Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are delighted to present our annual report for 2018–19. This is a special year for our school, as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of our founding. We trace our roots to two private law schools that operated in Indianapolis—the Indiana Law School, which opened in 1894, and the Benjamin Harrison Law School. The two schools merged in 1936 and became a part of Indiana University in 1944, which means we are also celebrating the 75th anniversary of our affiliation with IU.

In these pages, you will read about the history of our institution, along with new developments that have taken place during the 2018–19 academic year. We highlight our recent awards, notable new initiatives and programs, and our many external engagements on the local, state, national, and international levels.

We are proud to be the law school that historically has educated roughly half the lawyers and judges in the state of Indiana, and we look forward to educating future generations of legal professionals in the years ahead.

Andrew R. Klein
Dean and the Paul E. Beam Professor of Law

From 1894 to Today: Celebrating 125 Years

The Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law traces its origins to the Indiana Law School, which began operation in 1894, making 2019 the 125th anniversary year for our school.

The Indiana Law School was part of a newly formed University of Indianapolis that also included Butler University, the Medical College of Indiana, and the Indiana Dental School. Among the first trustees of the school were former President of the United States Benjamin Harrison and Indiana industrialist Eli Lilly.

The Indiana Law School was a full-time day school. In 1898, the Indianapolis College of Law was founded as an evening school, followed a few years later by a second evening school, the American Central Law School. In 1914, these two schools merged and became the Benjamin Harrison Law School, also an evening school.

In 1936, the Benjamin Harrison Law School became the evening division of the Indiana Law School after a merger. In 1944, the Indiana Law School affiliated with Indiana University, and became the Indianapolis division of the IU School of Law. It was accredited by the American Bar Association the same year. In 1991, the school also celebrates the 75th anniversary of its affiliation with IU.

In 1946, Indiana University purchased the Maennerchor Hall from the Maennerchor Hall Association in Indianapolis and moved the law school into that building. Designed by architect Adolph Scherrer, the facility had previously been used as a music academy for the Maennerchor, a German singing organization.

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, in compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, mental or physical handicap, age, gender, or sexual orientation in any of its policies, practices or procedures. This policy covers, but is not limited to, admissions, employment, financial aid, educational services, programs, and activities.
The school operated as the Indianapolis evening division of the IU School of Law until 1968, when it separated from the Bloomington division and became the Indiana University School of Law–Indianapolis, offering both full-time day and part-time evening programs. The school moved into a new facility at 735 West New York Street in 1970.

In the mid-to-late 1990s, through the tireless efforts of the late Dean Norman Lefstein, the school raised sufficient funds to construct a new law school building. In May of 2001, the law school moved into Lawrence W. Inlow Hall, located on the southeast corner of the IUPUI campus.

Inlow Hall is within walking distance of the federal district court, Indiana’s Supreme Court and appellate courts, state trial courts, the Indiana legislature, federal and state administrative agencies, and major law firms. This proximity to the heart of Indiana’s government and financial center provides students with opportunities not only to observe the legal process in action, but also to participate in that process as law clerks, judicial interns, and legislative staff assistants.

The school provides the cultural, recreational, and professional advantages of an urban educational environment. Four degrees are offered: Doctor of Jurisprudence, Master of Laws, Doctor of Juridical Science, and Master of Jurisprudence.

In 1993, the law school established its Pro Bono Program. Through that program, law students have contributed more than 250,000 hours of pro bono service to the Indianapolis community. The school’s clinics have served more than 6,000 people in Indianapolis and across the state.

In December of 2011, the school was renamed the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in honor of Indianapolis attorney, banker, and civic leader Robert H. McKinney, who attended the school during the 1950s. The renaming was the result of a $24 million gift from Mr. McKinney, the largest philanthropic gift ever received by the school. Along with matching funds from the university, the total commitment to the school was $31.5 million.

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Approximately 50 percent of Indiana’s lawyers and judges are graduates of the school, as are many prominent persons within government and business. The school was recognized in 2015 by the National Law Journal as a “pipeline” to Congress because of the number of graduates serving in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Two of the school’s alumni have held the office of Vice President of the United States.
FOR ALL: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign

We are in the final year of FOR ALL: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign, the first campaign that includes all schools within Indiana University. The campaign will culminate with the celebration of the university’s 200th anniversary in 2020. All gifts received from April 1, 2013, to June 30, 2020, will count as part of the Bicentennial Campaign.

At the IU McKinney School of Law, our campaign priorities have focused on students:

- Fostering student success
- Expanding experiential and skills learning
- Enhancing faculty excellence
- Providing general support

A major component of the law school’s campaign has been support for scholarships. Thirty new endowed scholarships and awards have been created.

Throughout its history, the school has hosted a variety of prominent speakers for the benefit of students and the legal community. More than 60 programs take place at Inlow Hall per semester, many of which offer continuing legal education credit to alumni and other attorneys in the state. Over the years, the school has benefited from the visits of five sitting U.S. Supreme Court Justices, including Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Chief Justice John Roberts. These programs, and others, have provided a richness to the student experience, complementing the curricular offerings and bringing the law to life for students as they pursue their legal educations.

Additionally, the school has hosted the Indiana Legal Education Conclave, which brings together the practicing bar, the judiciary, and legal educators to discuss the transition of law students to lawyers and how these groups can assist with that process, and to discuss the changes and trends in legal education and its effect on the legal community.

More recently, the school received a grant from the American Bar Association and is partnering with the ABA’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion to co-launch the Pathway to the Law online program, a three-year pilot project to create a pipeline into legal education, and ultimately the profession, for underrepresented students. The school hopes to continue the program permanently in the future.

The school is proud of its heritage of providing a fine legal education to attorneys throughout the state and nation for the past 125 years and looks forward to continuing its time-honored tradition for the next century.

94% of campaign goal complete as of June 2019
($13,206,281 of $14M goal)

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Degrees Offered

Doctor of Jurisprudence

The Doctor of Jurisprudence (Juris Doctor or J.D.) degree is a graduate professional degree in law. It is the primary professional preparation for practicing attorneys in most common law jurisdictions.

Master of Laws

The Master of Laws (Magister Legum, Legum Magister, or LL.M.) degree is designed for students of exceptional ability who already hold a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), an undergraduate degree in law from a university outside the United States, or a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree. The LL.M. degree is a one-year degree program with six specific tracks, or concentrations, with a seventh track soon to be available.

Doctor of Juridical Science

The Doctor of Juridical Science (Scientiae Juridicae Doctor, Juridicae Scientiae Doctor, or S.J.D.) degree is a terminal degree in law, offered by a small number of law schools in the United States. The degree is designed for persons who have completed an LL.B. or J.D., and an LL.M., and who seek academic or scholarly careers. The S.J.D. is a research-based dissertation degree, requiring each candidate to work closely with a faculty member who is an expert in the candidate’s field of study.

Master of Jurisprudence

The Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) degree affords professionals in fields other than law the opportunity to acquire the legal knowledge that will help them in their chosen careers. The M.J. degree consists of 30 credit hours and is designed individually for each student working with a faculty adviser.

Enrollment

Total enrollments for the 2018–19 academic year were as follows:

Doctor of Jurisprudence—782
Master of Laws—34
Doctor of Juridical Science—15
Master of Jurisprudence—36

Enrollment Statistics for JD Program

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Significant Recognition for Faculty and School

The IU McKinney School of Law is proud to acknowledge the hard work of our faculty and staff. These recent awards and recognitions reinforce our excellent reputation and status.

IU McKinney School of Law
Outstanding Partner Award

The Burmese American Community Institute recognized the law school for promoting opportunities for Burmese community members through externships, pro bono work, scholarships and other support.

IU McKinney School of Law Office of External Affairs
Gold Award

Awarded from the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals for the Spring 2019 issue of The McKinney Lawyer Alumni Magazine.

Professor Shawn Boyne
Fellow

Professor Boyne participated in the 2018–19 American Council on Education Fellows Program and spent the fall 2018 semester in residence at James Madison University.

Professor Jennifer Drobac
2018 Visiting Scholar

Professor Drobac was a visiting scholar at the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School and the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior.

Professor Frank Emmert
Elected Vice Chair

Professor Emmert was elected vice chair of the North American branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Professor Gerard Magliocca
Fellow

Professor Magliocca, the Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law, was named a fellow with the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon.

First-year Student Anthony Murdock
2019 Inaugural Young Martin Award

Anthony Murdock was recognized by the IUPUI Black Student Union for his service to the university and to the larger community, including his leadership in diversity and civil rights issues.

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40 Under Forty Recognition

Professor Silva was recognized by the Indianapolis Business Journal for her community service working with the Re-Entry and Community Help program.

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Additions to the Faculty

During the 2018–19 academic year, the IU McKinney School of Law added three new faculty members, contributing to the diverse experience and knowledge base of the school.

Brad Desnoyer
Association Clinical Professor of Law

Brad Desnoyer teaches in the Legal Communication and Analysis program. He comes to us from the University of Missouri School of Law where he was an associate professor of legal research and writing. He received his Bachelor of Journalism degree, magna cum laude, and his Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from the University of Missouri. Professor Desnoyer served as clerk for the Supreme Court of Missouri and then as that court’s Deputy Communications Counsel.

Professor Desnoyer has received numerous awards for his teaching and service, including the Association of Legal Writing Directors’ Teaching Grant for his innovative pedagogy. He also serves as a writing coach for the law firm Stinson Leonard Street LLP, and as an associate editor for Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JAWLD.

Janet G. McCabe
Professor of Practice
Director, Environmental Resilience Institute
Indiana University

Janet G. McCabe serves as principal deputy and as acting assistant administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency, playing a lead role in framing, shaping, and implementing Clean Air Act standards. A senior fellow at the Environmental Policy and Law Center in Chicago, she has taught environmental law at the IU Paul H. O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Public Health. She had leadership roles at Improving Kids’ Environment in Indianapolis and the Office at Air Quality at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Professor McCabe is a graduate of Harvard University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and Doctor of Jurisprudence.

Professor McCabe is director of the Environmental Resilience Institute at IU. Her appointment is part of the IU Grand Challenges Prepared for Environmental Change initiative.

Seema Mohapatra
Associate Professor of Law

Seema Mohapatra is an expert in the areas of health care law, public health law, international family and health law, and bioethics. She taught at Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, and prior to teaching she practiced health law in Chicago at Sidley & Austin and Foley & Larnder. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Natural Sciences (with a minor in Women’s Studies) from Johns Hopkins University, then a J.D. degree from Northwestern University School of Law, and a master’s degree in Public Health with a concentration in Chronic Disease Epidemiology from Yale University.

Professor Mohapatra has authored articles and book chapters on topics such as international surrogacy laws and inequality in health care coverage, and has earned media attention from the New York Times, Times of India, Huffington Post and National Public Radio.

Global Connections and Influence

The IU McKinney School of Law has a strong international presence around the globe. The programs listed are a few highlights of the most recent academic year.

Global Conference on Slavery Hosted by Vice Dean Karen Bravo

The Third Global Conference on Slavery: Past, Present and Future, part of a multiyear interdisciplinary project organized by Vice Dean and Professor of Law Karen E. Bravo, took place in Berlin July 9–11, 2018, at the Indiana University Europe Gateway. The project provides new opportunities for dialog across disciplinary and national boundaries on the subject of slavery.

Inspired by increasing public and academic awareness and discussions of slavery and its legacies, and modern forms of exploitation such as human trafficking, Dean Bravo proposed the project and originally collaborated with an expert in interdisciplin ary and transnational academic gatherings on the first two conferences. She now organizes the multiyear project in collaboration with an international steering committee.

Delegates came from across the globe—the Netherlands, Germany, the United States, South Africa, Switzerland, Spain, and the United Kingdom—and from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds, including law, international relations, anthropology, history, social work, and economic and political sciences.

Leaders from Vietnam Academy of Politics Visit IU McKinney School of Law

Leaders from the Ho Chi Minh Academy of Politics visited the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in July 2018 to learn about the system of checks and balances among the branches of government in the United States and in Indiana. The group heard from several members of the school’s faculty and met with many prominent government leaders and members of the judiciary. Their visit marked the first time the leaders of the academy have visited the United States in order to learn about the checks and balances of political powers.

The academy trains the elite officials of all branches of the government of Vietnam. The members of the delegation included the academy director, vice directors, a professor, and business leaders. The delegation was welcomed to the IU McKinney School of Law by Dean Klein and Vice Dean Bravo, who provided an overview on the role of the law school in government checks and balances. They also heard from Professor Shawn Boyne, who discussed the
opportunities for professors at both schools. The classes with VNU UEL that provides for travel and scholarship.

IU McKinney School of Law has a cooperation agreement with the University of Economics and Law (VNU UEL) in Ho Chi Minh City to teach during a summer school organized by the American Law Center. Professor Hill taught American T ort Law, and Professor Huffman taught Consumer Law.

The IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law and Renmin University of China School of Law celebrated the 20th anniversary of their partnership and the Chinese Law Summer Program (CLSP). A seminar took place in the summer of 2018 at Renmin to commemorate the partnership. The event was attended by representatives of both schools, including the IU McKinney School of Law founding director, Professor Emeritus Jeffrey Grove, Professor Max Huffman, Associate Professor Seema Mohapatra, Amy Cornell, director of the law school’s Agriculture Law Program, and Heather Grinstead, associate director of graduate and international programs.

The anniversary culminated with a visit to Beijing in December 2018 by CLSP director, Professor Tom Wilson, Dean Klein, visiting Professor Stella Santana, and Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven David, ’82. They participated in three conferences over four days, along with IU McKinney School of Law alumni from China and several former visiting professors and scholars.

The IU McKinney School of Law Signs Agreement with World Trade Center Indianapolis

The Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with World Trade Center (WTC) Indianapolis in December 2018. The agreement brings together higher education and business to provide our students with opportunities to build legal skills in the area of international trade and commerce. WTC Indianapolis, the only licensed WTC in Indiana, connects Indiana businesses to a global marketplace through a network of more than 300 World Trade Centers across the world.

During a successful pilot of the track, IU McKinney School of Law students gained valuable experience serving in pro bono service roles with WTC Indianapolis, working with business leaders in other countries to bring foreign trade missions to Indiana. Students helped lead trade missions to China, coordinated inbound trade missions with officials from foreign business, and assisted in organizing an MOU between WTC Indianapolis and World Trade Center Harbin in China alongside Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch. The new educational track will train LL.M. students by putting them to work on real-world trade initiatives.

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State government leaders met with the delegation, including Indiana Senator Luke Kenley, who talked about his role in state government, and Indiana Inspector General Lori Torres, ’86, State Ethics Director Jen Cooper, Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven David, ’82, and Indiana Governor’s Office Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Joe Elsener.

Delegation members were the guests of IU McKinney Professor Juan-Thai Nguyen, the Gerald L. Bepko Chair in Law and director of the Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation at the law school.

Faculty Teach at Vietnam National University

Professors John Hill and Max Huffman traveled to Vietnam National University University of Economics and Law (VNU UEL) in Ho Chi Minh City to teach during a summer school organized by the American Law Center. Professor Hill taught American Tort Law, and Professor Huffman taught Consumer Law.

IU McKinney School of Law has a cooperation agreement with VNU UEL that provides for travel and scholarship opportunities for professors at both schools. The classes were taught in English, four hours per day over five days, and the students were interested in American-style teaching, so faculty utilized the Socratic method.

Students in Professor Huffman’s class also did some sightseeing, including a bike tour around Ho Chi Minh City.

Thos in attendance during Dean Klein’s December visit to Renmin included, from left: Professor Ding Xiangsun, LL.M., ‘06, S.J.D., ’19, of Renmin; former visiting scholar Maig Yadui, Professor of Law, Renmin; Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven H. David, ’82; Renmin Dean Wang Yi; IU McKinney Dean Andrew R. Klein; Professor Tom Wilson of IU McKinney; Visiting Professor Stella Emery Santana of IU McKinney; and Cheng Lei, Vice Dean and Professor of Law, Renmin.

Signing the MOU with the World Trade Center Indianapolis are, from left: IU McKinney Vice Dean Michael Potts, WTC Indianapolis Chair Greg Zoeller, and Vice Dean Karen Bravo.

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**In the Heart of the Community**

The IU McKinney School of Law is located in Lawrence W. Inlow Hall on the campus of IUPUI. The school is just steps away from federal, state, and local courts, the Indiana legislature, state government offices, and major law firms and corporations. This proximity to government and business allows our students to become involved in countless internships and externships, and to observe the legal process firsthand.

The school’s location in downtown Indianapolis helps facilitate community engagement in a number of ways.

**Pathway to the Law Program Launched**

The American Bar Association’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion has partnered with the IU McKinney School of Law to co-launch the Pathway to the Law online program, a three-year pilot project to create a pipeline to legal education for individuals underrepresented in the profession. The program, funded with a $250,000 grant from the ABA, began in 2018 and is based at the IU McKinney School of Law.

The initial class consisted of 30 students from IUPUI. The program’s intent is to help undergraduate students develop their skills in critical thinking, reading comprehension, and strategies for studying and test preparation. It also aims to broaden their understanding of the legal profession and give them access to mentors and networking opportunities as early as possible.

The curriculum includes four online courses designed in conjunction with eLearning Design Services, the primary online design arm of the Indiana University Office of Online Education. Students are mentored by attorneys, current law students, and law faculty members. Faculty involved in the project include Professors Max Huffman and Lahny Silva, while Professors Carrie Hagan, Allison Martin, and Cynthia Adams are teaching the courses. Also involved are Professors Shana Stump and Erin Engels, ’99, from the IU School of Liberal Arts. Instrumental in the creation of the project were instructional designers Matt Callison and Carrie Hansel, and principal instructional designer Julia Sanders, all from IU eLearning Design and Services. Additionally, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs Assistant Dean Suzann Lupton, ’91, and Kristina Horn Sheeler of the IU School of Liberal Arts played roles in developing the project.

 Depending on the program’s success, the ABA could expand it nationally in the future. The goal of the program is to develop a metrics-driven pipeline program model that colleges and law schools nationwide can implement to increase the number of diverse and underrepresented undergraduate students entering law school and the legal profession. The school’s grant leadership team is pursuing support structures for continuing the program in future years at the school.

**Second Chance Re-Entry Assistance Program**

The Second Chance Re-Entry Assistance Program (SCRAP) is a student organization that seeks to help reintegrate recently released incarcerated individuals back into society by providing necessary services to facilitate that process. SCRAP provides food and clothing, secure housing, prepares government documents, and guides individuals in finding employment and obtaining expungement. Professors Lahny Silva and Carrie Hagan have worked with student leaders of SCRAP and other groups, like the Black Law Students Association, to provide hands-on help to the community through a Re-Entry Job Fair. The fair has grown in the number of employers represented and services offered, as well as the number of citizens served, which was nearly 400 people in 2019.

**New Initiative in Support of Rural Justice**

IU McKinney School of Law, in partnership with the Indiana Supreme Court, launched the Supporting Rural Justice Initiative in 2019. The goal of this judicial clerkship program is to expose students to different facets of rural and smaller-city practice while letting them assist trial court judges with research, drafting motions and opinions, and learning about courtroom practice and procedure. The students worked throughout the summer at their various assignments in Rush, Fountain, Owen, Wayne, and Lawrence counties. Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Melissa May, ’84, was instrumental in bringing the program to IU McKinney School of Law.
Re-Entry and Community Help

With the help of Professor Lahny Silva, IU McKinney School of Law students work for the Re-Entry and Community Help (REACH) program, helping people who were formerly incarcerated who often have little with which to rebuild their lives. REACH, which was started in 2007 by the late U.S. District Court Judge Larry McKinney, helps people newly released from prison reestablish their lives. Magistrate Judge Tim Baker of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana now oversees the program where law students assist people in getting their driving privileges back, finding a place to live, enrolling in education programs, and doing a variety of other tasks.

Expungement Clinics and Other Partnerships with Ivy Tech Community College

IU McKinney School of Law’s Civil Practice Clinic and Ivy Tech Community College teamed up to offer a pop-up expungement clinic in April 2019 on the Ivy Tech campus. It is one of many such clinics offered by Professor Carrie Hagan and her Civil Practice Clinic students. This clinic was an opportunity to strengthen the connection between the two schools. Another connection developed when Professor Fran Watson offered Ivy Tech students the opportunity to take part in research projects related to the work in her Wrongful Conviction Clinic.

Addressing Today’s Challenges

The IU McKinney School of Law has a long and proud history, but we are always looking to the future. Through new initiatives like these, we improve our school, the opportunities for our students, and the world around us.

Indiana University Grand Challenges: Responding to the Addictions Crisis

Indiana University, in cooperation with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb and community partners, launched the Responding to the Addictions Crisis initiative in 2017. This is a university-wide effort to advance interdisciplinary research and interventions in response to the substance abuse crisis affecting Indiana and the nation.

Professor Nicolas Terry, Hall Render Professor of Law and executive director of the Hall Center for Law and Health, Ross D. Silverman, professor of health policy and management at the Fairbanks School of Public Health and professor of public health and law at IU McKinney School of Law, and Visiting Assistant Professor Aila Hoss, IU Grand Challenge Fellow, were involved in the collaborative report Legal and Policy Best Practices in Response to the Opioid Epidemic. This report included recommendations to combat the opioid crisis in Indiana including broader and more robust harm-reduction strategies, programs to reduce the stigma of substance use disorder, the creation of broader drug take-back programs, and more expansive “wraparound services” such as job training or housing assistance to support those recovering from substance use disorder.

Indiana University Grand Challenges: Prepared for Environmental Change

Launched in 2017, Indiana University’s Environmental Resilience Institute has as an overarching goal to foster environmental resilience in Indiana. This is accomplished by providing accurate information and feasible solutions that will enable policies to minimize adverse impact while creating opportunity. It is also imperative to communicate these issues effectively and with impact throughout the state. IU McKinney School of Law’s Professor of Practice Janet McCabe serves as the director of the institute.

Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Patricia Kinney, ’02, Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion

Graduates benefit from community outreach experiences.

The Grand Challenges team included, first row: Rebecca Critser, ’18, and Visiting Assistant Professor Aila Hoss; second row: IU McKinney student Emily Baulkema and IU Fairbanks School of Public Health student Catherine Sterling; third row: Professor Nicolas Terry and Professor Ross Silverman.
community that encompasses a wide range of characteristics. In this role, she provides strategic leadership on diversity, inclusion, and equity initiatives. Dean Kinney also serves as a liaison with internal and external constituencies on and off campus and continues to recruit students from populations underrepresented in the profession and provides support to enrolled students.

*Increases in Online Courses*

IU McKinney School of Law has been a leader in online course offerings for several years. During the 2018–19 academic year, the American Bar Association, which oversees the accreditation rules for law schools in the United States, announced that J.D. students are allowed 30 online credits of the 90 credits required. Students at the school can take full advantage of McKinney’s robust offering of online courses that provide the same variety of pedagogy that students enjoy in the classroom.

Three to five courses are taught in the online format per semester, including summer, totaling approximately 40 credit hours per year. The school also offers courses in a “hybrid” format, comprising a combination of traditional teaching methods and online methods. Online courses are created by law school faculty in partnership with professional course designers provided by IU Online and the IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning. M.J. students may earn 14 credit hours online as part of their degree and LL.M. students may earn 11 credit hours online. In addition, IU McKinney welcomes visiting students to apply to take one or more courses either as nondegree students or as visitors seeking to transfer credits to their home institutions.

*Professional Development Institute Prepares Students for Next Steps*

During the 2018–19 academic year, the school established the Professional Development Institute to focus on helping students build the skills necessary to find their first job after law school. The Institute was created by Chasity Thompson, ’02, then Assistant Dean of the Office of Professional Development, as a program to engage students and help them acquire the skills they need to be successful following graduation. The program was funded by a gift from alumnus James Barkley, ’77, and his wife, Cindy, as part of the university’s ongoing FOR ALL campaign.

The Institute helps students to discover potential career paths they may not have otherwise considered through an assessment designed specifically for law students. Participants learn about the legal market and develop their professional skills. Students also have the opportunity to connect with one another, with IU McKinney alumni, and grow their professional networking opportunities. Those who take part in the institute also receive training in resiliency and public speaking. The program is offered three times each semester during the academic year.

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