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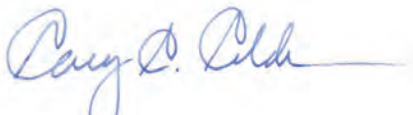
A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

I simply love to teach. I particularly enjoy watching my students acquire the analytical, problem solving, and persuasion skills they'll use on a daily basis while serving their clients. But as much as I like being in the classroom, my favorite part of the day is joining students around a table in the commons area for informal discussions about topics inside and outside the world of the law. I sincerely believe that the moments I treasure represent the distinctive features of Penn State's Dickinson School of Law—what we teach, and the environment in which our students learn.

Dickinson Law has a well-deserved reputation for producing first-rate lawyers—due in no small measure to the fact that every member of our faculty had a distinguished career practicing law. While they continue to engage with the legal profession through their scholarship and public service, the faculty's number one priority and passion is our students. But having exceptional and caring teachers is not sufficient to prepare you to succeed. A law school must teach the right stuff in the right way. Rapid and radical changes in the competencies a lawyer needs to effectively represent clients in an interconnected and global society prompted our faculty to reinvent the substance of our curriculum and to expand the forum of instruction from the classroom to real-world settings. We are committed to a single goal—to ensure that our students graduate ready to practice law in a competitive and changed marketplace.

An equally distinctive part of the Dickinson Law experience is our community. This is one of the reasons we choose to limit our entering class to 75 students. Without compromising academic rigor, our professors are supportive of your success. You'll immediately begin putting your skills into practice by serving the community in your first year. Your classmates will be your partners, not your competitors. And, from the moment you are accepted for admission, our loyal and involved alumni will become your mentors.

I look forward to welcoming you into the Dickinson Law family.


Gary S. Gildin



Founded in 1834, Penn State's Dickinson School of Law is the oldest law school in Pennsylvania, and the fifth oldest in the country. Over the years, our graduates have included the nation's finest attorneys, judges, government and corporate leaders, and legal educators. Our 1997 merger with Penn State expanded our reputation, network, and joint degree programs—complementing Dickinson Law's legacy as an innovative leader in experiential education.



THE DICKINSON LAW EXPERIENCE

You will graduate from Penn State's Dickinson School of Law having mastered the foundations of the legal system—this knowledge will be deepened by a breadth of practical experiences. We know law. As will you.

Supportive Environment

Dickinson Law's intimate environment will nurture and challenge you. Class sizes, kept intentionally small, foster close personal interaction with your professors and a deep connection with other students.

In addition, you'll become part of a vibrant legal community whose proximity to state and national capitals affords a diverse selection of career-building opportunities. We offer desirable placements with law firms, local, state and federal government agencies, private corporations, and non-profit entities.





GARY GILDIN
I am a steadfast believer in the professional obligation of every lawyer to provide assistance to the underrepresented. Ironically, this is one of the most selfish things a lawyer can do.



LUCY JOHNSTON-WALSH
My legal career has been devoted to protecting the rights of children. The Children's Advocacy Clinic teaches students to become advocates for our most vulnerable population.



THOMAS PLACE
Legal education is more than classroom instruction. It is a shared experience in which faculty and students work together to create and maintain a supportive climate for learning.



NANCY WELSH
Being a lawyer is a privilege. So is being a law teacher and helping future lawyers unlock the doors to new ways of understanding the world and their role in it.



MEGAN RIESMEYER
My goal is to make all of my interactions with students teaching moments; be they in a formal classroom setting or in one-on-one case reviews and discussions.



MARTIN SKLADANY
I aspire to instill in students that they are part of a community that genuinely cares about everyone's development—that they are members of a lifelong partnership between every individual who enters the law school.



CARLA PRATT
All of our professors have an open-door policy which invites you to visit with them outside the classroom to gain a better understanding of the material.



DERMOT GROOME
I believe that a good legal education is a transformative process. When students finish their education, they should be intrinsically different people.



LAUREL TERRY
Community is important to me. I think my most lasting scholarly legacy won't be my publications, but will be the students I have influenced and the networks that I have tried to build.



LANCE COLE
My goal is to leave students with a sophisticated understanding of business law and governmental regulation of business, so they'll feel confident in whatever career they pursue.



AMY GAUDION
Our building's design reflects a belief in shared spaces and engaged, robust debate. The Commons provides a physical reminder of the values we hold in common.



WILLIAM BARKER
I am fascinated with how taxation can be a tool of development or oppression. Many students are surprised to learn the breadth of the implications that federal tax law has in America.



KATHERINE HOLTZINGER CONNER
Providing opportunities for real world experience will empower our students to adapt and ultimately to lead the legal profession.



MICHAEL MOGILL
We are both a product of our community and proponents for its betterment.



MARY KAY POLACHECK
It has been a great joy to watch students progress from confusion, and sometimes rebellion, to recognition that legal writing is not only conquerable, but also, in its own functional way, quite beautiful.



CAMILLE MARION
I am committed to helping law students combine legal theory with practical skills. I want students to understand the scope of legal tools in the many applications available to practicing lawyers.



WILLIAM BUTLER
The learning and skills acquired during a legal education serve well in all economic climates and many careers. International and comparative components are an integral part of the formation of a jurist.



KATHERINE PEARSON
I see community as a series of concentric circles with our law school at the center.

FACULTY

PRACTICE-READY

When we say you'll be practice-ready on graduation day, we mean it. You'll develop the ability to think strategically, and fine-tune the skills you'll need to make an impact in today's evolving legal landscape.

You'll acquire a strong understanding of national and transnational law fortified by repeated practice experience. Dickinson Law's unique curriculum introduces problem-solving skills and other core competencies during your first year. Your upper-level curriculum helps concentrate your studies in specific practice areas, blending substantive knowledge and lawyering skills. This is where your career begins to take shape.

Experienced Faculty

Your professors have spent years practicing law, and continue to engage nationally and internationally with the legal profession through pro bono litigation, mediation, advisory committees, and scholarship.

In addition to our dedicated full-time faculty, you'll learn from an adjunct faculty of practicing attorneys and judges who translate years of legal experience into exercises in critical thinking and problem solving. Their experience becomes your experience as you prepare to represent your clients at the local, state, national, and international levels.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

WHAT DOES EXPERIENCE COUNT FOR AT PENN STATE'S DICKINSON LAW? EVERYTHING.

In the first semester, you will interview an actual client. By the time you graduate, you will have the doctrinal knowledge and practical training to start a great career.

As your legal knowledge grows, so will your opportunities to put it to work. You'll cultivate your lawyering skills in real-life situations through the Law School's in-house clinics, internships, semesters-in-residence, and practicum courses.

Clinics

During your second- and third-years, you'll have the chance to participate in one of our four legal clinics. Under the guidance of clinical faculty, you'll offer legal services to area residents and public interest organizations that cannot afford private representation.



TIM SMITH '12
Clinic Supervising Attorney
Working one-on-one with clinical faculty, students continue to learn and enhance their legal skills while being responsible for all aspects of their cases—from initial interviews to court appearances.

Semesters-in-Residence

Continue your transition from promising student to practicing attorney with a semester-in-residence. These immersive programs allow you to work full-time in Harrisburg, Washington, D.C., or an international venue. Placements have included the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; U.S. Department of Justice; Governor's Office of General Counsel; YWCA Domestic Violence Legal Center; and International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Netherlands, The Hague.

Internships

With a Dickinson Law internship, you'll practice law in a legal setting outside the classroom while earning academic credit. You'll gain valuable experience working for a federal or state judge, prosecutor or public defender, government agency, or non-profit organization.





CURRICULUM

THE LAWYER AS...

The Dickinson Law curriculum is uniquely designed to prepare you for a brilliant career. Our innovative first-year curriculum introduces a number of core lawyering skills and extra-legal competencies. Your upper-level electives concentrate on specific areas of practice and strategic analysis. We call this curriculum “The Lawyer As...” because it helps you develop proficiencies exclusive to your chosen area of law.

Practice Globally

Your first year will introduce you to law on an international scale with Lawyering in a Global World.

Then, during your upper-level curriculum, you’ll further explore the practice and application of international law through course work in a variety of concentrations, including International Business Transactions, Comparative International Tax Law, Cross Border Legal Practice, International Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law, and National Security Law, to name a few.

Dickinson Law offers opportunities for international learning through a variety of study abroad placements and semester-in-residence programs. Dickinson Law students have been placed with the Escola de Direito de São Paulo (FGV) in Brazil; National Taiwan University College of Law; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Cape Town, South Africa; and the International Bar Association in London.



STUDENT LIFE

LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Our community offers a variety of opportunities to exercise your mind and body. Use your newfound skills to serve on local boards or participate in our Miller Center Pro Bono Matching Program. Maybe join a student organization to help organize and sponsor social events and community projects. Or balance work with play by engaging in mindfulness and yoga sessions, intramural sports, or cultural activities.

Service in the Community

One of the more unique aspects of your Dickinson Law education is the occasion to practice your skills while giving back to the surrounding community.

You'll have the chance to join the board of directors of a non-profit organization, sit on the Carlisle Borough Council, participate in legal intake at the Bethesda Mission homeless shelter, and provide pro bono representation with private attorneys, public defenders, and court-appointed counsel.

Our students also participate in Wills for Heroes, a national program born after 9/11 through which law students prepare end-of-life documents to protect those who protect us. You'll undergo specific training, then pair with licensed attorneys to draft wills and powers of attorney for first responders.

Livability

Just outside our beautiful campus sits a region of unparalleled beauty, culture, and opportunity for personal and professional growth. The historic town of

Carlisle features our valued neighbor Dickinson College, a variety of restaurants, shops and galleries, an independent movie theater, downtown farmers' market, and much more. In fact, *Forbes* magazine/ *Forbes.com* recently ranked the Harrisburg-Carlisle region as one of America's most livable cities. Plus, we're just a short drive from Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and New York.

Diversity at Dickinson Law

At Dickinson Law, we believe that cultural diversity enriches everyone's educational experience, and we strive to maintain an inclusive community. We are as committed to welcoming people of diverse cultures and lifestyles as we are to preparing them to become the next generation of practice-ready attorneys.

Law Review and Moot Court teams

Our flagship law review offers opportunities for student publication and production of scholarly articles. Students may also serve as research assistants,

working closely with a faculty member writing books, articles, draft legislation, and advisory opinions.

Dickinson Law students also participate in national and international moot court competitions. Team members, chosen each year through an intraschool competition, advance their writing, problem-solving, and advocacy skills under the guidance of full-time faculty and experienced lawyers. We sponsor moot court teams in negotiation, mediation, civil and criminal trials, and appellate advocacy in a variety of areas such as labor law, environmental law, securities law, constitutional law, and transnational law.

CAREER PLANNING

Penn State’s Dickinson School of Law will help you prepare for and secure a rewarding position. We offer an array of helpful resources—some traditional, and many unique to Dickinson Law.

Our innovative curriculum, in itself, establishes the platform for your eventual career. You’ll develop skills not typically taught in law school—ones that make you an attractive candidate. And, of course, you’ll join the Penn State and Dickinson Law alumni networks, whose members are always willing to introduce you to additional opportunities.



Alumni Mentoring

Upon admission, we’ll pair you with an alumni mentor based on your mutual interests or geographic area. You’ll partner with an experienced attorney who can listen and offer advice on how to navigate the many challenges you’ll face during law school and as you enter the legal profession.

Your alumni mentor can offer insight about his or her field of practice and the legal market, and may be instrumental in helping you launch your career.

Career Planning

Throughout your time at Dickinson Law, you’ll have access to employers around the world. Our Career Services Office hosts an on-campus interview program and maintains a robust database of job postings. Individual career counseling is also available, including mock interviews with practicing attorneys and optional video review to help perfect your interviewing skills.

Lifetime Services

Career planning doesn’t stop when you earn your degree. You’ll always have access to our Career Services’ portal, where you can view job openings and receive email alerts targeted to your specific career interests.

Our online alumni referral directory and alumni exchange network cooperate with other law schools to give you expanded national access to available jobs.

We also offer Continuing Legal Education classes, and host a number of alumni events for networking and advanced instruction. And our career counselors are always available to review your résumé and to discuss job search strategy.

NETWORK CONNECTIONS

Your degree carries national and international recognition. As a graduate of Penn State's Dickinson School of Law, you'll become part of a loyal alumni network of distinguished lawyers, statespersons, business leaders, innovators, and advocates.



MAREN MILLER BAM '13
Directing Attorney, Seattle Community Law Center, Seattle, WA

The opportunity to learn in an environment surrounded by passionate and intelligent faculty who shared a commitment to community service was wonderful. And helping to draft an amicus brief to the Supreme Court played an important role in my development as an attorney.



ANGELA N. VELEZ '11
Associate, Stradley Ronon Philadelphia, PA

My law school clinic taught me how to efficiently maintain a caseload. This experience has been invaluable to my legal career, elevating my level of organization and honing my time management skills.



BHAVANA BOGGS '91
Vice President and General Counsel, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company Washington, D.C.

Dickinson Law provided me with an excellent legal education taught by a talented, supportive, and engaged faculty. My education prepared me well for law firm practice as well as working in-house for a global company.



GOV. TOM RIDGE '72
CEO, Ridge Global, LLC; First Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Former Governor of Pennsylvania

What's unique about the Dickinson Law experience is the way they blend traditional learning with practical experience. Students have the benefit not only of accomplished professors but also practicing attorneys. It's a proven model for a world-class, 21st century legal education.



THE HON. JOHN E. JONES III '80
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA

Excellent trial advocacy begins with appropriate courtroom decorum. Penn State's Dickinson Law graduates consistently hit the mark in that regard. They are exceedingly well trained, and it shows.



CHRISTINA BONNE-ANEE '10
Administrative Law Judge, Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance New York, NY

At Penn State's Dickinson Law, I learned the importance of professional integrity, diligence, and hard work from a faculty that was fully vested in my professional development. When I graduated, I was armed with the skills necessary to succeed in the legal profession.



MERRI JO GILLETTE '82
Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, Chicago, IL

The single most valuable experience that translated into later career success was the opportunity to compete as a member of Dickinson Law's National Appellate Moot Court team. Faculty members, local practitioners, and judges dedicated countless hours to help us hone our advocacy skills and prepare for the competition.



NOLAND CHEUNG '93
Head of Intellectual Property Practice, Cohen & Grigsby, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA

As an engineer, I was trained to analyze and solve problems from a technical perspective. At Dickinson Law, I learned effective communication and negotiation skills and how to analyze issues from different perspectives. These tools have been instrumental in my practice of law and as a board member at the Carnegie Science Center.

APPLYING TO DICKINSON LAW

Having been through the law school application process myself, I recognize that the experience may feel overwhelming at times. To help make this process easier, our website contains everything you'll need to know to apply and everything you'll want to know after you've been accepted. In addition, my admissions team and I are always available to speak with you, so feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit!

To get started, visit dickinsonlaw.psu.edu.

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