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A Letter from the Executive Director of the **Gonzaga Law School Foundation**



Dear Gonzaga Law Alumni,

I hope this message finds you well. As executive director of the Gonzaga Law School Foundation, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued generosity and belief in the mission of Gonzaga Law. Your support as donors is a powerful reflection of the values we share and the future we are building together.

Because of you, Gonzaga Law remains a place where students are not only challenged academically but also nurtured personally and spiritually. Your contributions help us uphold our commitment to *cura personalis* — care for the whole person — and nowhere is that commitment more beautifully embodied than in The Common Grounds, our newly renovated outdoor space.

Assistant Dean Susan Lee and Fr. Bryan Pham, S.J., expressed so eloquently:

“The Common Grounds serves as a sacred haven for our law school community, where all are welcomed to find solace, reflection, and spiritual nourishment. It stands as a living testament to our institutional promise to care for the whole self, including the spiritual dimension. Within its embrace, students, faculty, staff, and alumni gather to renew their spirits, celebrate life’s moments, and seek peace and understanding.”

In moments of reflection, gathering, or solitude, The Common Grounds invites us to pause, breathe deeply, and find the courage to meet life’s challenges with renewed spirit. It is a space of healing, hope, and connection — brought to life by your generosity.

Your belief in Gonzaga Law and your investment in spaces like The Common Grounds ensure that our students are supported not only in their legal education but also in their personal growth. You help us create an environment where future legal professionals are formed with compassion, integrity, and resilience.

As we look ahead, I invite you to continue leading the way. Your gift to Gonzaga Law School today will help us sustain spaces like The Common Grounds, provide resources to our centers and Clinical Legal Programs, and ensure our students thrive both in their studies and in their formation as people for others.

Thank you for being part of this mission. Thank you for believing in our students, our faculty, and the transformative power of a Gonzaga Law education. And thank you for helping us cultivate spaces that reflect the heart of who we are.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Guzmán".

Sarah Guzmán
Executive Director
Gonzaga Law School Foundation



2024-2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025

TOTAL DONATIONS
\$1,596,585

\$2,856
AVERAGE DONOR GIFT

\$200
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69% OF DONORS
WERE ALUMNI

203 STUDENTS
ENTERED GONZAGA
LAW SCHOOL IN
FALL 2025

1,273 APPLICATIONS
TO GONZAGA LAW SCHOOL
FOR FALL 2025

Building Legal Futures: Gonzaga Law's Hands-On Approach to Career Development

Gonzaga Law School equips its graduates with the skills needed to seamlessly transition into their legal careers. This success is largely driven by the school's robust experiential learning programs, which prepare students to excel in their chosen regions and specialties. In addition, the dedicated support provided by the Law Career Services team ensures that students receive personalized guidance, resources, and opportunities to launch and sustain meaningful legal careers.

Updates from the Law Career Services Office include:

- Welcoming **Erica Peacock** as a career specialist.

We are excited to welcome Erica Peacock to Gonzaga Law School as our new career specialist. Erica recently earned her Master's in School Counseling from Whitworth University (May 2025) and brings extensive experience as a crisis counselor, patient advocate, and school counselor. In her new role, Erica will support Law Career Services with event planning, programming, and curriculum development.



- In February 2025 and August 2025, Law Career Services conducted two on-campus interview events involving approximately 75 distinguished law firms, governmental entities, businesses, and organizations conducting nearly 550 interviews of first, second, and third year law students. Students interviewed for a wide variety of jobs, including school year and summer externships/internships and postgraduate associate attorney and other permanent attorney positions.
- A total of 121 second and third year law students participated in externships during the Spring 2025 semester. The externship program provides students with an educational experience that combines academic credit with practical, hands-on legal training outside the classroom. Through these placements, students gain exposure to real-world law practice while exploring different legal careers and office settings.

Fall 2025 Law Career Services Events:

- Immigration Law Panel
- Career Workshop Series
- JAG Panel and Informational Session
- Women's Law Caucus Event
- Rural Practice Hiring Event

Gonzaga Law Career Services embraces the "Zags help Zags" culture and welcomes you to discover how to get involved and make a meaningful impact on a Gonzaga Law student's career.

If you would like to connect, volunteer, or support the Law Career Services Office, reach out to **(509) 313-3705** or email lawcareers@gonzaga.edu

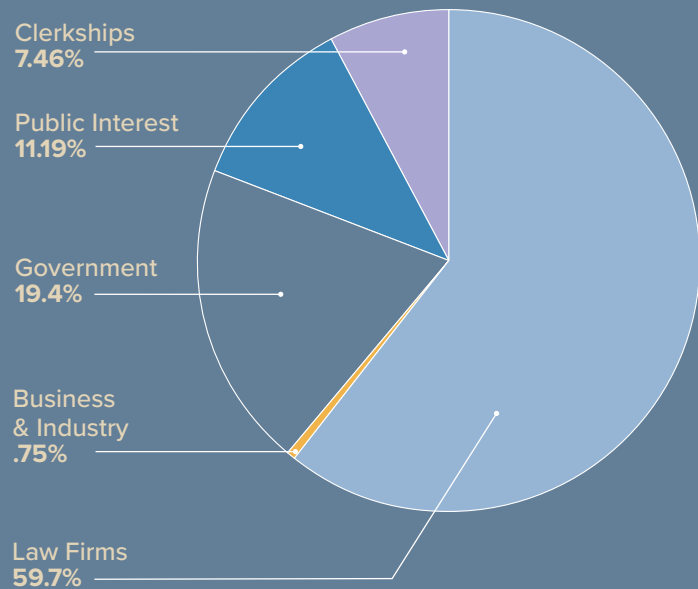


Career Ready: The Class of 2024's Strong Start in the Legal Profession

We are proud to report that the Class of 2024 has achieved outstanding employment outcomes. As of the most recent ABA reporting, **76.5%** of 2024 graduates have secured positions requiring (or anticipating) Bar admission, with an additional **7.8%** employed in J.D. Advantage jobs, other professional positions, or enrolled in further graduate studies. In total, **84.3%** of the class of 2024 is employed or pursuing further education.

This chart provides a breakdown of the type of employers the Class of 2024 is currently employed by based on data reported by graduates or obtained by the Law Career Services Office. We are incredibly proud of the Class of 2024 and confident in all they will achieve.

CLASS OF 2024 AREAS OF PRACTICE



Reshaping Legal Education: **How Intersession Week Prepares Zags for Practice**

For the second year in a row, Gonzaga Law School will host an Intersession Week at the beginning of each semester as part of its ongoing curriculum reforms aimed at better preparing students for the evolving legal landscape. This mini-term offers a range of one-credit intensive courses, along with opportunities for clinic and externship orientation, career development, public service, and study abroad.

Agnieszka McPeak, associate dean of academic affairs and program innovation, has observed a positive impact from the variety of special opportunities students can engage in during the week.

“The addition of Intersession Week at the start of each semester allows us to offer students a range of credit-bearing and extracurricular opportunities that focus on experiential learning, career readiness, and community-building, while our new academic calendar provides a better-paced experience throughout the semester.”

Every semester brings different courses and experiences to Intersession Week. Below are a few highlights of what students have already enjoyed:



Associate Dean Dallan Flake and nine students took a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the heart of Guatemala, where they toured the region and learned about advocating for indigenous and immigrant rights.



All 1L students take Lawyering Skills during Intersession to learn the practical tools they need to succeed in today's legal field. From practicing client interviews and informal discovery to diving deep into fact investigation and the discovery process, this course offers a wealth of hands-on learning experiences.



Students preparing for the California Bar can now take a specialized course during Intersession Week focused on California law and bar exam preparation — particularly valuable for those planning to practice in the state.

If you have expertise you'd like to share during an upcoming Intersession, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Associate Dean McPeak at mcpeak@gonzaga.edu to learn more.

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Your gift makes a difference!

Donations make an immediate impact. All contributions to the Annual Fund benefit students and faculty this fiscal year (June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026).



Ways to give

Make a monthly gift. Help provide a stable funding source for the Law School with a monthly donation based on your budget. Make a gift online (www.gonzaga.edu/lawgive) and choose “I would like to make this a perpetual gift” to start a monthly donation.

Include Gonzaga Law School in your Will or Estate Plan. Contact Sarah Guzmán, executive director, Gonzaga Law Foundation (guzmans@gonzaga.edu) or visit gonzaga.edu/plannedgiving.



Brick by Brick: New Outdoor Space for the Gonzaga Law Community

Mark your legacy in the foundation of The Common Grounds space at Gonzaga Law School.

As part of our commitment to fostering a peaceful, reflective, and restorative environment for our community, Gonzaga Law School has constructed a new reflection and meditation space behind the building called The Common Grounds.

All are invited to contribute in a meaningful way by purchasing a personalized brick, you can be part of the foundation of this special area, which will provide generations of law students, faculty, and alumni with a place to reflect, find solace, and engage in transformative conversation.



To learn more and purchase a brick scan the QR Code below. Have questions? Contact Carol Osenga at osenga@gonzaga.edu

Why Participate?

- **Create a lasting legacy:** Your personalized brick will be placed within The Common Grounds, a permanent reminder of your connection to the law school and the importance of peaceful dialogue and conflict resolution.
- **Honor someone special:** Consider dedicating a brick in memory or honor of a mentor, loved one, or colleague who has significantly impacted your life or legal journey.
- **Support the law school:** Donations are 100% tax-deductible, and proceeds from the brick campaign will help fund The Common Grounds' continued development and maintenance, ensuring it remains a welcoming place for all.

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Example of brick art

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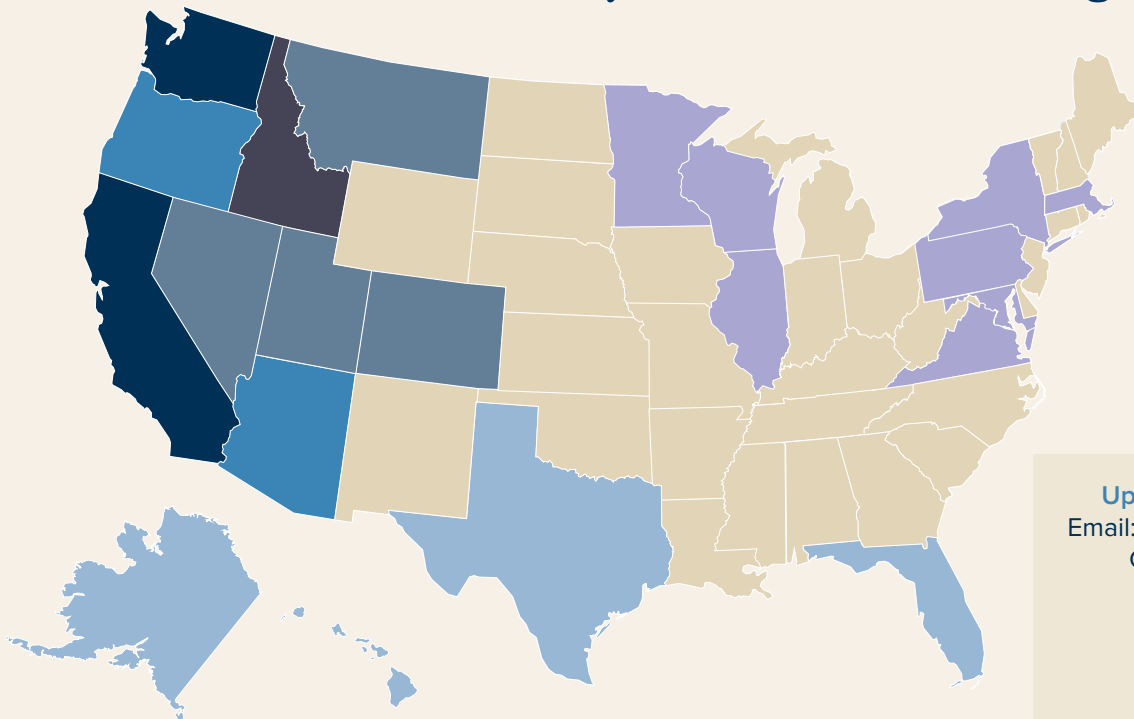
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Artist **Sheila Miles**' inspiration is drawn from "the abstract qualities of shape and form, textures and patterns, and complex color palette and range of values for the viewer to enter the space." A dedicated painter with more than 50 years of experience, she is still looking for complex and hidden compositions.

Gonzaga University School of Law is grateful for its partnership with The Art Spirit Gallery for bringing incredible artists like Sheila Miles to our hallways and annual report pages. Throughout this issue, you will experience Miles' outstanding work. To learn more about the artist, visit her website at artistmiles.com.

Great care was taken to ensure the accuracy of this listing. Should there be any questions, please email Carol Osenga at osenga@gonzaga.edu.

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