A Community That Cares
At IU McKinney Law, we are a diverse community of students, faculty, staff and alumni who care deeply about our world and the people in it. At McKinney Law, inclusion is not a buzzword—it is a way of life.

Our law school community is as diverse as the world in which we live. In our school’s atrium, we feature flags denoting the countries from which our students hail. Currently, there are 32 international flags—a colorful testimony to our vast and varied law school family. Part of being a caring community is welcoming everyone and celebrating the many different contributions to our shared experience that so many people bring to our school.

We hope that you will consider becoming part of the McKinney Law family. We are here to support you in your transition from undergraduate student, to law student, to lawyer. Welcome to McKinney Law.

Sincerely,

Andy Klein
Dean and Paul E. Beam Professor of Law
The McKinney Law Community

From the time that you arrive as a student at the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law, you will realize that you have become part of a community of students, faculty, staff and alumni who care—and who will make you feel welcome and help you throughout your law school career.

Whether it’s fellow students or faculty helping you to understand legal concepts, or alumni offering career advice, you will benefit from being part of the McKinney Law network. You will become a McKinney Lawyer—and that means that you will be a part of a group that strives for the highest ideals in the legal profession, exhibits the utmost in personal integrity, embraces diverse perspectives, and endeavors to make a positive impact in the world. Won’t you join us and become a member of the McKinney Law community?

A Caring Faculty

Our faculty members care about you and want you to make the most of your educational experience at IU McKinney Law. They are more than happy to share their expertise with students and to offer advice and guidance. As a first-year student, you will be assigned a faculty advisor from our College of Advisors to help you navigate the challenges of the first year successfully.

Learn more about our faculty: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/faculty-staff/index.cfm

“Many students who enter law school view it simply as a means to becoming a lawyer. However, the McKinney experience is much more than that. From the moment students enter Inlow Hall, they become members of the McKinney family backed by a community of scholars and one of the best alumni networks in the Midwest. Each time I become acquainted with another section of first year students, I think to myself, the admissions committee has outdone themselves once again. I am always amazed at the prior accomplishments and volunteer work of our entering class. I am often humbled by the lengths that students will go to help each other succeed. If you come to McKinney Law, you will join a community of students who not only support each other, but are committed to giving back to the city, the state, and even the nation. Our classrooms are built on a cornerstone of respect and service—a respect for the law school community and our dedication to improving society.”

Professor Shawn Boyne
Co-Chair of the Global Crisis Leadership Forum, Dean’s Fellow, and DRIVE Fellow Chair, IU McKinney Law Diversity Committee
Office of Student Affairs

The Office of Student Affairs provides a variety of services for you as you pursue your dream of earning a law degree.

Academic counseling is available to help you consider your course options, whether you just want some advice about which classes to take, or you are contemplating pursuing a certificate in a certain discipline or a joint degree.

The office works with student organizations to plan activities for the law school community, and serves as a resource to foster interaction among students and faculty. Student Affairs staff members are there when you need them—if you are having a bad day, or want to share some good news—the Student Affairs team is there to help, to listen and to join in your celebrations.

Student Organization Awards

The Office of Student Affairs created a new program of student organization awards in 2013. Friendly competition among organizations has resulted in many accomplishments!

Office of Student Affairs

The Student Outreach Clinic provides free legal information to the underserved population through a partnership between law students and Indiana Legal Services. The organization received “Best New Student Organization” honors in 2013. Shown here are Jonathan Emdin, 2L, and Samita Pendse, ’13.

Learn more about ICLEO: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/admissions/jd/diversity.html

Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity (ICLEO)

ICLEO is a state-based program that helps minority, low income, or educationally disadvantaged college graduates pursue a law degree and a career in the Indiana legal community. Please note that preference for the ICLEO Fellowship is given to Indiana college graduates, Indiana residents, and applicants with very strong Indiana ties.

The McKinney Law Evening Division Offers Options

If you need to work full time, you can still fulfill your desire to attend law school. McKinney Law has an evening division that can help you to realize your dream of earning a law degree. By attending classes in the evening, throughout the calendar year, most students complete the degree in four years.

Learn more about ICLEO: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/admissions/jd/diversity.html

Johnny D. Pryor
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

“The mission of the Office of Student Affairs is to build community and provide support for every student by advising and guiding them to become attorneys. The staff members in the Office of Student Affairs are deeply committed to supporting students in their academic success. Student Affairs works closely with approximately 30 student organizations to plan activities and various experiences for the law school community and strives to promote professional relationships among students, faculty, and alumni.”
Student Organizations

There is a student organization for everyone at IU McKinney Law—and if there isn’t one for you—the Office of Student Affairs can help you to start one! Become a part of the diverse community at McKinney and get involved!

Learn more about the Student Organizations: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/students/student-orgs.cfm

The organizations that are specifically dedicated to enriching our school’s diversity and helping other students include:

**Asian Law Students Association**

The Asian Law Students Association (ALSA) strives to bring students and faculty at IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law with an interest in law and legal practice in Asia together, and promote a greater understanding of Asia and its legal cultures.

*Naomi Kwang*

Naomi Kwang is a 3L day student, who is originally from Singapore. She studied industrial engineering and economics at Purdue University, and received a master’s degree in operations research from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

After finishing her studies in the U.S., she returned to Singapore, where she worked for the Economic Development Board, KPMG Business Advisory, and the National Trade Union Congress. Kwang is working as a clerk at the Indianapolis office of Barnes & Thornburg.

“From the first semester of law school, I knew I wanted an internship at one of the big firms. I’m happy at Barnes & Thornburg, she said.”

Being at a downtown law school, and learning from adjunct professors who often are McKinney alumni, is also something she likes about Indianapolis and IU McKinney.

“I like the learning to be practical,” she said. “I also appreciate that there is diversity in the student population. It’s not a whole crop of students coming straight from undergrad,” Kwang said. “I really enjoy that.”

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“One of the many virtues of the McKinney School of Law is its diverse faculty and student body; both of whom represent diversity not only of ethnicity, culture, background, interests, and outlook, but also of nationality. Particularly in the study of law, the benefits of an international student body are immense. Legal systems around the world vary greatly in both their structure and in their approach to the rule of law, so an awareness of these differences is of immeasurable value.”

**Emily Michiko Morris**

Associate Professor of Law
Faculty Advisor, Asian Law Students Association

Learn more about Professor Morris: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/faculty-staff/profile.cfm?id=394
Kirby Lee, ’03

Kirby Lee is a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice where he represents the federal government in intellectual property disputes, including patent, copyright and trademark matters. Last year, the department’s intellectual property task force selected Lee for a White House detail, and Lee served as senior policy advisor to the intellectual property enforcement coordinator in the Executive Office of the President. Lee was a visiting fellow as part of the Harvard Law School Wasserstein Fellowship Program for the 2012-2013 academic year. While in law school, Lee served as editor-in-chief of the Indiana Law Review, and graduated first in his class in 2003. Lee was formerly a member of the patent division of Eli Lilly and Company and is presently an officer of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court.

Marcus McGhee

Marcus McGhee is a 2L evening student, originally from Elsmere, Kentucky, who says he knew when he was young that he wanted to go to law school. His studies at IU McKinney have enabled him to keep in close proximity to his family, while allowing him to be a part of a more diverse culture, McGhee said.

“My experience at IU McKinney has been challenging, but in ways that have been beneficial,” McGhee said. “I have been challenged academically, personally, and professionally—all within a very short period, and I have enjoyed it every step of the way.”

Black Law Students Association

The purpose of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) is to articulate and promote the educational, professional, political, and social needs and goals of Black law students; to influence the legal community by bringing about meaningful legal and political change that addresses the needs and concerns of the Black community; and to support diversity within the organization and the legal community. The organization was voted “Best Student Organization of the Year” in 2013, and its advisor, Professor Lahny Silva, was voted “Best Advisor of the Year.”

Dean’s Tutorial Society

One of the more prominent and formal ways in which McKinney Law students help each other is through the Dean’s Tutorial Society—an independent student organization that works cooperatively with law school faculty to provide free tutoring services to McKinney Law students.

The Society offers four inter-related programs for the purpose of academic support. The Fellowship Program

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Lahny Silva

Associate Professor of Law and Dean’s Fellow Faculty Advisor, Black Law Students Association

Learn more about Professor Silva: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/faculty-staff/profile.cfm?Id=495
provides assistance for first-year students in the first-year required courses. The Survival Series Program consists of tutor-led workshops related to study methods such as class preparation, note-taking, outlining and exam preparation. The One-on-One Tutoring Program provides specific and individualized tutoring services to students who need distinct and particularized academic assistance and the Legal Analysis, Research and Communication (LARC) Program provides assistance with LARC assignments.

**Lucy Frick**

Lucy Frick is a 2L day student from Indianapolis who lived in San Francisco before returning here for law school. Frick is president of the Lambda Law Society, Chair of the Student Bar Association’s Philanthropy Committee, and a tutor for the Dean’s Tutorial Society. She’s taking part in the Health and Human Rights Clinic during the Spring 2014 semester, and will have a judicial externship with Judge Jane Magnus-Stinson, ’83, a U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Indiana in Summer 2014.

“My favorite part about McKinney has been finding that the issues that are important to me have advocates in our administration and faculty and in the wider legal community; it’s so easy to work directly on the issues I care about, because there’s an expert somewhere who wants to help if you’re also willing to do the work,” she said. “In many ways, Indianapolis is more diverse than San Francisco, and I was surprised to find that; I think it’s a real strength of Indianapolis that people probably don’t expect,” she added.

Feminist Law Society

The Feminist Law Society promotes political, economic and social equality of the sexes.

**Hispanic Law Society**

The Hispanic Law Society helps Hispanic students to become effective participants in law school and increases awareness about the legal issues affecting Hispanics.

**Carlos Gonzalez**

After an 11-year career as an Oakland Police Officer in California, Carlos Gonzalez, 2L, enrolled at McKinney Law. Gonzalez has a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from the California State University Sacramento, and a master’s degree in public administration from the California State University Hayward. Gonzalez was a soldier in the United States Army Reserves and was deployed to Southern Iraq in 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Gonzalez plans to graduate in May 2015. During his time as a law student, he has had externships with the United States Attorney’s Office in the Southern District of California, and the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office, in Indianapolis. Gonzalez has also participated in the Wrongful Conviction Clinic and is a member of the Hispanic Law Society. After law school, Gonzalez will pursue a career as a city prosecutor where he envisions applying his law enforcement background to his new career as an attorney.

**Lambda Law Society**

The Lambda Law Society is committed to improving student and faculty awareness and education of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, (LGBTQ) community in areas of law and public policy. Lambda members play an active role in the law school and greater Indianapolis community. The organization sponsors an annual drag show to raise money for a local charity and hosts several networking events throughout the year. Lambda students also attend statewide events and conferences.

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- Lucy Frick, 2L
Master of Laws Association
The Master of Laws Association supports the LL.M. and S.J.D. students at McKinney Law.

Victor Yisa
After earning his law degree and practicing law in his native Nigeria for several years, Victor Yisa wanted a new challenge. After researching the options, Yisa says he chose IU McKinney for his LL.M. degree because he was "impressed by its curriculum" and "a commendable diverse community." Diversity is important to Yisa, who served as president of the Master of Laws Association (MLA). He calls the MLA among the most diverse student groups in the law school, with members from over ten different countries.

Student Bar Association
The Student Bar Association is the student government body at McKinney Law.

Barath Raman
Barath Raman is a 3L day student at IU McKinney and is president of the Student Bar Association. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, his family moved to St. Louis, Missouri, when he was in high school. He studied construction engineering at Purdue University and worked for two years after graduation, most recently on a light rail expansion project in Houston. An opportunity to attend meetings with the project’s legal team ignited his interest in law. Making the move to IU McKinney was easy; all of his friends from his undergraduate days at Purdue work in Indianapolis. And he appears to be on his way toward putting down roots in the city: Raman has accepted a position as an associate at the Indianapolis firm, LewisWagner.

“Coming to IU McKinney School of Law has been one of the best decisions of my life," Raman said. "I came here to be close to family and undergraduate friends, but realized that I made some truly great friends and connections that I know will last 80 years down the line. The faculty, administrators, and students have made IU McKinney feel like home away from home the past few years because we are just a close knit legal community and genuinely care about everyone’s lives and success."

Women’s Caucus
The Women’s Caucus is a non-discriminatory service organization aimed at enhancing the legal education of its members by increasing awareness of issues for women in the legal profession and also for women in our community.

Women’s Caucus Auction
Each year, the Women’s Caucus sponsors an auction featuring donated items from students, faculty, staff and alumni. In 2014, more than 200 people attended the auction, which raised more than $18,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The funding pays for children to attend the organization’s annual summer camp. Over the years, the Women’s Caucus Auction has supported a variety of organizations including homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters.
The Office of Professional Development is dedicated to helping you to achieve your career goals. Whether you need resume or cover letter review, interview tips, or assistance with connecting with alumni and building your professional network, the staff of the OPD office is there to help you. The staff has an open-door policy and is always available for one-on-one assistance. The office can also help students who are interested in finding part-time work in law firms or government offices while they are in school.

Learn more about the Office of Professional Development: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/careers/index.html

McKinney Law Alumni Help Current Students
McKinney Law alumni help students in a variety of ways, including by participating in mock interview programs, serving on career panels to talk about what life is like in the real world, and serving as mentors. The law school’s Office of Professional Development arranges many opportunities for student interaction with alumni. Additionally, many McKinney Law alumni are adjunct professors who teach specialized classes covering their practice areas. McKinney alumni are in the building every day, interacting with students, faculty and administration.

Steven Nunez
Impressed when he learned that the law school’s Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication (LARC) program is considered one of the best in the nation, New York City native Steven Nunez says that’s part of what solidified his decision to attend IU McKinney. Another big factor in the 3L’s decision were the connections he made with the law school’s New York-based alumni, who talked with him about the school environment at McKinney. “I wanted to attend a school that has a strong alumni base,” Nunez said. “It was also important for me to attend a school that was in close proximity to important state courts, federal courts and well established-law firms.”

Lacy M. Johnson, ’81
As a partner in the Indianapolis firm Ice Miller, LLP, Lacy M. Johnson has a busy law practice, but he’s just as busy outside the office. Johnson has served on the board for the Indianapolis Airport Authority, the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute, Indiana Black Expo, Conner Prairie, Simon Youth Foundation, Indianapolis Downtown, Inc., the Oaks Academy, American Pianists Association, and the Indiana Museum of African American History. Of his civic work he says, “It’s my way of putting back some of what I’ve been given. I’m living the American dream.” Educated in public schools in Indianapolis, Johnson went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in political science and industrial management from Purdue University. He worked in government relations, as a director of security for the Indiana State Lottery, and as a state police deputy superintendent before joining Ice Miller in 1993. “I’ve been touched by some fantastic people,” Johnson says. “What you can do with that is pass it on.”

Chasity Thompson, ’02
Assistant Dean for Professional Development

“The Office of Professional Development helps students with transition while in law school and beyond. We provide students with contacts and resources to network with alumni and members of the legal profession and alternative careers. OPD connects students with opportunities and resources, helps students develop professional development plans and helps students prepare to advance in their desired careers. Our school offers diverse opportunities and helps students from all backgrounds build connections with the McKinney community.”
Pro Bono Program

When you take part in the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law Pro Bono Program, you’ll gain valuable hands-on experience while helping some of society’s most underrepresented populations. As a Pro Bono Program participant, you will volunteer on supervised projects for nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and individual attorneys doing unpaid legal work.

Although you will not receive academic credit or pay of any kind, you will gain exposure to diverse areas of practice such as administrative law, criminal law, family law, and children’s issues. McKinney Law students have contributed approximately 158,000 volunteer hours to the community through the Pro Bono Program.

Learn more about the Pro Bono Program: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/practice/pro-bono/index.html

Partnership with Shortridge Magnet School for Law and Public Policy

The Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law entered into a partnership with Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) and its Shortridge Magnet School for Law and Public Policy in the Fall of 2012. Law school faculty members volunteer their time to teach at the high school, while McKinney students serve as teaching assistants. They also tutor high school students and receive academic credit for their work. The program’s aim is to introduce IPS 6th through 12th graders to legal studies, help them to prepare for their roles as citizens, and inform them about career options in the law.

Learn more about the Shortridge partnership: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/practice/partnerships/index.html

Clinics

The law clinics at McKinney allow you to take the theory that you learn in the classroom and apply it to real cases, for real people. As a student in the law clinics, you’ll provide legal counsel to those who can’t afford it. You’ll help families keep their homes, parents maintain custody of their children, and immigrants hold onto their place in the United States. Nearly 2,300 students have represented close to 5,000 clients through the McKinney clinical programs.

Learn more about law clinics: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/practice/clinics/index.html

Moot Court

In law school, you not only learn legal theory and analysis, but through the Moot Court Program, you can develop practical skills in brief writing and oral advocacy. The McKinney Law top intramural moot court competitors become part of the Order of Barristers and are eligible to participate in national and international moot court competitions.

Learn more about the McKinney Moot Court Program: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/practice/moot-court/index.html

Law Reviews

Law reviews are student-run journals that publish scholarly articles by professors, judges, and other members of the legal community. They also publish articles by students. Called notes, these are usually shorter, but heavily researched pieces focused on scholarly subjects. At McKinney Law, we have three law reviews: The Indiana Law Review, The Indiana Health Law Review, and The Indiana International & Comparative Law Review.

Learn more about law reviews: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/practice/law-reviews/index.html
International Opportunities

IU McKinney will also prepare you to practice law in a globalized world. We have a wide array of international programs coordinated through our Center for International and Comparative Law. The center organizes a variety of events including annual conferences while the Indiana International And Comparative Law Review provides students with in-depth research opportunities. Students interested in a career in international crisis management may take advantage of the simulated crisis training offered by our Global Crisis Leadership Forum.

Our Program in International Human Rights Law (PIHRL) places students in internships with human rights organizations in locations from Argentina to Zimbabwe and holds Special Consultative Status with the United Nations, allowing our students to contribute to human rights law on a global scale.

The school’s Joint Center for Asian Law is a collaboration with Renmin University of China Law School—the top law school in China. The center offers the Chinese Law Summer Program, the annual International Law Student Forum, and the Annual Sino-U.S. Law Conference, all in Beijing. It also sponsors the Summer Program in U.S. Law which welcomes Chinese students and professors from Sun Yat-sen University Law School.

Indianapolis—A Great Community

Indianapolis isn’t just the Crossroads of America; it’s one of the biggest cities in the United States. In fact, it’s the twelfth largest city in the nation—and the second largest in the Midwest.

So as a McKinney student, you won’t lack for things to do, places to live, or job opportunities to explore. In fact, the real problem might well be deciding which opportunities are best for you.

Learn more about Indianapolis: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/about/indianapolis.html

Professor Tom Wilson (right) shown with McKinney Law students at the Great Wall of China
Join Our Community

For more information about how you can become part of the IU McKinney Law Community, please visit our website: mckinneylaw.iu.edu

Call or email our Office of Admissions at 317-274-2459 or lawadmit@iupui.edu.

Commitment to Diversity

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law maintains a commitment to an educational and a work environment that embraces diverse students, faculty, staff, and visitors on the basis of, for example, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, and disability. Our students and employees pursue their responsibilities, duties, and goals in a supportive environment. A diversity of views, cultures, and experiences supports our academic mission. The law school is dedicated to diversifying the profession by fostering active and successful members of the legal profession through student admissions, faculty, and staff hiring, while implementing and maintaining fair academic rules and standards.