

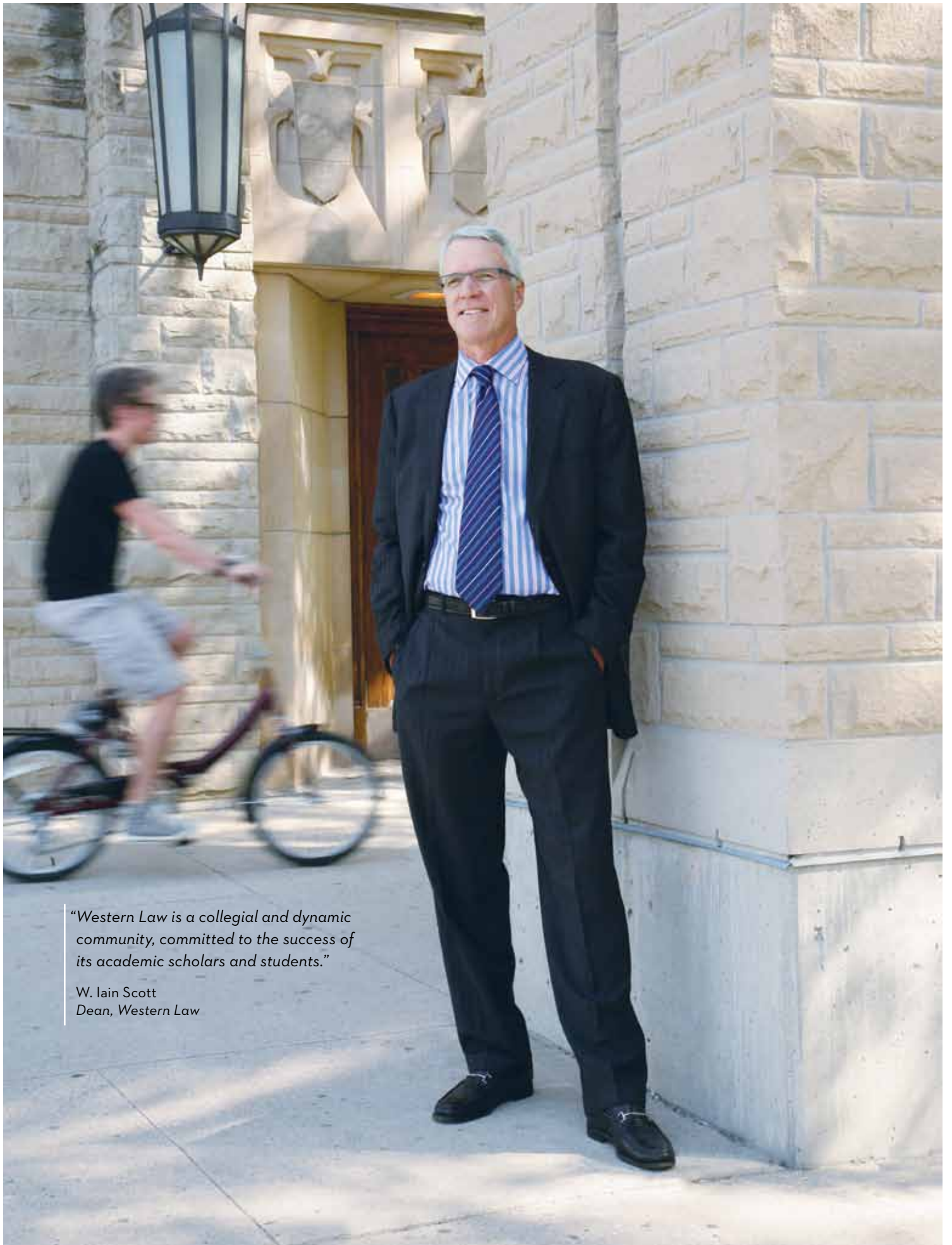
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W. Iain Scott
Dean, Western Law



Welcome to Western Law

This is an exciting time. You are contemplating a career in law – perhaps in private practice, teaching, public service or business. A degree from Western Law will provide you with numerous and exciting career opportunities.

Western Law has a proud tradition of producing great leaders in many fields. These opportunities begin with a top tier legal education – something you will receive at Western Law.

Western Law supports and promotes a broad, interdisciplinary and international experience. We have a challenging academic curriculum and many clinical experiences which will hone your practical skills.

In our globalized economy, with increasingly complex legal regimes, we believe this type of education is vital to ensure our graduates' future success.

Your experience at Western Law will expose you to leading academics, policy makers and practitioners. Our professors will push you to think critically, teach you to argue cogently and instill in you a solid understanding of the law.

And of course our recognition as Canada's premiere business law school ensures that our graduates who wish to practice at top firms in Canada and elsewhere have the breadth of commercial academic experiences that lead to promising job opportunities.

Western Law is a collegial and dynamic community, committed to the success of its academic scholars and students.

We are living in a time of great change and great opportunity. Western Law's rigorous legal education and international outlook will prepare you for your future.

I look forward to welcoming you to Western Law and sharing this future with you.

W. Iain Scott
Dean, Western Law



Learn to Think Critically

Our graduates are well-versed in legal fundamentals. Along with our strong business law courses we offer an extensive range of elective options. Everything from human rights to labour law, aboriginal law, municipal law, family, constitutional, insurance and tort law, criminal, intellectual property, information and technology law, international human rights, legal philosophy, litigation and social justice - allowing students to focus on areas of particular interest.

First Year JD Program

First-year students are required to take eight introductory courses, which lay the foundation for further legal studies. These courses are: Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, The Foundations of Canadian Law, Legal Ethics and Professionalism, Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy, Property and Torts.

The Small Group Program

The small group program lies at the heart of Western's approach to legal education. First-year students take one course in a small group of no more than twenty students, led by a full-time faculty member with the support of two teaching assistants. Our Small Group Program provides an intensive and interactive learning environment and enables students to develop their skills in legal analysis, research and expression in a supportive learning environment. The program promotes teamwork, imparts necessary skills, and builds life-long friendships. In

these substantive courses students are introduced to legal doctrine and to the analytical art of "thinking like a lawyer".

Upper-Year Curriculum

During their second and third years, students are required to take Civil Procedure and Corporate Law, and any three of the following core courses: Administrative Law, Evidence, Income Taxation, Public International Law and Trusts.

In addition to the breadth that we offer our students with our required curriculum, students in their upper years have a diverse array of elective courses from which to choose, ranging from traditional areas of practice, such as Criminal and Family Law, to fast-growing areas, such as Intellectual Property and International Law. Throughout their upper years at Western Law, our students have opportunities to develop their practice skills through practical and clinical courses in advocacy, negotiation and litigation practice, among others.



The January Term

The January Term, a Western Law innovation, is designed to provide an intensive, active learning experience for every student in the Faculty. This is accomplished in a variety of ways, including clinical experience and advocacy training. First-year students concentrate on moot court exercises which develop written and oral advocacy skills.

Second and third-year students choose one limited-enrolment course from a broad range of options. Typically, these are taught by high-profile practicing lawyers and by visiting scholars from other law schools around the world.

The LLM Program

Our LLM Program offers opportunities for advanced research to promising scholars and prepares the best among them for a doctoral program in law or for teaching law. Graduates of the LLM Program will also be well positioned for the workplace in the private practice of law, the government or various Canadian and international non-governmental organizations that focus on legal policy.

Students in Western's LLM Program develop sophisticated research, writing and analytic skills and gain a broad understanding of key theoretical frameworks and research methods that contribute to legal scholarship and practice.

Western's Master of Laws Program consists of four courses and a substantial thesis of publishable quality.

For full-time students, the degree is designed to take one year (three terms) to complete. For part-time students the degree is designed to take two years (six terms) to complete.

The MLS Program

Western's Master of Legal Studies (MLS) program is a research-based program for students who wish to gain an understanding of law in general and the Canadian legal system in particular. The Master of Legal Studies is for students with a degree in another discipline, or foreign students with a non-Canadian law degree that is not equivalent to our JD (LLB) degree.

MLS offers two routes: one a thesis-based and the other a course-based program with a major degree research paper. The normal duration of the program is one year or three terms (Fall Term, Winter Term and Summer Term) for full-time studies and six terms for part-time studies. All students begin in September.



Learn From Outstanding Faculty

Our faculty scholarship is wide-ranging and boasts expertise in corporate law, international criminal justice, torts, insurance law, intellectual property, constitutional law and judicial review, among other areas.

Our professors make important contributions to the law and public policy in Canada and the world through their scholarly research. They are regular contributors to leading law journals and are authors of legal texts cited by courts (up to and including the Supreme Court of Canada) and used in law firms and law schools across Canada.

Western Law Professors also serve as public and private sector consultants and advisors and are sought-after speakers at national and international conferences. They are frequently called upon by the media to provide Canadians with context and insight into the legal and justice issues of the day. Ours is a marketplace of ideas. Each year we host numerous international conferences, colloquia and public lectures featuring distinguished visiting scholars, jurists and policy makers. These events enrich scholarship for faculty and students alike. Our emphasis on research provides students with exciting new perspectives on legal issues. Our professors are exceptional classroom teachers who have won prestigious teaching awards and received national and international recognition for their research.

They also value collegiality, providing students with significant opportunities to interact with them as academic and professional mentors. Complementing this remarkable group of full-time professors is a distinguished group of lawyers (many of whom are our alumni) who, as part-time faculty members, teach courses within their specialties, adding their perspectives as practitioners to the classroom.

“Our depth of faculty expertise, our rich array of academic and practical educational opportunities, and our diverse curriculum make the business law program at Western Law an exciting, dynamic and enriching experience for our students.”

Professor Christopher Nicholls
Director, Business Law Program

Academic excellence is at the heart of Western law and it starts with our professors. As you would expect of a university dedicated to excellence in teaching and research, you will learn from professors who are leaders in their fields.

Andrew Botterell

Philosophy of Law which includes Private Law, Criminal Law and Legal Theory

Craig Brown

Insurance Law

Colin Campbell

Income Tax

Chi Carmody

*Public International Law
International Trade Law
International Business Transactions*

Michael Coyle

*Aboriginal Rights
Aboriginal Land Claims
Negotiation Challenges
Mediation Challenges*

Erika Chamberlain

*Public Authority Liability
Private Law Theory
Impaired Driving Law*

Gillian Demeyere

*Employment Law
Canadian Human Rights Law*

Randal Graham

*Legal Ethics
Statutory Interpretation
Corporate Law*

Ben Hovius

Family Law

Grant Huscroft

*Charter Rights
Canadian Constitutional Law
Administrative Law
New Zealand, Australia, & US Law
Judicial Review
Human Rights Law*

Mohamed Khimji

*Securities Settlement Systems
Corporate Law
Commercial Transactions*

Nina Khouri

*Theory and practice of Dispute Resolution
Jurisprudence
International Law*

Rande Kostal

*Legal History
Tort Law*

Michael Lynk

*Constitutional Law
International Criminal Law
Labour Law*

Margaret Martin

*Legal Philosophy
Constitutional Law
International Criminal Law*

Richard McLaren

*Bankruptcy and Insolvency
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Contract Law
Debtor-Creditor Rights
Commercial and Business Law*

Bradley Miller

*Constitutional Law
Administrative Law*

Christopher Nicholls

*Corporate Law
Business Law
Mergers and Acquisitions
Securities Law*

Jason Neyers

*Contract Law
Tort Law*

Valerie Oosterveld

*International Human Rights
International Criminal Law (genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes)
International Criminal Courts and Tribunals
Gender Issues in Armed Conflict*

Adam Parachin

*Private Law
Income Tax Law
Treatment of Wealth
Succession through Wills
Trusts and Inter Vivos Gifts*

Mark Perry

*Intellectual Property
Biotechnology Law
Information Technology Law*

Stephen Pitel

*Civil Procedure
Private International Law
Conflict of Laws
Tort Law
Civil Litigation
International Commercial Litigation*

Melanie Randall

*Sex Discrimination Law
Equality Rights Law
Violence Against Women and Children
Domestic Violence*

Daniel Sandler

*Tax Policy Law
Income Taxation Law
Corporate Tax Law
International Tax Law*

Peter Sankoff

*Criminal Trial Process
Animals and the Law*

Sara Seck

*Corporate Social Responsibility
International Sustainable Development Law
Third World approaches to International Law*

Christopher Sherrin

*Criminal Law
Wrongful Convictions*

Robert Solomon

*Alcohol and Drug Law
Healthcare Law
Civil Liability Law
Impaired Driving Law*

Tom Telfer

*Bankruptcy Law
Commercial Law
International Sales
Legal History*

Samuel Trosow

*Copyright Law and other areas of Intellectual Property
Information Policy Issues including Access, Privacy and Censorship
Municipal Law*

Bruce Welling

Corporate Law

Margaret Ann Wilkinson

*Intellectual Property, including Copyright, Moral Rights, Trademark, and Confidential Information
Personal Data Protection
Privacy and Censorship
Access to Government Information
Information Policy*

In addition to our full-time faculty, students are also taught by a roster of highly qualified adjunct professors from private practice, business leaders, the judiciary and policy makers. To learn more, visit www.law.uwo.ca



Business Law in the Global Environment

Western Law's focus on business law in the global environment is unique among all Canadian law schools. As Canada's premier business law school, our vision of business law is international, interdisciplinary and innovative in its approach and encompasses a wide range of economic, critical, public law and social justice perspectives.

Our strength in business law complements our nationally and internationally recognized strengths in many other areas, including constitutional law, international and comparative law, and intellectual property information and technology law.

Since 2007, Western Law has hosted more than twenty of the world's foremost business and legal scholars, including two recipients of the Nobel Prize in Economics. Speakers include not only legal scholars, but also pre-eminent economists and business and public sector leaders whose research and contributions to private industry and public policy have important implications for business law.

Some of Canada's most prominent executives and business lawyers are proud alumni of Western Law.

The generous support of our alumni and friends of Western Law have made a number of important programs at the law school possible, including:

- Torys LLP Business and Law Pre-eminent Scholars Series
- Beattie Family Business and Law Lecture
- World Bank Student Internship in Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law (sponsored by ThorntonGrout Finnigan LLP)
- Cassels Brock Internship in Mining Finance
- Larry J. Innanen Student Internship in Economic Law
- Wildeboer Dellelce World Internship at the London Stock Exchange.



Richard Ivey School of Business
The University of Western Ontario

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The Ivey Advantage

Western Law is proud to offer the only combined three-year JD/MBA Program in Canada. The joint program is with the Richard Ivey School of Business, one of the top-ranked business schools in the world.

The JD/MBA Program is a limited-enrolment program designed for those who envision a career in areas in which business and law interact. It provides an exceptional level of education for highly motivated and talented students.

After completing the first year of law school, students of the combined program spend the summer and fall semesters at the Richard Ivey School of Business, undertaking the first modules of Ivey's new Cross-Enterprise Leadership MBA. Students return to the law program for a term and then complete the combined program with a summer term at Ivey, followed by a final full year at Western Law.

Graduates from the JD/MBA Program are uniquely positioned to make a significant contribution from their first job upwards into senior levels, and reap the accompanying rewards.

"I'm proud of my Western Law education, and thankful for the incredible foundation it provided. It taught me how to think critically and clearly, and with confidence, which is a tremendously valuable skill applicable to anything you will do in life. Graduating with a law degree sets one apart from other individuals. Employers value the substance behind a Western Law degree."

Michael Copeland LLB '93, MBA '99 (Ivey)
Chief Operating Officer, the Canadian Football
League Top 40 Under 40 (2009)

Go Global

At Western Law we value and embrace the international experience. Our extensive exchange program and international law internship program provide students with an enhanced international perspective and a keen understanding of the rule of law outside our borders.

Exchange Programs

Western Law has established partnerships with 17 law schools around the world. Each year, we send students to leading law schools in the United States, the United Kingdom, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, France, Spain and India.

Approximately one in five Western Law students participates in an exchange program during law school. Participation in the exchange program allows students to broaden their horizons, enhance their international perspective on legal issues and compete successfully in a global marketplace.

Western Law welcomes 25 to 30 international students each year from our exchange partner institutions, adding a unique perspective to the classroom.

International Dual Degrees

Western Law is proud to be the first Canadian Law School to offer a combined degree with a European Law School. Our new combined program with the Faculty of Law at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands allows students to earn a JD from Western Law and an LLM from the University of Groningen. We also offer a combined JD/LLM program with the University of Auckland. This new program will allow Western students to earn a JD from Western and an LLM from Auckland in three and a half years.

International Law Internship Program

Our thriving internship program equips students with the knowledge and skills to succeed and prosper in an increasingly interdependent global system.

The program places Western Law students with a variety of international courts and institutions during the summer break. Some of the organizations where Western Law students have participated in international law internships include:

- Caribbean Court of Justice in Trinidad
- The Special Court for Sierra Leone in Sierra Leone
- The International Labour Organization in Geneva, Switzerland
- World Health Organization in Geneva
- International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands
- United Nations Commission on International Trade Law in Vienna, Austria
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva

The ILIP gives students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of international issues from the theoretical to the practical level and contribute to a better understanding of Canada's place within the global framework. It can also increase students' marketability through an enriched educational experience.



"My internship at WHO was a great opportunity to grow and develop as a nurse and a lawyer, and as a human rights advocate. My passion regarding the need for strong advocacy and legal reform in this area has grown in my legal studies, and was confirmed through my internship experience this summer."

Kate Leslie '09
World Health Organization in Geneva





Make a Difference

Western Law offers students numerous opportunities to develop practical skills and gain valuable “hands-on” experience.

Community Legal Services

Our Community Legal Services (CLS) clinic offers students an opportunity to hone their practical skills while providing a much-needed service to the community. CLS provides free legal assistance to people in London and area who cannot afford a lawyer. Through their practical experience at CLS, students gain an advantage when seeking articling positions after graduation.

CLS students handle files from start to finish, including all court appearances and trials. Each year CLS students work on close to 900 files and provide brief legal advice to another 250-plus individuals.

Students develop skills in interviewing, negotiating, drafting, trial preparation, examination-in-chief, and cross-examination. All file work is under the close supervision of an experienced lawyer who offers guidance every step of the way.

The Clinic is housed at Western Law and also provides outreach at the Salvation Army Centre of Hope (a shelter for the homeless), Fanshawe College, and WOTCH (Western Ontario Therapeutic Community Hostel, assisting those with mental health issues). CLS has also developed a legal services hub at the London Central Library.

CLS has a variety of clinical courses that allow students to gain experience while receiving academic credit. The clinical courses develop excellent professional skills while instilling a sense of social responsibility and ethical behavior.

We're proud that our students have been praised by London judges and the private bar for their competence and professionalism. Students gain exposure to a wide range of law including criminal law, small claims court, landlord and tenant law, wills and powers of attorney, immigration law, and academic appeals.

CLS also has the largest Public Legal Education program among law schools in Ontario. Our students give over 40 seminars at social agencies and non-profit organizations each year. Students also write articles for several community newspapers, provide specialized workshops at the Youth Action Centre and local high schools, and are developing podcasts on a variety of legal topics directed at the general public.

Dispute Resolution Centre

The Dispute Resolution Centre (DRC) at CLS provides mediation services to local residents who wish to resolve their disputes quickly, efficiently and inexpensively. Student interns with the DRC are trained in interest-based mediation/negotiation, and are provided the chance to exercise these skills by conducting mediations for disputing members of the community. Further, students are expected to participate in community workshops and outreach initiatives that take the DRC's scope off campus and into the community. Interns who complete the necessary training and community activities are granted the Certificate in Community Mediation and/or the Negotiation Certificate from the DRC.



Western Business Law Clinic

Western is rare among North American law schools in also having as part of its clinical program a business law clinic. Students working in the Business Law Clinic assist clients with a number of issues faced by small or startup businesses such as business structure, intellectual property, finance, and employment law. The Clinic is run under the direction of a faculty member and assisted by local lawyers who act as mentors. The Clinic provides students with valuable practical experience while they assist the business community in southwestern Ontario and the Greater Toronto Area.

Pro Bono Students Canada

Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) is a national network of law schools, community organizations and lawyers that matches law students with legal public interest service and research projects. Since 1999, the PBSC program at Western Law has assisted more than 130 non-profit organizations and countless individuals. The PBSC program at Western, the largest chapter in Canada, includes projects that assist non-profit organizations, legal clinics in both London and Northern Ontario, and family court litigants. PBSC students also assist the community at large through radio broadcasts and other forms of publication.

The Pro Bono program enables students to put their legal knowledge and skills to use while making a real difference in the community and people's lives.

Sport Solution

The Sport Solution clinic at Western Law provides assistance to Canadian amateur athletes in resolving sports-related legal issues. Students offer support throughout the dispute resolution process and help athletes understand contracts, funding, discipline issues, doping rules and the appeals process. The only program of its kind in North America, Sport Solution offers its services free of charge to Canadian amateur athletes who are members of a national team.

Advocacy Programs

Advocacy is a cornerstone skill for aspiring lawyers. Our advocacy competitions give students the opportunity to argue hypothetical cases before either a trial or an appellate court and to gain experience in legal research, document preparation and oral argument. In our internal competitions, including the Lerner's LLP Cup, the Cherniak Cup and two labour law competitions, local judges and lawyers provide advice and constructive criticism. From these, students can go on to complete in several national and international advocacy competitions, for which team members can receive academic credit. Western Law also offers competitions in negotiation and in client counseling and is recognized nationally for its excellence in advocacy competitions.





The Student Experience

Our goal in the Student Services Office is to provide our students with the resources they need to achieve academic and personal success at Western Law and beyond.

In addition to offering academic counseling specifically suited to law students, the Student Services Office promotes the development of a wide array of skills essential for your academic and professional success. These skills range from time management strategies and effective writing to managing stress and anxiety.

There is a strong focus at Western Law on student wellness and we provide the resources and support you need to succeed academically. Peer and academic support is integrated in our Small Group Program .

As law students and aspiring lawyers, your emotional wellness and mental health should never be taken for granted. For more information on student wellness initiatives visit: www.law.uwo.ca/StudentServices/Wellness.html

A Sense of Community

Our students will tell you that one of the things that make Western Law unique is the sense of community that underlies everything we do. A special part of this is the extent to which students participate in the day-to-day life of the school. Unlike law schools in larger metropolitan areas, Western is not a commuter school. Students tend to come to school and stay for the day, which lends vibrancy to student life.

The Student Legal Society plays an active role at Western Law, both academically and socially. The students elect the Legal Society representatives and students sit on a number of Faculty committees.

In addition, the Society is responsible for organizing many student events and charitable activities in the London community. Western Law's annual student talent show "Obiter Dicta" raises money each year for Hospice of London.

Western Law's relatively small size sets the stage for a truly collegial atmosphere. Open minds and open doors reflect a community that is dedicated to diversity in the programs we offer our students and in the students themselves. Many students come here with a portfolio of life experiences that enrich our community. Our students are a diverse, intelligent and enthusiastic group of individuals who help make Western Law the truly remarkable place that it is.

"You are planning for a career in an important knowledge industry, and your overall well-being is integral to your ability to perform professionally and to achieve a work life balance. Student Services is here to support you".

Mysty Clapton
Student Services Director



Supporting your career success

It gives us great pride at Western Law to say that our placement rate is consistently among the best, if not the best, in Canada.

A Western Law degree opens the door to both the traditional practice of law and a host of alternative career options. Our distinguished alumni include judges, lawyers in both private practice and government, politicians, business leaders, academics, journalists and social advocates.

With our international exchange and internship programs, the school enjoys an international focus. So it is no surprise that our alumni can be found working around the globe. There are Western Law alumni across Canada, the United States, Asia, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

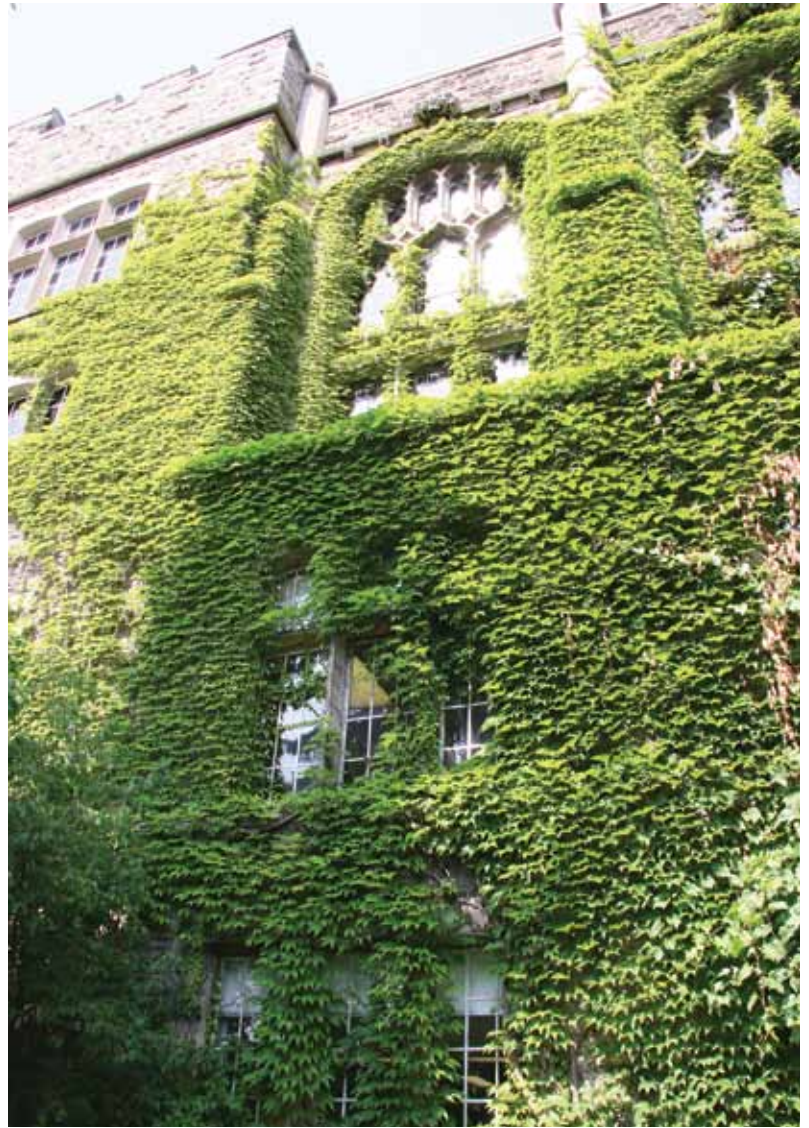
Our students graduate with knowledge and skills that will enable them to gain fulfilling employment and leadership opportunities throughout their careers.

Western Law's Career & Professional Development Office (CPDO) strives to provide students with the information and tools they need to succeed in today's competitive job market. In addition to individual career counseling, the CPDO runs a variety of programs and workshops throughout the year, including Western Law's Professional Development Program, the Distinguished

Alumni Speaker Series, on-campus interviews and an annual career conference. Students are also encouraged to participate in Western Law's STINT (Student Internship) Program where they are matched with lawyers in private practice, judges, crown attorneys and in-house counsel in order to gain an insider's view of the practice of law.

"Western Law's CPDO strives to provide information and opportunities for students to learn about the myriad of options so that they chart the best course for their own interests and skills."

Robyn Marttila, Western Law
Career Services Director



On Campus

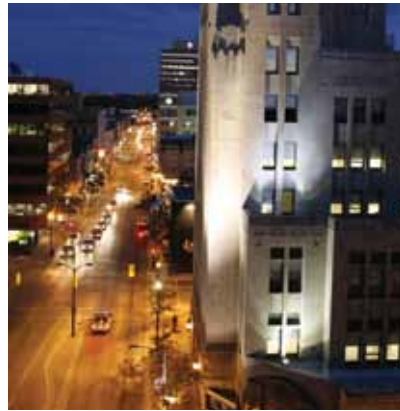
The University of Western Ontario prides itself on having a strong sense of community. Western's campus was selected in the national "Communities in Bloom" competition as Canada's most beautiful, and it is a magnificent setting in which to live, work and study.

The University of Western Ontario is one of the oldest and most beautiful universities in Canada. Since our first graduating class in 1883, the University has become a vibrant centre of learning. Western is Ontario's third largest University and boasts the fourth largest library collection in Canada.

Western is located on nearly 400 acres of land along the banks of the Thames River in London, Ontario. Our campus offers all the amenities of home and has a community feeling all its own. The University is alive with opportunities for involvement, personal and leadership development, and numerous extracurricular activities.

Our new world-class sports and recreational facilities opened in 2009.

Western's community is served by many groups that support personal, physical, social and academic growth and improvement. The medical resources on campus include Student Health Services, a dental clinic, pharmacy and counselling. Western students are leaders in the community. There are numerous opportunities to get involved in leadership and volunteering. Western boasts one of the safest and most beautiful university campuses in Canada and has its own police force as well as a student emergency response team.



Life In London

Discover the Forest City: London is a thriving city of nearly 400,000 people and is Canada's 10th largest city. Located halfway between Toronto and Detroit on the Thames River in southwestern Ontario, this multi-faceted city is nationally recognized in the areas of medicine, education, the arts, sports and business.

A wide range of cafés, shops and excellent restaurants complements the enchanting Victorian architecture of the older parts of the city. London is home to numerous art galleries, cinemas, museums, comedy clubs, golf courses, parks and sports facilities. There is an abundance of festivals, cultural and community events.

Sport enthusiasts can enjoy OHL hockey with the London Knights, the London Majors Baseball at Labatt Park (believed to be the world's oldest baseball park in

continuous use in its original location) and a host of other spectator sports including football, basketball, diving, lacrosse and ice skating.

With numerous city-operated indoor arenas, more than 70 tennis courts, at least 40 public and private golf courses in the region and countless soccer fields, baseball pitches and indoor pools, London offers an abundance of sports and recreational options to its residents.

It's all right at your doorstep in London.



Come See for Yourself

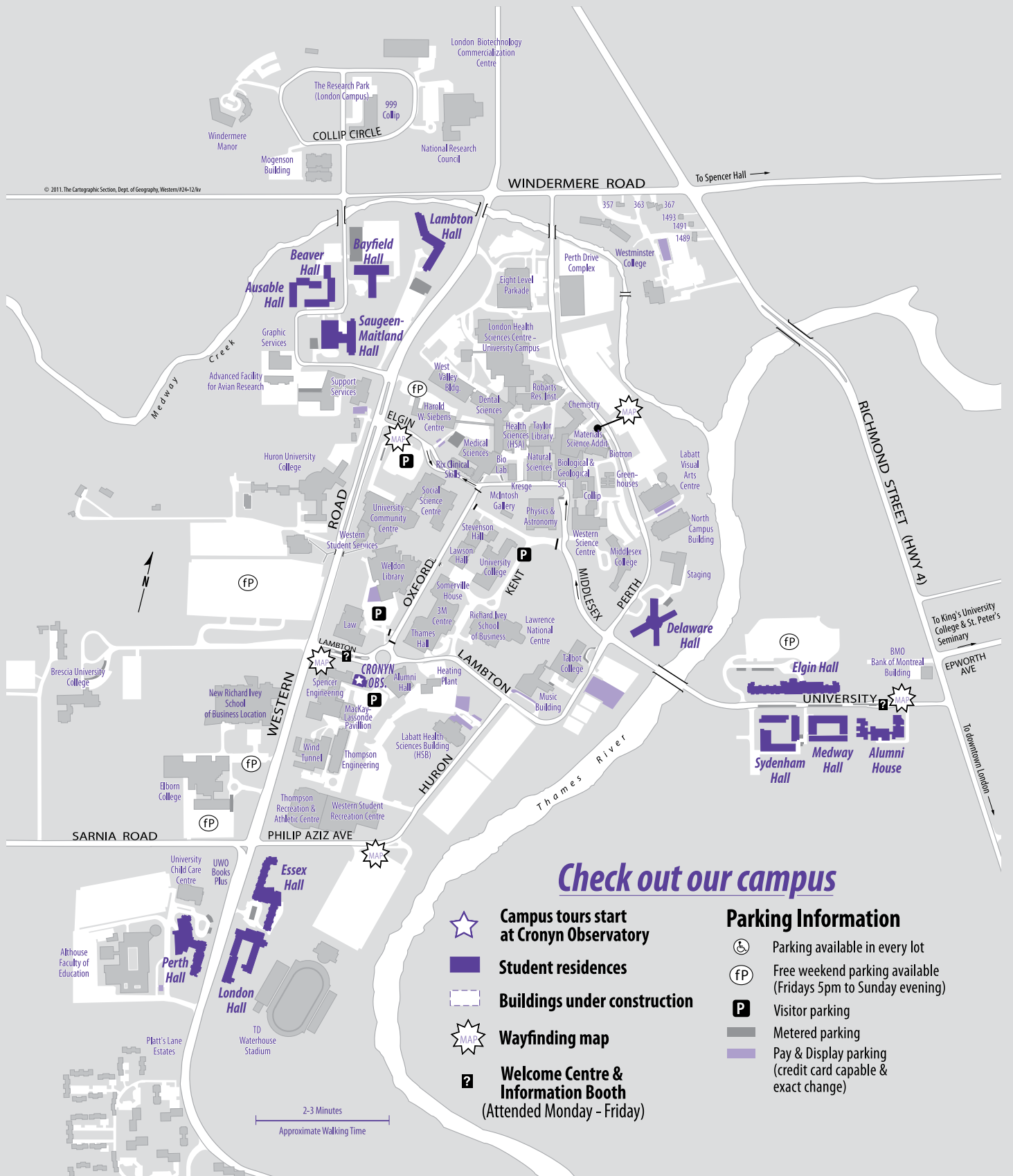
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You can arrange a campus tour online at www.welcome.uwo.ca






To arrange a Law School tour, email lawapp@uwo.ca or call 519-661-3347

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Check out our campus

-  Campus tours start at Cronyn Observatory
-  Student residences
-  Buildings under construction
-  Wayfinding map
-  Welcome Centre & Information Booth (Attended Monday - Friday)

Parking Information

-  Parking available in every lot
-  Free weekend parking available (Fridays 5pm to Sunday evening)
-  Visitor parking
-  Metered parking
-  Pay & Display parking (credit card capable & exact change)

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