Mission Statement of the School of Law

Adopted by the Faculty Council, 10/20/2015

We educate students to become exceptional and principled lawyers; to contribute to local, national and international discourse about the law and legal institutions; and to promote efforts to achieve justice in local, national and international communities.  As an urban law school, we value diversity, academic excellence and public service, and we seek to improve the legal system and the quality of people’s lives. The School of Law prepares its students to assume leadership roles in the public and private sectors in the City of Baltimore, throughout the state of Maryland, across the United States and around the world.

Vision Statement of the School of Law

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We educate our students to become members of the legal profession who are exceptionally well prepared to serve clients, promote justice and become leaders in a variety of disciplines. Using innovative teaching techniques, live-client experiential opportunities, simulation courses and externships, we help our students to:

* develop knowledge of substantive and procedural law and theory in an array of contexts and legal systems;
* acquire legal analysis, research, writing and communication skills so that they can effectively analyze and resolve client and societal problems; and
* adhere to the highest professional and ethical standards.

The University of Baltimore School of Law will teach legal doctrine, legal ethics and legal skills in a manner that successfully combines theory and practice. We will provide students with practical legal experiences and an innovative writing program that is an integral part of the overall curriculum, thereby facilitating their understanding and application of the law. We will work with our students to identify and build on their strengths as they make the transition to their professional careers. To create the best possible environment for this comprehensive legal education, we will take advantage of our urban location and we will provide a state-of-the-art facility, a wide range of co-curricular activities, and productive centers for the study of law in areas of targeted strength. Our faculty will produce scholarship that makes substantial contributions to legal discourse, and our faculty and students will engage in service that benefits our local, regional, national and international communities. We will continue our commitment to the dual goals of access and excellence by creating a welcoming and vibrant educational community that is rich in diversity in all of its varied forms, and by offering students the fullest opportunity to participate in the law school experience through flexible full-time and part-time programs.