Welcome to the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School!

This tour guides you through the Law School’s major architectural highlights and history. As you walk around the complex, you will visit the Law School’s four interconnected buildings set around a central Courtyard.

Uniquely among law schools, our faculty and staff offices, classrooms and seminar rooms, and student spaces are interspersed throughout the physical plant, rather than siloed in separate areas. The integrated design reinforces the collaborative spirit of the Law School community.

The Law School’s state-of-the-art facilities include a large auditorium, high-tech classrooms and seminar rooms, a modern moot court room, numerous common areas for student learning and interaction, and indoor and outdoor spaces for quiet reflection.

If you have any questions or need assistance while on this tour, students and staff will be glad to help you, or you can return to the Office of Admissions, the Graduate Programs Office, or the Master in Law Program office.
Tanenbaum Hall is one of the most active areas at the Law School. The ground floor houses many administrative offices: Admissions and Financial Aid, Graduate Programs, International Affairs, the Office of Equity and Inclusion, Master in Law Program, Office of Career Strategy, the Toll Public Interest Center, and Service Corps. Several Law School journal offices, the Clock Lounge, classrooms, and a seminar room are also located on the ground floor. Biddle Law Library, a modern, world-class library that offers rich collections, comfortable study spaces, and seminar rooms shares floors two through five with the Center on Professionalism, Curricular Affairs, ITS, Legal Education Programs, Communications, and Legal Practice Skills.

**FIRST-FLOOR TANENBAUM**

**Admissions and Financial Aid | T-151**

**Admissions**
The Office of Admissions oversees JD admissions. Applicants have completed their undergraduate degrees and, often hold advanced degrees in a broad array of disciplines; many have work experience prior to attending law school. Students are selected from over 6,000 applicants and arrive from across the country and around the globe.

**Financial Aid**
The Law School’s financial aid program provides a wide range of financial aid opportunities to help our students manage the cost of attending law school.

**Graduate Programs, International Affairs | T-155**

**Graduate Programs**
Graduate Programs oversees admissions and support for the approximately 115 LLM students, foreign trained attorneys who come to the United States each year to complete graduate degrees at the Law School. The Graduate Programs team acts as the primary point-of-contact for all LLM, LLCM, and SJD (doctoral) students.

**International Affairs**
The Office of International Affairs encourages law students to embrace global perspectives and to take advantage of our many opportunities in international, comparative, and foreign law. Students visit this office when seeking advising on Penn Carey Law’s many existing programs; however, students are also actively encouraged to bring their own original ideas to explore. International Affairs works closely with law and university departments to provide a central resource hub for students interested in globalizing their legal education.

**INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- 40+ courses in international, foreign, and comparative law
- Semester or year-long study abroad programs
- Innovative seminars with weeklong research visits overseas
- Funded global internships in public and private law
- Support for international legal research projects
- Grants for skills development for globalized legal tracks
- Conferences, consortia, and symposia around the world
The Toll Public Interest Center (TPIC) is home to Penn’s renowned Pro Bono Program, as well as a wide array of activities for students interested in public service. Through TPIC, students engage in pro bono opportunities locally, nationally, and internationally. TPIC also supports more than 30 initiatives developed by students to address areas of unmet need. TPIC implements a broad vision of public interest commitment for the Law School students, hosting speakers and a full week of public interest activities each year, supporting the Toll Public Interest Scholars, and mentoring students who aspire to pursue public interest and government careers. Here you will also find the office that facilitates the Service Corps program, which is comprised of Toll Public Interest Scholars, Toll Public Interest Fellows, and Corps Members. The Service Corps reinforces the Law School’s commitment to service by increasing substantive programming and financial support for students pursuing public interest careers.

The Clock Lounge

Centrally located on the ground floor of Tanenbaum, looking out onto the Courtyard patio, the Clock Lounge offers spaces for study and socializing.

Toll Public Interest Center | T-148 and T-122

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Law Review and Journals

Asian Law Review | T144
Journal of Business Law | S325 and S332
Journal of Constitutional Law | S225
Journal of International Law | S226
Journal of Law & Social Change | T134
Law Review | T123
Journal of Law and Public Affairs | M29
Biddle Law Library | 2nd – 5th Floors

Biddle Law Library is one of the preeminent law libraries in the world and is the research laboratory of the Law School. Its efficient operation, invaluable resources, and friendly, knowledgeable staff facilitate scholarship and study.

The Library’s rich collection ranges from important historical works to the most current digital materials supporting research in American, foreign and comparative law. Through Biddle’s online catalog, LOLA, students may search national bibliographic databases, the library catalogs of other major academic law libraries, and periodical indexes. The richness of the collection is complemented by the service of the dedicated law librarians who provide both students and faculty a wide range of services. Several librarians teach courses in legal research, and all students receive training in Westlaw and Lexis. Biddle offers students small meeting and seminar rooms, quiet study spaces, and an inviting atmosphere for legal study.

Legal Education Programs | T-216 and T-224

Legal Education Programs implements targeted programs taught by world-renowned faculty and legal experts for students and professionals outside of the Law School. Their offerings include a pre-college academy geared toward high school students, summer immersion programs, and online learning initiatives. As Pennsylvania’s first licensed Continuing Legal Education (CLE) provider, the Law School offers CLE credit at various seminars, conferences, and special events throughout the academic year.

Legal Practice Skills | 2nd Floor South

Legal Practice Skills marks the beginning of a law student’s professional apprenticeship. In this yearlong required course, first-year students learn the skills that lawyers need to practice law: the research skills to find the law applicable to a problem, the analytic skills to solve the problem, and the writing and oral advocacy skills to present those solutions to a client, another attorney, or to a judge.

Communications Office | 3rd Floor East

In addition to telling the Law School’s story through our website, news media outreach, and social media, the Communications Office provides graphic and design support for publicity materials for student organizations presenting symposia or lectures.

Information Technology Services | 3rd Floor West

The Information Technology Services (ITS) department provides a broad range of computing, media, and network resources and services to the entire Law School community.
Office of Career Strategy | T-113

The Office of Career Strategy (OCS) empowers students to become lifelong owners and architects of their careers. Our programs, services, online resources, and one-on-one counseling provide students with a competitive advantage throughout their careers. The dedicated team serves all students and alumni, helping them identify their individual goals, teaching them the career planning skills necessary to reach those goals, and giving them access to as many opportunities as possible. Our students and graduates are highly sought after by employers across the country, many of whom come to our on-campus recruiting events.

Business Affairs | T-110

Business Affairs administers accounts payable activity, student event finances, payroll, travel, financial services, and accounting.

The Courtyard

The Courtyard is a focal point and gathering place for the Law School community. The patio and lawn are a refreshing oasis where students gather to socialize, enjoy the sunshine and fresh air, and even find a quiet spot to study. The Courtyard is also the location for community barbecues and for student groups hosting social events.
Dedicated in 2012, Golkin Hall serves as the Law School’s main entrance and completes its vision for the finest urban law school campus in America. It complements historic Silverman Hall on one side and the more modern Tanenbaum on the other. The building features roof-top gardens and green roofs, a state-of-the-art court room, and a 350-seat auditorium, providing the Law School with another signature space that encourages easy interaction and collaboration among students, faculty, and staff. The building’s green design is LEED Gold Certified, one of the first law schools so designated in the United States.

**FIRST-LEVEL GOLKIN**

**Dean’s Suite | GK101**

The Dean’s Suite is the center of the executive operations at the Law School. The Dean envisions the traditional and innovative goals for the Law School, and dedicated administrators ensure that the Law School community is well served by the various administrative offices. The Law School’s cross-disciplinary, globally-focused program prepares graduates to become leaders in the profession and society, and continues to place the Law School at the forefront of legal education. Leadership and vision from within the Dean’s Suite assures the Law School’s multifaceted approach takes maximum advantage of the University’s superb graduate and professional schools — which are all located nearby — affording students a myriad of opportunities to enrich their legal training with study in fields as diverse as business, education, health, public policy, or technology, and to develop real-word expertise and build networks in the areas of law where they seek to practice.

**Facilities | Inside the Dean’s Suite**

The Facilities department manages all aspects of building administration.
DIRECTIONS
Just past the Sansom Street entrance of the Law School on your right, you will find stairwells leading down to the Ground Floor and up to the Upper Levels of Golkin Hall.

ACCESSIBLE ROUTE
Past the Sansom Street entrance on your right and continuing past Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, you will find the elevator on your right leading down to the ground floor and up to the upper levels of Golkin Hall.

GROUND-LEVEL GOLKIN

The Davis Student Union and Sidebar Café
This open lobby space features comfortable banquettes and open seating — a popular space for students. The adjacent Sidebar Café is a great place to pick up your coffee, lunch, or a snack.

Michael A. Fitts Auditorium
Named in honor of former Dean Michael A. Fitts, this flexible 350-seat auditorium, with the latest technology and superb acoustics, serves as one of the Law School’s venues for larger audiences as well as a modern classroom. A robust series of events throughout the year includes the Law School’s annual moot court competition known as the Keedy Cup and talks on everything from corporate law, to human rights, to the future of the Internet. Presenters might include a Supreme Court Justice, a leading economist, or an expert panel.

Kline & Specter Courtroom
Built with the latest technology, this courtroom gives future litigators a place to refine their oral advocacy skills. On your right, against the red wall, is a skylight, which adds natural lighting during the day. The spectator section has tables that can easily be reconfigured to allow maximum flexibility.

UPPER-LEVELS GOLKIN

Classrooms and Faculty Offices | 2nd Floor
On the second floor, there is a seminar room directly opposite the staircase landing. To the right and left are faculty offices.

Development and Alumni Relations Office | 3rd Floor
To the right of the landing on the third floor of Golkin Hall are our Development and Alumni Relations Offices. Law School graduates have a long history of loyalty to the institution — no doubt based on their positive experience while here. Alumni participation in annual giving is always in the top two or three in the country, and our alumni network is very supportive of one another.
Rooftop Deck | 3rd Floor

Golkin Hall puts an emphasis on three areas of environmental sustainability: the management of natural resources such as natural light and storm water, the reduction of greenhouse gases, and an increase in use of renewable energy. Golkin Hall’s green roofs not only increase areas for collaboration in rooftop gardens, but also serve to reduce rain water entering the city’s storm water system and the heat-island effect caused by conventional dark roofs.

**DIRECTIONS**
Return to the first level of Golkin and turn right to the Offices of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.

**ACCESSIBLE ROUTE**
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Offices of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs | GK-103

**Academic Affairs**

The Academic Affairs office is the nerve center of the Law School’s daily operations — handling curriculum development, course registration, exams, transcripts, and room assignments. Students can select from a diverse range of courses and clinics that allow for the exploration of law in its increasingly broad application. The Academic Affairs office also works with students who are interested in joint degrees and certificates at our sister schools at Penn.

**Student Affairs**

This office is responsible for supporting students’ personal and professional growth while at Penn. When students ask themselves the inevitable question, “Why am I in law school?,” Student Affairs is more than willing to lend a helpful and understanding ear. The Student Affairs staff counsels students with academic concerns and helps students face unexpected emergencies. The Student Affairs team is also the liaison to student organizations at the Law School.

**DIRECTIONS**
From the Offices of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs on your right, turn left to enter the Goat Lounge.

Haaga Lounge (“The Goat“)

The Haaga Lounge mirrors the Clock Lounge as a main student gathering spot. As you enter, you will see “The Goat” on your far left, past the skylight, giving the Lounge its name. “The Goat” is actually a Hsieh-Chai, a figure from Chinese lore dating back to the days of Shun (circa 2200 B.C.). Hsieh-Chai was goat-like, but bore only one horn, and was endowed with the faculty of detecting the guilty. According to legend, when the famous minister Kao Yao tried cases in which guilt was uncertain, he would use Hsieh-Chai to distinguish between the crooked and the upright. Donated by a former faculty member, the sculpture adorns the Law School as a reminder of how far the judicial process has developed.

**DIRECTIONS**
Turn right, pass the Goat statue on your left and continue straight into the Great Hall.
Penn’s Law School was first housed near Independence Hall in Center City Philadelphia, close to the city’s courts and law offices. In 1900, the Law School made the bold move to relocate, joining the rest of the University at the new West Philadelphia campus. The University community and distinguished jurists from across the country gathered to dedicate a new building celebrated as “the most completely beautiful and most beautifully complete building ever designed for the sole purpose of housing a law school.” The exterior of the building, designed in the English classic style of the time by the famous Philadelphia firm of Cope and Stewardson, incorporates shields and medallions bearing the names of significant figures in the history of Anglo-American common law.

**FACULTY**

- 73 articles published by faculty in 2021
- 12 books published by faculty in 2021
- 8 Faculty members on the Law School’s clerkship committee

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**FIRST-LEVEL SILVERMAN**

**Great Hall and the Grand Staircase**

The building once was named Lewis Hall in honor of William Draper Lewis, the Law School’s Dean from 1896 to 1914. Restored and revitalized in conjunction with the Law School’s sesquicentennial, the building is now named for honored Law School alumnus Henry R. Silverman L’64. The Great Hall serves as an elegant location for numerous receptions that follow symposia and major lectures.

**Faculty Lounge and Faculty Offices**

Just off the Great Hall, you will find the Faculty Lounge on your right, which serves as the hub of faculty collaboration and intellectual exchange. Faculty offices extend off both sides of the Great Hall, in Gittis Hall, and in Golkin Hall. Most professors are easily accessible after class, by email, or in their offices. Most offer official office hours and welcome students to stop by. Students meet with faculty members to discuss class material, interesting legal issues of the day, job searches, or clerkships.
Kabacoff Reading Room and Classrooms | S-240 A & B

Walk to your left upon reaching the top of the stairs. These classrooms occupy the space that once housed Penn’s famous Biddle Law Library. These rooms blend historical architecture with modern technology. Each desk is wired for laptop use or students can use wireless. Professors have the latest audio/visual equipment available for use during their lectures.

Levy Conference Center

Walk to your right upon reaching the top of the stairs. The Levy Conference Center is a flexible space in which we hold symposia, lectures, and Law School events and can be transformed into a banquet room.

Bernard Segal Class Room | S-245 A

The Segal classroom, named for freedom-fighter alumnus Bernard G. Segal L’6, is a flexible classroom/conference space. It allows for myriad teaching styles and innovative pedagogy.

Cramer Lecture Hall | S-280

Cramer Lecture Hall, a 45-seat teaching space, and the adjacent Cramer Seminar Room are located on the second floor of the Silverman building directly across from the main stairwell.

Academic Centers & Institutes

Center for Asian Law
Center for Tax Law & Policy
Center for Technology, Innovation & Competition
Criminal Law Research Group
Institute for Law & Economics
Institute for Law & Philosophy
Legal History Consortium
Penn Program on Documentaries & the Law
Penn Program on Regulation
Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice
The Gittis Legal Clinics is a multi-faceted clinical law practice and state-of-the-art teaching law office located in the heart of the Law School complex. Opened in 1996, the Clinics contains faculty offices, a student lawyering center, video-equipped conference rooms, seminar rooms, and a separate client entrance directly to the street. Most of Penn’s renowned clinics are housed within the Law School, while students also participate in the Criminal Defense Clinic downtown and the Legislative Clinic in Washington, D.C. and many other off-site externships.

The Clinics vests students with primary responsibility for resolving clients’ real-life problems in a supportive learning environment characterized by dynamic teaching of essential skills and individualized mentoring and supervision by experienced faculty-practitioners. Over the past two decades, Penn’s history of anticipating professional changes and tailoring its clinical training to major roles lawyers play has earned it a reputation for educational innovation, outstanding program design, and rigorous preparation of its graduates for entry into law practice.

Keedy Cup

The Keedy Cup and a listing of previous winners of this prestigious Moot Court competition are displayed on the ground floor of Silverman Hall. Named for former Law School Dean Edwin R. Keedy, the Keedy Cup is awarded to the winning team in the Law School’s intramural appellate advocacy competition. The Keedy Cup argument is held every January before a panel of eminent judges from around the country.

Clinton/Parker Student Wellness Suite and the “Living Room”

These spaces house Student Affairs services while providing a relaxing and inviting space for student interaction.

Student Lockers

This is one of many areas in which students have lockers. Students are assigned lockers in one of the convenient locker areas throughout the Law School.
As you continue straight through the first floor of Gittis, you will find an elevator on your left. Take the elevator to the ground floor for Gittis classrooms and student lockers. Take the same elevator to the second floor for more Gittis classrooms and the student lounge.

Gittis Hall is a multi-use space with 21 modern faculty offices and four large state-of-the-art classrooms, which also serve as the site for numerous lectures and symposia. A small student lounge upstairs and comfortable seating downstairs look out on the Courtyard.

Gittis Hall Lecture Rooms | G-1, G-2, G-213, G-214

Gittis Hall houses four state-of-the-art classrooms. Each classroom is soundproof, and have state-of-the-art technology to facilitate teaching. These rooms also serve as the site for numerous lectures and symposia.

CROSS-DISCIPLINARY MODEL

- 60% JD students graduated with joint degrees or certificates in 2021
- 64% of the JD Class of 2021 took at least one non-law course taught by another Penn school
- Over 35 joint degree and certificate programs
- 48% of the Law School faculty hold advanced degrees in addition to a JD
- Approximately 50% of the Law School faculty have secondary appointments or affiliations
- 12 graduate and professional schools at Penn
- 25+ cross-disciplinary student groups and clinics that address legal topics as diverse as education, bioethics, entertainment, health, technology, regulation, refugees, sports, urban issues, and child advocacy.

DIRECTIONS

As you continue straight through the first floor of Gittis, you will go up a flight of stairs and through a breezeway connecting Gittis and Tanenbaum which will lead you back to the start of the tour at the Admissions and Financial Aid Office or Office of Graduate Programs. Return to the Goat Lounge. Turn right to exit the Goat Lounge, then turn left to enter Gittis.

ACCESSIBLE ROUTE

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ACCESSIBLE ROUTE

Take the elevator back to the first floor of Gittis Hall. To return to the Admissions and Financial Aid office, Office of Graduate Programs, or the Master in Law Program office, turn right and continue back through the Goat lounge, and pass the Golkin main entrance until you return to the Clock lounge.
Each of the following departments plays a crucial role in developing skills, providing support and fostering a thriving and inclusive community to ensure students are positioned for success in the legal world.

**The Center on Professionalism**

Focusing on providing students with the skills employers seek and require, the Center on Professionalism (COP) offers a wide array of useful programming throughout the year.

Starting with Professionalism Day in September and running the length of the academic year, COP helps students with:

- Confident and Purposeful Communication
- Relationship Building
- Mastery of Executive Technology Skills
- Personal Productivity and Effectiveness
- High-Level Strategic Thinking
- Team Dynamics

Contact the COP team at professionalism@law.penn.edu.

**Academic Support Program**

The rigors of legal education can be daunting for even the best students. The Academic Support Program supports students to equip themselves with methods and techniques for succeeding in their studies.

1L students are invited to attend a series of programming by the Academic Support Office in the Fall Term and as needed are given individualized academic support plans in the Spring Term. The Academic Support Office continues support past the 1L year to any student who may need it.

**The Office of Equity and Inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Inclusion (E&I) is dedicated to maintaining an environment at the Law School that champions inclusivity. It also supports and engages in initiatives and trainings with the wider community of alumni, student, faculty and staff.

Contact the Office of Inclusion and Engagement at inclusion@law.upenn.edu.