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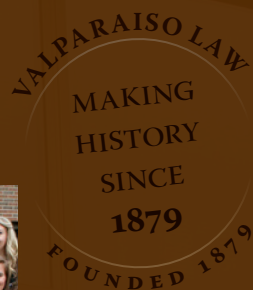
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Alfredo Estrada '15

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, BURKE COSTANZA & CARBERRY LLP

“At Valparaiso Law, part of my education was to recognize that law is a calling to leadership and service. My **immigration** practice entails asylum, waivers, humanitarian visas, removal defense, and advocating for immigrants within the community. Practicing immigration law allows me to serve my community and my clients. Prior to law school I worked midnights and attended undergraduate classes during the day. Valparaiso Law respected my background and life experience and placed value on my own untraditional path to law school.”



Joyce Thompson-Mills '99

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ENFORCEMENT, NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA)

“During my time in law school, I had the opportunity to take a **sports law** class. I did not realize in 1999 that a J.D. degree could be used in a variety of sectors in the sports industry. My professional journey ultimately placed me on a regulatory path where I now enforce NCAA legislation, uphold integrity and fair play among NCAA member schools, and ensure that compliant schools and student-athletes are not disadvantaged by their rules compliance.”



Emily Mussio '16

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY

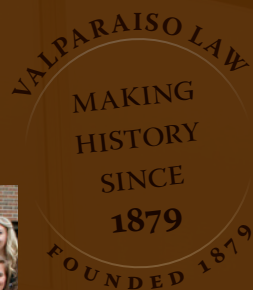
“I had no idea I was interested in **tax law** when I came to law school. I chose to pursue an LL.M. in Taxation at New York University School of Law after taking multiple tax courses at Valparaiso Law. My professors at Valparaiso Law were integral to this decision and gave me the guidance I needed to pursue my dream career in tax. I currently work on U.S. and international tax issues for corporations.”

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Timothy Rigdon '11

DIRECTOR, LEGAL AFFAIRS AT REDWOOD LOGISTICS

“I have always been interested in the **business** side of the law, but realized my passion through my externships at Valparaiso Law. Unlike firm practice where you have several clients and may only assist with certain aspects of deals, I wanted to be part of the bigger picture. I enjoy providing legal counsel and participating in the overall business strategy. Being in-house gives me the opportunity to have real business dialogue and allows me to see the positive impact of my legal work.”



Andrea D. Lyon

DEAN & PROFESSOR OF LAW

Students interested in pursuing **civil rights** or **constitutional law** learn through unprecedented access in Dean Andrea D. Lyon’s hands-on clinic. “Practicing law is more than a job, it is a calling,” says Dean Lyon, a statement proven by her life’s work as a death penalty defense lawyer. She has defended more than 30 potential capital cases at the trial level and has taken 19 through the penalty phase: she won all 19.



Courtney C. Smith '15

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, BURKE COSTANZA & CARBERRY LLP

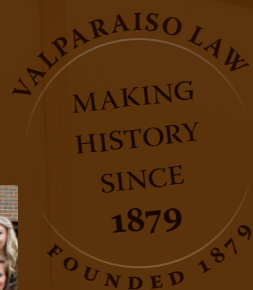
“I chose to enter the area of **family/juvenile law** and probate primarily due to the close interaction between attorney and client. Being an advocate for families is a very personal and rewarding experience. I work hard to build strong attorney-client relationships so clients feel comfortable and trust me with any future legal needs they may have. I chose Valparaiso Law because I was a non-traditional student and benefitted from its accelerated program while still building close relationships with faculty members.”

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Curtis Cichowski

PROFESSOR OF LAW

As new technologies introduce rapid change to the concepts of content and ownership, it is an exciting time to study and work in the field of **intellectual property**. Professor Cichowski, a Valparaiso Law alumnus, teaches courses in intellectual property, torts, trade secrets, trademark, unfair competition, copyright, and emerging technologies. A faculty member since 1984, Professor Cichowski regularly presents on practical matters relating to intellectual property.



Geoffrey Heeren

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW & DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION CLINIC

Securing asylum for a Tanzanian woman persecuted for being a lesbian; winning a Ukrainian man's seven-year-long deportation case; obtaining a green card for a Salvadoran youth who had been abused and neglected — these real, **international** cases are just a sample of the opportunities students experience through the **Immigration Clinic**. Additionally, the clinic helps clients navigate the shifting immigration landscape and decipher legislation with regard to immigration law.



Brianna J. Schroeder '09

ATTORNEY, JANZEN AGRICULTURAL LAW LLC

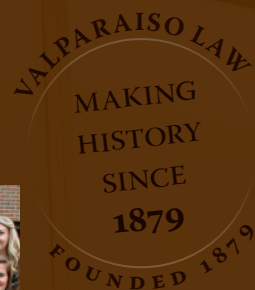
"I've litigated cases across Indiana and Illinois, and know my Valparaiso Law education prepared me for the challenges a **litigation** attorney faces in big cities and small towns. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do when I entered law school, but the solid foundation I received at Valparaiso Law ensured I had a diverse set of options. Now, I'm happily representing farmers and agricultural companies in litigation, permitting, and contractual matters across the Midwest."

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Jayme Matchinski '92

OFFICER, GREENSFELDER, HEMKER & GALE, P.C.

"I practice healthcare law at a large firm in Chicago. Several years ago, I took a pro bono case and represented a woman from Senegal seeking political asylum. The case lasted three years, but my client was eventually granted asylum. She told me I saved her life. While I cannot say that I literally saved her life, this case reminded me of the importance of working for the **public interest**, of helping others, and that not everyone has equal access to our legal system."



Victoria Ryan

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF THE CAREER CENTER

Not every student enters law school knowing the area of law they wish to pursue. Many students who do not already have a defined focus are introduced to new areas of law and have undiscovered interests ignited. That's why **career planning** starts on day one at Valparaiso Law, actively engaging students to define personalized goals and strategies and map these to their curricular choices and career interests.



Russell Brown, Jr. '10

ATTORNEY, SCOTT KING GROUP

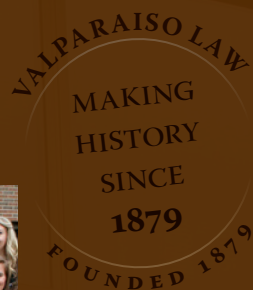
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Sophia J. Arshad '03, Vasilija Pangere '03, Matthew Warring '03

PARTNERS, ARSHAD PANGERE & WARRING LLP

“We became friends the first day of law school in 2000 and filed our LLP paperwork on October 20, 2003, the same day we were all admitted to the Indiana Bar. Each of us were members of different clinics, completed different externships, and gained certifications in different practice areas. The personalized and **practice-centered experience** Valparaiso Law provided for all of us built the foundation for our partnership and our business.”



Danielle Ardner '16

DUE DILIGENCE OPERATIONS INVESTIGATOR, ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING DIVISION, FIRST REPUBLIC BANK

“Valparaiso Law helped prepare me for my career in **compliance** by providing me with valuable work experiences while reinforcing the importance of being detail-oriented, organized, and ready for any task. I chose Banking Compliance based upon its association with regulatory law, administrative law, and lawsuits. I use my law school experiences — clerking for a judge, interning for the United States Attorney’s Office and the Porter County Prosecutor, and interning for a private criminal defense firm daily in my Banking Compliance role.”



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WHY VALPARAISO LAW?

DATA VALID AS OF 8/9/17
*2017 ENTERING CLASS

DIVERSITY
+
INCLUSION

25%

UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITIES*

61%

FIRST-GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS*

— ” —
Students become lawyers when they recognize that there is a human whose life is being impacted by their work.

— DEAN ANDREA D. LYON —

21%

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS*

ACADEMIC
STRENGTH
+
SUPPORT

8

LIVE-CLIENT
CLINICS

— ” —
Having a program that emphasizes experiential externships is very beneficial to students. Law students come out of these experiences with an understanding of what it really means to practice law.

— JUDGE THOMAS J. ALEVIZOS,
LAPORTE COUNTY CIRCUIT
COURT —

190+

EXTERNSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

151

MEDIAN LSAT*

3.23

MEDIAN GPA*

The **Valparaiso Law Curriculum** combines academic **rigor** with **relevance** to today's legal landscape and implements a **responsive** feedback system with **7-WEEK SESSIONS**

PERSONAL
ATTENTION
+
GLOBAL IMPACT

238

TOTAL STUDENTS

10:1

law student to
faculty ratio

7,100+

Valparaiso Law Alumni

4

Supreme Court Justices serving as past faculty at the Valparaiso University Law Cambridge Center in Cambridge, England

SKILLS
+
SOCIAL JUSTICE

700

CLIENTS RECEIVING FREE
OR LOW-COST LEGAL
SERVICES EACH YEAR

100%

students participating
in simulated client
interaction since 2015

7,000-9,000

hours of pro bono service
completed by students annually

MORE THAN 76%

OF 2016 & 2017 GRADUATES EXCEEDED THE
REQUIRED PRO BONO REQUIREMENT

RICH
HERITAGE
+
FUTURE
FOCUS

History matters. Valparaiso Law has a rich heritage and has been educating great lawyers for 138 years.

2017
MOST INNOVATIVE
LAW SCHOOLS

preLaw Magazine
Fall 2017

A+
RATING
&

#7

national ranking
for the "Best Schools
for Practical Training"

National Jurist Magazine, Spring 2017

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LIVE-CLIENT CLINICS

50 YEARS

ESTABLISHED IN 1967

The Valparaiso Law Clinic is one of the oldest live-client clinics in the nation, training students and changing lives for fifty years.



CLINICAL EXPERIENCE TRANSFORMS STUDENTS INTO PRACTICE-READY LAWYERS.

The Law Clinic is dedicated to providing free or low cost legal services.

Students gain first-hand experience representing ...

INDIVIDUALS

FAMILIES

COMMUNITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

HERITAGE HALL

»» **Appellate Representation Clinic**

This clinic, taught by Dean Andrea D. Lyon, provides representation to individuals in complex criminal appeals, giving students real-world experience reviewing the record; communicating with the client; researching various legal theories; and assisting in drafting and filing briefs. While the clinic specializes in appellate law, it also provides insight into trial practice.

»» **Criminal Clinic**

Students represent clients charged with a range of misdemeanors and felonies. Students conduct discovery, prepare and argue motions, negotiate plea agreements, and represent clients at all court proceedings, including bench and jury trials.

»» **Domestic Violence Clinic**

Students assist victims of domestic violence who are seeking temporary or permanent restraining orders. Students provide advice, represent clients in court, and provide legal assistance to residents of domestic violence shelters.

»» **General Practice Clinic**

Students assist clients with a wide range of civil matters, including consumer disputes, debt collection, adoption, credit reporting problems, guardianship, and divorce. Students interview and counsel clients, draft legal pleadings, conduct research, engage in negotiations, and appear in court.

»» **Immigration Clinic**

Students represent immigrants with claims grounded in human rights and domestic and international law. Students also serve as lead counsel for asylum seekers, torture survivors, crime victims, persons who have been trafficked into the U.S. or abused or exploited, and persons who are facing deportation as a result of immigration infractions.

»» **Juvenile & Family Clinic**

Students are appointed to serve as *guardian ad litem* for children who have been abused or neglected, and those who are involved in custody and visitation issues related to guardianship, paternity, and adoption cases. Students also serve as public defenders for children in delinquency cases.

»» **Sports Law Clinic**

Valparaiso Law offers the only Sports Law Clinic in the nation. Students represent clients from all amateur areas of competition — Olympic, collegiate, high school, and others — in cases involving issues such as doping and drug testing, discipline, team eligibility, gender equity, visas to compete, and loss of scholarship.

»» **Tax Clinic**

Students hone their lawyering skills by representing low-income taxpayers in disputes with the Internal Revenue Service.



WHERE WILL YOUR VALPARAISO LAW EXPERIENCE TAKE YOU?

Learn why students who are called to the law excel at Valparaiso.



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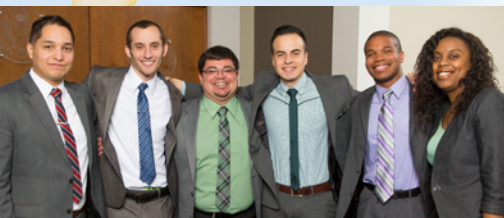
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