



Brooklyn Law School  
ESTABLISHED 1901

# Excellence Through Diversity

BUILDING A VIBRANT, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY



## A Long Legacy of Commitment

Brooklyn Law School adopted a welcoming policy from its founding over a century ago. At a time when many law schools closed their doors to women and underrepresented groups, Brooklyn Law School accepted all qualified applicants, becoming a gateway to economic, civic, and professional success for many legal trailblazers:

**Sumner Lark '16**, the first African-American Assistant District Attorney in New York City

**Frieda B. Hennock '24**, the first female Federal Communications Commissioner

**Hon. Henry Bramwell '48**, the first African-American judge appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

**Percy Sutton '50**, civil rights icon and the first African-American borough president in New York City

**David N. Dinkins '56**, the first African-American mayor of New York City

**Hon. Dorothy Chin-Brandt '74**, the first Asian-American female judge in New York State



*I'm the first in my family to attend law school, and Brooklyn Law School was very committed to ensuring first generation law students have the resources they need to succeed.*

—**Michael Kumar '18**, Associate at DLA Piper, former BLIP Clinician, President of the South Asian Law Students Association, and Executive Articles Editor of the *Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial & Commercial Law*



## Focused on Inclusion

Today's distinguished body of 1,100 students—over half of whom are women and a third who are minorities—differ in race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion, physical ability, family structure, economic background, and military status. Students from across the country and around the world come together to create an inclusive intellectual community.

We offer:

- Flexible full-time and part-time programs, allowing students to choose a path that fits their lifestyle
- Approximately 240 elective courses covering many specializations
- Faculty ranked amongst the top 50 in the country by the prestigious *Brian Leiter's Law School Reports*
- Guaranteed housing for all first-year students
- Exceptional networking opportunities with more than 23,000 alumni
- More than 25 clinics and externships in numerous areas, including criminal, real estate, immigration, civil rights law, and many others.



Karen Porter, Associate Dean for Inclusion and Diversity and Executive Director of the Center for Health, Science, and Public Policy



Faiza Sayed, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Safe Harbor Project



*Brooklyn Law School values its students. The feeling of reciprocal appreciation creates a strong sense of community that connects the institution, its students and its alumni. It's encouraging to have an entire community invested in my success.*

—Jermaine Cherry '20, J.D./MBA, Associate at Kirkland & Ellis, Former Student Legal Honors Intern at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and Member of *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*

# Join an Active Student Community

More than 40 active student organizations at Brooklyn Law School offer a wealth of networking, mentoring, volunteer, and social opportunities. These organizations are a vital part of the life of the Law School. On nearly any given day, students can attend lectures by distinguished guest speakers, work on a community service project, or network with leaders in the legal profession.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

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| Student Bar Association                               | Federalist Society                              |
| American Civil Liberties Union                        | If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice |
| American Constitution Society                         | Intellectual Property Law Association           |
| Art Law Association                                   | International Law Society                       |
| Asian Pacific American Law Students Association       | Irish Law Students Association                  |
| Brooklyn Business Law Association                     | Italian American Law Students Association       |
| Brooklyn Entertainment and Sports Law Society         | Jewish Law Students Association                 |
| Brooklyn Law Immigration Society                      | Labor and Employment Law Association            |
| Black Law Students Association                        | Latin American Law Students Association         |
| Brooklyn Law School Democrats                         | Legal Association for Women                     |
| Brooklyn Law Students for the Public Interest         | Legal Hackers Brooklyn Law Chapter              |
| Brooklyn Law School Real Estate Society               | Muslim Law Student Association                  |
| Brooklyn Law School Softball Organization             | National Lawyers Guild                          |
| Chabad  | National Security Law Society                   |
| Criminal Law Society                                  | OUTLaws   |
| Disability Advocacy Law Students Association          | Parents Association of Brooklyn Law School      |
| Environmental Law Society                             | Phi Delta Phi                                   |
| First Generation Professionals At Brooklyn Law School | Slavic-Eurasian Legal Society                   |
|   | South Asian Law Students Association            |
|   | Student Animal Legal Defense Fund               |
|   | Women of Color Association                      |



*Both my grandfather (Class of 1956) and my father (Class of 1990) attended Brooklyn Law School. Because the Law School has an immense alumni network in government and the public sector, I thought that it was a perfect fit.*

—Giancarlo Martinez '18, Attorney Advisor at the Federal Bureau of Prisons, former SBA President and Associate Managing Editor of *Brooklyn Law Review*



## Meet the Challenge

Often the intangibles are what make for a rewarding law school experience—the distinguished professors who take the time to get to know you, the friends you make, the network you build, and the special mentoring relationships you create at a clinical placement or externship. At Brooklyn Law School, you'll experience it all. We provide a strong support system from convocation to commencement.

Our **student orientation program** helps students acclimate to the study of law and introduces them to the people who will shape their education.

The program includes:

- An intensive 3-day Introduction to the Study of Law prior to the beginning of classes
- Receptions and lunches where students can meet and talk with faculty in a more relaxed and informal setting
- Dedicated academic, student and career advisors, as well as a financial aid counselor, to help you get acclimated to law school and define your own path.

Our mentoring program pairs students with graduates who are committed to helping them develop professionally, and our strong alumni network of more than 23,000 members offers unparalleled career-building opportunities in every area of law.



*I am indebted to so many professors—Professors Joel Gora, Roberta Karmel, Arthur Pinto, Stacy Caplow, and Claire Kelly '93 (now a U.S. Court of International Trade judge)—who provided me with personal attention and guidance.*

—Hannah Cao '03, General Counsel  
at the Silk Road Fund

## Launch Your Career

Our recruitment programs attract many of the most prestigious law firms in the country, dozens of smaller firms, as well as several government agencies, corporate employers, and public interest organizations. Brooklyn Law School students regularly secure coveted internships, fellowships, and clerkships that lead to career success.

**Today, our graduates hold top positions in every field:**

**Raphael Piñeiro '80**, First Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Police Department

**Wanda Denson-Low '81**, Vice Chair of Rensselaer Board of Trustees; former Senior Vice President for the Office of Internal Governance at Boeing and General Counsel of Boeing Defense

**Carlos Ortiz '85**, Vice President and General Counsel of Goya Foods Inc.

**Desirée Kim '90**, Executive Director of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary

**Meeka Bondy '94**, Senior Counsel at Perkins Coie, former Vice President of Legal Affairs at HBO

**Errol Louis '05**, Political Anchor of NY1 News and CNN Political Analyst

**Hon. Rachel "Ruchie" Freier '05**, Justice of New York City Criminal Court, the first Hasidic Jewish woman to be elected as a civil court judge in New York State

**Nicole George-Middleton '01**, Senior Vice President of Membership at ASCAP and Executive Director of The ASCAP Foundation

**Alexandra Chandler '02**, LGBTQ Advocate, National Security Leader, Former 2018 Candidate for Congress



*I had the opportunity to be a member of a community where I made lasting professional and personal relationships with professors, other students, and colleagues I met through the variety of internships I had the pleasure of participating in.*

—**Erica Carter '15**, Senior Counsel at Epic Games, Gwen J. Greenberg Prize Recipient, Brooklyn Entertainment & Sports Law Society Honoree

## Finance Your Legal Education

The majority of students in recent incoming classes have received some form of school-funded or administered aid. We offer academic merit awards, diversity scholarships, fellowships, donor grants, and need-based grants. Our financial aid experts will help you navigate the process of applying for federal and private loans. Brooklyn Law School is also proud to be a Yellow Ribbon school with a dedicated counselor to help veterans understand and maximize these unique benefits.

## No Better Place

Nestled between vibrant Downtown Brooklyn and historic Brooklyn Heights, we are steps away from hundreds of government agencies, law offices, and city, state, and federal courts, providing ideal learning laboratories for our students. The campus is only minutes away from Manhattan by subway, bus or car, giving our students access to the legal, financial, corporate, and arts capital of the world. **Come visit us!**





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