

MLAW TOUR: THE LAW SCHOOL CAMPUS

Welcome to the University of Michigan Law School—one of the world’s most respected institutions of legal education. When establishing the University of Michigan in 1817, the state constitution mandated that the new school include a law department. Lack of funding—and of interest—delayed the creation of the Department of Law until 1859. The nascent department didn’t have its own building until 1863, when the Law Building was erected near the intersection of South State Street and North University Avenue, about a quarter-mile north of our current location.

The generosity of the Law School’s alumni and friends made much of today’s Law School campus possible, beginning with William W. Cook, 1882, of New York City, who funded construction of the Law Quadrangle. Cook hired an architect and oversaw the building process himself, down to the minutest details. He also gave the money to build the Martha Cook Residence, located on the east side of Tappan Street, across from the Law Quad.

Cook believed philanthropy is important, and he wanted a grand campus for his alma mater because he felt that the character of a law school could determine the character of the legal profession. (Look for Cook’s quote carved into the stone above the State Street entrance to the Lawyers Club.) By bequeathing his wealth to the Law School and to the construction of what became the Cook Law Quadrangle, Cook created a stunning example of how architecture and design can help forge a sense of community between faculty and students—and foster a lifelong connection for alumni.

Our walking tour takes you through the Law School campus, beginning with South Hall—the latest addition to the Law School’s family of buildings—and ending in our iconic Law Quadrangle.

South Hall:

Opened in 2012, South Hall’s design complements the architecture of the Law Quadrangle and even contains stone from the same Indiana quarry used for the construction of the Law Quadrangle buildings in the 1920s and 1930s. A pair of U.S. Supreme Court Justices helped to celebrate the creation of South Hall: Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. broke ground for the building in 2009, and Associate Justice Elena Kagan participated in the dedication ceremony in 2012. Many faculty offices are housed in South Hall, as well as administrative offices that include Admissions and Financial Aid, Communications and Media Relations, Career Planning, and the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

Basement

The **classrooms** in the basement and on the first level of South Hall contain the latest technology and can be reconfigured in many ways to accommodate seminars and classroom sessions for clinics.

This level also contains **locker rooms**, which are open to law students, faculty, and staff.

1st floor

The **Elkes Grand Hall** is the non-domed rotunda in the center of South Hall. Its name recognizes the leadership and generosity of Ruth and Terrence Elkes, ’58, and the Elkes Foundation.

The **Christopher M. Jefferies Lounge** (1220) is a favorite study spot that also hosts receptions, small luncheons, and dinners. The four stained glass cartoons in the glass facing the hallway (Petty Larceny, Receiving of Stolen Goods, Contracts, and Coercion) moved from Hutchins Hall during the construction of the Robert B. Aikens Commons. The lounge's name recognizes the leadership and generosity of Christopher Jefferies, '74, founding partner of Millennium Partners LLP.

The **Beatrice & C. Blake McDowell Jr. Room** (1225) is the largest classroom in South Hall and an example of the building's technology-friendly classrooms. Many of the classrooms in South Hall are much smaller, creating an ideal setting for seminars and the clinics' classroom sessions. The McDowell Room recognizes the leadership and generosity of C. Blake McDowell Jr., '43, and his wife, Beatrice.

The **Office of Career Planning, or OCP** (1100) provides a broad range of programs to help students and graduates as they explore career opportunities in the private and public sectors, while also serving employers both nationally and internationally. Ten attorney-counselors advise students, including two who work extensively on alumni counseling. The Robert P. Luciano suite, named in grateful recognition of the leadership and generosity of Robert P. Luciano, '58, houses OCP.

The **Caminker Arcade** is the outdoor walkway on the south side of South Hall, facing Weill Hall. It honors Evan Caminker, who served as dean of the Law School from 2003 to 2013 and led the campaign to build South Hall and the Robert B. Aikens Commons.

2nd floor

The **Office of Admissions & Financial Aid** (2209) is the starting point for prospective students who want to learn more about Michigan Law's academic programs, as well as dual degrees and the Loan Repayment Assistance Program. It also is the meeting place for tours led by students or staff members.

The **clinical offices** provide space for students to meet with their clients, as well as workspaces. The offices' design mimics the feel of a real law firm and brings a professional atmosphere to clinical programs for both students and clients. The Law School offers 17 clinics that provide opportunities for litigation, advocacy, and transactional experience for second- and third-year students. In addition, because Michigan is one of a handful of states that allow first-year law students to represent clients in court, the Unemployment Insurance Clinic is open to second-semester 1Ls.

Hutchins Hall:

William Cook wanted "the law school building" to be named after Harry Burns Hutchins, who was dean of the Law School from 1895 to 1910 and president of the University from 1910 to 1920. Hutchins was the person most responsible for securing and stewarding Cook's gift. Hutchins Hall contains two floors of class and seminar rooms, and two floors of faculty offices, including those of the Law School's dean and associate deans. The classrooms were built with sound-proofing plaster, rubber tile floors, and continuous desk tops in the form of an amphitheater.

Basement

Many of the largest **student groups have offices** in the basement of Hutchins Hall, and bulletin boards lining the hallways that announce their news and upcoming events. The Law School has about 70 student organizations.

At the base of the stairs leading up to the Reading Room is the **game room**, a popular area for students to relax. Features include a flat-screen TV; vending machines; and pool, foosball, and ping-pong tables.

The lower level of **Robert B. Aikens Commons**, which the students refer to as “LoCo,” offers space for socializing and studying, including group study rooms. Opened in 2012, the Commons stands atop a previously unused courtyard. Its name recognizes the leadership and support of Robert B. Aikens, ’54, whose \$10 million gift made the Commons possible. The Robert and Ann Aikens Room, a classroom on the second floor of Hutchins Hall (236), also recognizes the generosity of Aikens and his wife.

The *Michigan Journal of International Law* hosts the **BookTrader** (B11-B) as a low-cost method for students to donate and buy legal textbooks and study aids. The BookTrader accepts donated books from students year-round and is the only source of used study aids for law students. It is open the first week of class each semester, and again toward the end of the semester.

Passing through the glass doors to the east of the game room, you also will find **a secondary entrance to the Allan F. and Alene Smith Library**.

1st floor

As you walk through the first floor of Hutchins Hall, look for the 18 cartoons etched into the windows--humorous portrayals of Latin legal maxims that offer a reprieve from the serious study of law. You can chart your progress as a law student by these windows: At first, some will be mystifying; when they start getting funny, you’ve reached a milestone in your education.

Starting along the south corridor, you first will find *Qui tacet consentire videtur* (*He who keeps silent is assumed consent*), with the Contracts and Perjury panels. Continuing to the next window, *Ignorantia legis neminem excusat* (*Ignorance of the law excuses no one*) is paired with Divorce and Inheritance. Next is *Aequum et bonum est lex legum* (*The fair and good is the law of laws*), with the Assault and Arson panels. Last is *Ubi jus, ibi remedium* (*When there is a right, there is a remedy*), paired with the Extortion and Maritime Law panels.

Continuing around to the north corridor, on your left (the north side) you first will find *Aequitas sequitur legem* (*Equity follows law*), with the Bribery and Patent Law panels. Next is *Lex nil frustra facit* (*The law does nothing in vein*), represented by Larceny and Robbery. Across the hall to your right is *Audi alteram partem* (*Hear the other side*), with the Traffic and St. Matthew (5:21) panels. Note the block M on the sweater in the latter panel. Next on your right is *Damnum sine injuria esse potest* (*There can be loss without any wrong*), paired with Bankruptcy and Malicious Mischief. Across the hall to the left is *Ubi eadem est ratio, eadem est lex* (*Where the reason is the same, the law is the same*), with the Military and Anarchy panels. Continuing on the left is *Cassante ratione legis cessat ipsa lex* (*When the reason of the law ceases, the law itself also ceases*), with the Murder and Honor panels. Last is *Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus* (*False in one thing, false in everything*), with the Fraud and Pure Food panels.

Turning along the east corridor, the first window is *Communis error facit jus* (*Shared error creates law*), with portrayals of Gambling and Barratry. Next is *Delegatus non potest delegare* (*A delegate cannot*

himself delegate), which is paired with Mayhem and Accessory. Finally is *Sic utere tuo ut alienum non laedus* (*Use your property so as to not damage another's*), represented by the Manslaughter and Nuisance panels.

While a variety of food options are within close walking distance from the Law School, the **Kirkland and Ellis Café** is a popular place to grab a quick lunch or coffee between classes, meet with friends and professors, or take a study break. The name of the cafe recognizes a combined gift made by all 26 Michigan Law alumni who were share partners at Kirkland & Ellis LLP at the time of construction in 2012, as well as gifts from the Kirkland & Ellis Foundation and William R. Jentes, '56, a preeminent former litigator at the firm.

The upper level of **Robert B. Aikens Commons**, which the students refer to as “UpCo,” is an open and light study and social space for students, faculty, and staff. It also hosts events throughout the academic year. Opened in 2012, the Aikens Commons stands atop a previously unused courtyard. Its name recognizes the leadership and support of Robert B. Aikens, '54, whose \$10 million gift made the Commons possible. The Robert and Ann Aikens Room, a classroom on the second floor of Hutchins Hall (236), also recognizes the generosity of Aikens and his wife.

Through the upper level of Robert B. Aikens Commons, you will find the **interior entrance to the Reading Room** through a door at the top of a short set of stairs.

At the center of Hutchins Hall is the **Dean's Courtyard**, which you can enter through a door across from the Kirkland & Ellis Cafe. Formal and informal gatherings, as well as the occasional class, take place here during the year. In addition, students seek respite by eating lunch or studying in the quiet of the courtyard.

The **Jason L. Honigman Auditorium** (100) is the largest classroom in Hutchins Hall. It also hosts schoolwide events like the School Funded Fellowships auction and the finals of the Campbell Moot Court, as well as speakers, conferences, and symposia. The room's name honors Jason L. Honigman, '26, a founding partner of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP.

As you walk through Hutchins Hall, you will pass several other rooms named for alumni and law firm supporters of the Law School, in grateful recognition of their generosity. They include (on the first floor): The Tauber Family Classroom (138); The Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett Room (132); The Squire, Sanders & Dempsey Room (120); The Herbert M. Kohn & Thomas W. Van Dyke Room (118); and The Weil Gotshal Room (116); and on the second floor: The Foley & Lardner Room (220).

2nd floor

The **Center for International & Comparative Law Research Room** (200) provides computers for students and faculty to use between classes. *You are welcome to peer through the window, but due to security considerations, the public cannot access this room.*

The **William J. and Lois J. Halliday Moot Courtroom** (232) allows students to practice courtroom skills in a simulated setting. It contains remote control cameras, an audio system, and a movable podium, which allows them to face the jury and the judge separately. Our clinical programs use the space to videotape student mock trials, and early rounds of the Campbell Moot Court competition take place here. The

room's name honors William Halliday, '48, and his wife, Lois, ABEd '48, who gave \$1 million to renovate the existing space. *Due to security considerations, the public cannot access this room.*

The **Dykema Gossett Room** (250) is equipped with sophisticated videoconferencing capabilities that enables distance-learning opportunities, but when used as a traditional classroom, its layout facilitates a free interchange between students and faculty. The room's name recognizes the generous gift made by Dykema Gossett PLLC, and the firm's longstanding relationship with the Law School.

3rd floor

The **Legal Practice Program** (300) provides each first-year student with individualized instruction in legal research, analysis, writing, and other skills necessary for the practice of law. Students receive intensive interactive training from one of eight full-time and two part-time legal practice professors, each with substantial practice experience and expertise in the craft of legal writing.

The **Office of Student Life** (316) provides academic and personal support to law students through counseling, programming, and other resources.

Walking to the east end of the south corridor, look for the sign that says "Bridge to Legal Research." This will lead you to the **Kim/Frank Family Bridge**, which overlooks Hutchins Hall and leads to faculty offices located in the William W. Cook Legal Research Building. The glass bridge offers a unique view of the Law Quad and its gothic architecture. Its name recognizes the \$2 million gift made by Diann H. Kim, '83, and John B. Frank, '83, to the building project in 2013.

4th floor

The **Office of Student Records** (416) facilitates and processes enrollment, registration, exams, grade posting, letter grade conversion to "pass" requests, transfer credits, and degree audits for students, in addition to bar exam certifications and degree verifications for alumni.

Legal Research Building:

The best-known part of the Legal Research Building is the **William W. Cook Legal Research Library (Reading Room)**. The stained glass seals of the Reading Room show the prominent colleges and universities of the early 20th century—the time of construction, which finished in 1933. You can find the University of Michigan's seal on the bottom-row center panel of the west window; the State of Michigan's seal occupies the same spot on the east window. Recent renovations include updating the lighting, cleaning and restoring the paintwork on the ceiling, refinishing the study tables, and installing new cork flooring. The room is open to everyone, but the west half is for the exclusive use of law students.

Near the center of the Reading Room, on the south side (opposite the exterior entrance to the Quad), you will find the steps leading down to the **Allan F. and Alene Smith Library**. Completed in 1981, the name honors Allan F. Smith, who served as dean of the Law School from 1960 to 1965 and led the campaign to build the library. The underground addition was somewhat controversial at the time of construction because its modern feel is a departure from the stone-and-stained glass tradition of the Quad. However, its legendary green carpet is now beloved in its own right. The library is open to law students and visiting lawyers. Full-time librarians, all of whom have law degrees, assist students, faculty, and alumni with in-person and online research requests. The Law School's eight student-run journals

also have their offices in the library, and more than 200 study carrels and two computer labs are available. In addition, the library features a collection of books (fiction and non-fiction) written by alumni, as well as a rare books room. Display cases near the rare books room are changed periodically to highlight various aspects of the Law School and its traditions, including a collection of canes carved by members of graduating classes in the late 1800s and early 1900s—much as students have signed yearbooks in more recent times.

The Cook Law Quadrangle:

As you exit the Reading Room, you will see the **Cook Law Quadrangle, commonly known as the Law Quad or the Quad**. Although we are admittedly biased here at the Law School, it is arguably the most beautiful spot on the entire University of Michigan campus—and certainly one of the most famous. The Quad is the perfect spot for studying, picnicking, snowball fights, or just hanging out. Each fall, alumni celebrating milestone reunions enjoy pre-game festivities in the Quad before heading to Michigan Stadium, and the May Senior Day reception is held here, as well.

In 2017, the Law Quad received new sidewalks (replacing the original slate) and updated lighting. Of paramount importance was retaining the traditional look and feel of the Quad.

The Law Quadrangle is a common thread that binds the Law School's more than 22,000 worldwide alumni, and is a place of intellectual engagement and inspiration for current and future generations of Michigan Law students and faculty.

The Lawyers Club:

Standing in the Quad, with your back to the Reading Room steps, you can admire the exterior of the **Lawyers Club**, which consists of housing and dining spaces for law students, in addition to public reception space. Built in 1924, the Lawyers Club was the first section of the Law Quadrangle to be constructed.

To your right and straight ahead, you will find entrances to the **Munger Residences in the Lawyers Club**, which houses 227 law students. Residences feature single rooms with private bathroom or, for a smaller fee, semi-private bathrooms and plenty of common space. At the same time, rooms retain their original character, which, in some cases, includes non-working fireplaces. The 2013 renovation of the Lawyers Club, particularly the Munger Residences, was the result of a \$20 million gift from Charles T. Munger, LLD '10, philanthropist and vice chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

To your left as you stand on the Reading Room steps are the **Lawyers Club Lounge** (farthest north, closer to South University Avenue) and the **Dining Hall** (closer to Hutchins Hall). The Lawyers Club Lounge is a popular spot for receptions and lectures, and offers a change of pace for studying. Open to everyone, the room's ornate décor and grand piano provide an elegant backdrop for special occasions, but comfortable couches and intimate seating arrangements equally conducive to studying or relaxing with friends. Its vaulted ceilings make for a "whispering gallery" effect, and provide excellent acoustics. The lounge is a favorite performance spot for the Law School's a cappella student group, the Headnotes.

From the lounge, you can walk straight to the Dining Hall, although entrance is for law students and alumni only. The windows contain variegated glass imported from England, and the ceiling, which

features carvings of eminent jurists, is supported by nine oak trusses. This area is spacious and elegant, serving meals to both residents and nonresidents of the Lawyers Club.

As you exit the Lawyers Club, look for an interesting feature of the Law Quadrangle's architecture: 22 corbels in the three walkways that connect South University Avenue and the Quad. The carvings depict a variety of professional and leisure pursuits and include a jurist, an engineer, a grape harvester, and a football player, as well as six former U-M presidents.