and helped New Mexico Pueblos sue the United States government to protect all of our waters. These kinds of opportunities to learn in the classroom and take that to do some good in the world is everything I could've wanted from law school."

STUDY ABROAD

MADRID SUMMER LAW INSTITUTE

The Madrid Summer Law Institute is a four-week, five-credit summer law program in Madrid, Spain. Classes meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., giving students ample opportunity to experience life in Europe.

The U.S. administration of the program takes place at the School of Law at The University of New Mexico, and all classes are offered at the Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales at the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos.

The Madrid Summer Law Institute offers classes on European Union law and international and comparative law. Courses are taught in English by faculty from both UNM School of Law and Universidad Rey Juan Carlos.

➤ LAWSCHOOL.UNM.EDU/MADRID



**RACHEL
WISNIEWSKI**
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“The Madrid program inspired me to pursue a career in international trade law. The faculty and guest speakers covered subject matter ranging from international commercial transactions to the European Union political structure and the impact of Brexit. The course material was complemented by visits to the European Union Parliament and Madrid Bar Association. Aside from the academics, I developed life-long friendships with fellow students and faculty during weekend trips, traditional Spanish lunches, and cultural events.”

WASHINGTON, D.C.



Work full-time for credit at a governmental agency or non-profit organization in D.C. and take a seminar taught by UNM Law School faculty, where you learn from and interact with judges, practitioners, and national political leaders.

➤ [LAWSCHOOL.UNM.EDU/ACADEMICS/DC-PROGRAM](https://lawschool.unm.edu/academics/dc-program)

SEMESTER IN DC

In the UNM Law Semester in DC, students work 35 hours per week in an area government agency, non-profit or other approved organization under the supervision of a licensed attorney. There is a mandatory weekly 3 hour class component taught by a law school professor at a location to be determined each semester. In addition, students are paired with attorney mentors who meet with students, set up networking opportunities, social events, and provide invaluable guidance.

The Washington, D.C. Metro Area boasts the largest group of School of Law alumni outside the state of New Mexico. Our DC area alumni are very connected and engaged with the Law School despite the geographic distance. Our alumni have been instrumental in ensuring that students participating in the DC Program feel welcome, become easily acclimated to the city, and are well-supported. The law school has a significant presence in the Washington, D.C. metro area, and our mark on national policies and legal developments there will only increase as our program continues to grow and attract students eager to participate fully in all it has to offer.

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With over 300 days of sunshine each year and a mild climate, Albuquerque is perfect for hiking in the Sandia Mountains, biking along the Rio Grande River, taking a ride on the tram, and strolling through the plazas. Our museums, galleries, performance spaces, sporting events, cafes and restaurants, wineries, breweries, and concert venues ensure there are abundant ways to enjoy life beyond the classroom.





SMALL BASKETS. BIG BALLOONS.

Albuquerque hosts the world's largest hot air balloon fiesta in October. Balloon festivals across the state offer year-round adventures.



SMALL HIKES. BIG SIGHTS.

New Mexico has five national forests, 55 parks and monuments (20 have lakes), 25 scenic byways, and 21 wilderness areas.



SMALL PEPPERS. BIG HEAT.

In the fall, the smoky, sweet smell of fresh roasted green chile permeates the air. All year long, our state question is, "Red or green?"



SMALL TRAIN. BIG BIRD.

The Rail Runner Express connects Albuquerque with Santa Fe and all the art, food, recreation, and culture to be enjoyed in the City Different.



SMALL TOWN. BIG INNOVATION.

Innovate ABQ, formed by UNM and its partners, is the catalyst for a new downtown hub of entrepreneurship and innovation.



SMALL TOWNS. BIG TRAILS.

New Mexico's eight alpine and three Nordic ski areas provide exceptional skiing and riding and a wide range of enjoyable lodging options.



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