



SCHOOL OF LAW



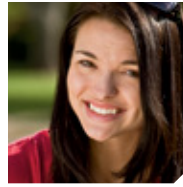
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—◆— DOING JUSTICE TO THE LAW —◆—

Lawyers can be controversial, but we turn to them when there is trouble. And we have always turned to them to solve some of our most important problems. But there is only one real way of looking at the law. The law makes possible democracy and justice and freedom for all. It was lawyers, after all, who drafted the United States Constitution. That's not flag-waving; it's simple truth. And the law, like each of the ideals it makes possible, is a use-it-or-lose-it proposition. Neglect it, and it could go away quickly.

In 1947, four professors and 51 students, many of them WWII veterans, gathered in one classroom on the second floor of the football field's grandstand. UNM School of Law was born. Since that time, the only law school in New Mexico has been committed to increasing legal knowledge, enhancing the practice of law, using that knowledge and practice in service to every citizen of our state, and providing a top-quality, hands-on legal

education that remains focused on graduating good people, not just good lawyers. The kind of professionals who, case by case and law by law, change our society.

Defined and strengthened by its diversity, made innovative by its geographical distance from the nation's other law schools and the unique responsibilities and challenges posed by New Mexico itself, the UNM School of Law has reached critical mass. Greater support for our students and faculty is urgently needed, driven by our commitment to knowledge and access. Capital improvements are also needed for our learning and teaching to remain at the forefront. A vision for the future is in place, and now is your moment to help power that vision, through the students and faculty who will join you as they practice, define and protect the law. With your involvement and support of the ideas we propose, no institution will be better prepared to ensure that justice and equality shapes an advancing world.

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Changing Worlds Today

Practical experience forms the core of legal education at the School of Law, which is recognized nationally for one of America's best clinical law programs. Distinctive areas of expertise and specialization, including Indian law, natural resources law and international law, reflect the location of the school and the issues that have resonance in New Mexico. School of Law faculty, hailing from UNM and many of the best and best-known of the nation's other law schools and bringing wide-ranging backgrounds in legal practice and judicial service, are actively involved in research and knowledge creation for the benefit of the profession and the community.

The School is the source of and resource for many of the judicial and political leaders in the state. It's a think tank and a laboratory for forward-looking legal ideas in critical areas for the state and nation: allocation of water resources, environmental preservation, health care, improvement of criminal and civil justice systems, protection of civil rights, development of better solutions to family and juvenile problems, and commerce.

And the School is ahead of still another curve—legal education and practice in a community of exceptional multicultural and multilingual diversity. When the rest of the United States achieves the diversity of New Mexico, legal educators will look here for inspiration.

Changing Worlds Tomorrow

UNM School of Law has identified priorities where your support will power the greatest change and address the most urgent among many needs. We invite you to share

our strategic vision and step forward to enable the bright future of law, justice and judicial policy in New Mexico and beyond.

The School accepts around 115 new students each year. It can offer that group only two full-ride scholarships, which is why nearly every student requires financial assistance—many needing nearly 100 percent assistance—to attend. Since the School will not abandon its long commitment to admitting the best students regardless of wealth and those who are most representative of the state's diversity (many of whom are the first in their families to attend college, let alone law school), there is a vital need for **Endowed Scholarship Funds**. Without these scholarships, *outstanding students, who will make outstanding leaders, are being lost to the law schools in other states who can offer them support*. That isn't good for New Mexico's future.

Funding needs are also urgent for **Endowed Chairs and Professorships**. The School is ideally positioned and already on the path to national leadership in significant program areas, including natural resources, Indian law, clinical education, health law, business law and more. However, we're losing too many valuable faculty candidates. Your generosity will reverse this pattern. It will power new ideas, new research and vibrant teaching by additional best-of-the-best law faculty for whom we currently can't compete with better-funded schools.

And there are several **Capital Improvements** that would expand learning and teaching opportunities, from an expansion and technology upgrade for the law library to the modernization of specific classrooms and the law clinic facility. Worlds change when facilities and technology match the goals and innovation of those who use them.





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CHANGING HIS WORLD

—◆ Robert Medina ◆—

The ancient and the modern are always engaged in a complicated dance at Zia Pueblo. The pueblo itself is at least 600 years old. The famous sun symbol, appropriated for the New Mexico state flag, is even older. But new tribal leaders are actively guiding the Zia people on the path into the 21st century.

Robert Medina, Zia Pueblo’s first-ever tribal judge trained as a lawyer, is one of those leaders. He is completely transforming the judicial code on the pueblo: “We were given a tribal law and order code by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the 1970s,” he says, “and it was not based on tribal values. UNM School of Law opened my eyes to how much tribal sovereignty has been lost and also helped me realize that people at the pueblo had never heard about the Indian Civil Rights Act and what it meant for the tribe.”

Medina wasn’t born on the pueblo, but he visited often as a child. At age 18, he realized there was much he wanted to learn about the pueblo’s tribal customs and traditions, so he moved to the pueblo and lived with his grandfather. Medina was eventually appointed a tribal official, with traditional law enforcement duties. And he

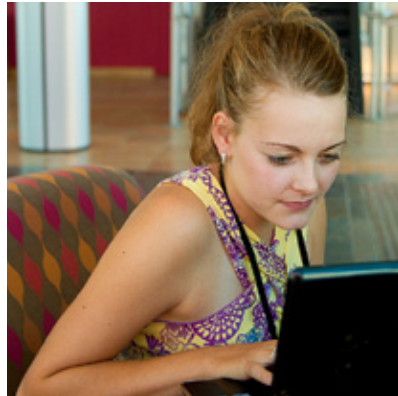
soon realized that there were big disparities in how the law was enforced and interpreted on the pueblo. Medina decided to take a long and difficult step: law school.

It took the better part of a decade and long days of working at various jobs and studying, but he never wavered through two associate degrees at CNM, a criminology degree at UNM, then on to UNM School of Law. He was asked to apply as a tribal judge even before he graduated and has had amazing results in bringing accountability, tribal values and caring to the system. And it’s working: in his first year he saw 500 criminal cases, and this year it has dropped to 65.

“The School gave me a great foundation,” Medina says, “which has helped us create a new tribal code based on our values and build an effective judicial system. UNM welcomed me, taught me and gave me lifelong connections to people with whom I can share ideas and ask questions. I’m so happy the dream I had became reality and I can help the pueblo move forward.”

How many worlds, small and large, will UNM School of Law alumni transform, and will yours be one of them? With your vital support, the answers are “many” and “yes.”





—> WHOSE WORLD WILL YOU CHANGE? <—

This is a law school that spans many worlds and seeks to produce the kind of legal graduates who can change any number of them. Intimately connected to the land and people of New Mexico, our school is equally connected to the most innovative thinking in global trade law and business law. Proud of our long tradition of community and practical, ethical education, we are just as proud to be leaders in scholarship and innovation.

I know a little something about spanning several worlds. I began my legal education at UNM's American Indian Law Center (I'm a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation) in a pre-law summer institute. I graduated from the Yale Law School and have been a federal prosecutor in New Mexico and a visiting professor at Harvard. I know that all of those experiences, the worlds I've spanned, have each informed and elevated the others.

So it is with UNM School of Law, to which I am so proud to return. With your support, we produce diverse, committed graduates who are ready to change worlds from day one. And we produce leaders in every facet of the law and public policy, from district attorneys and public defenders to judges and political leaders.

Today, we need your vision and support more than ever. Our students face growing debt at graduation, which limits their choices—and their ability to choose public service. Our faculty is exceptional, but they lack the funding to accomplish all of what this school and this talent pool is capable. Together, we can change that. The law is vital to our society, and you are vital to our success in preparing diverse, capable and inspired practitioners of the law. Together, we can change worlds.

With gratitude and confidence,

Kevin K. Washburn

Dean and Professor of Law, UNM School of Law



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Can one gift change our community? How about one student or one professor, one aha! moment or one life saved or one new building?

We're absolutely sure the answer is yes, because we have seen it happen. It's been happening on this campus, in fact, for 120 years. We're sure because we know that it only takes one passionate idea to change a community. And because we know the power of your vision and generosity.

That, in one leap of faith, is the true definition of *Changing Worlds: The Campaign for UNM*.

To move the world, Archimedes said he needed a place to stand. To change the world, you need to take a stand. The University of New Mexico is the flagship—the place that will transform New Mexico, and indeed the world, by crafting a new paradigm of health, education,

knowledge, harmony and prosperity for our multicultural society. Through the force of your conviction and giving, UNM will emerge, grow and transform. And so will you.

Together we will change endless worlds, student by student, teacher by teacher, idea by idea, breakthrough by breakthrough. And gift by gift. To change lives, you must first believe, then act. Today and tomorrow, UNM is the pathway for that action, and the hope for that change.

How You Begin

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