

A welcoming spirit





From our founding in 1908 as the first law school exclusively for women, to today's coeducational campus, our law school has been a destination for people who seek academic excellence as they blaze their own path—people like Blanche Braxton ('21), the first African-American woman admitted to the Massachusetts bar; Judge Joyce London Alexander Ford ('72), the first African-American woman chief justice of any Massachusetts court; and Candy Gonzalez ('89), a successful environmental lawyer and human rights activist.

For one hundred years, New England Law | Boston has maintained an enduring and deeply held commitment to increasing diversity in the legal profession. Ask any member of our Minority Students Association about the school, and you will hear about the supportive environment built by students, professors, and administrators.

True community

Nearly twenty years ago, New England Law established the Charles Hamilton Houston Enrichment Program (CHHEP) to address racial bias, promote diversity, and help alleviate the isolation that minority students might feel in some law school environments. CHHEP students meet individually

and as a group with faculty mentors to talk through challenges and opportunities. CHHEP also hosts lectures and social events open to the entire student body. The program's honor society recognizes upperclass students for exceptional academic performance.



“When I was a student at New England Law, it was helpful to have a faculty mentor with a background similar to mine. CHHEP helped and BLSA became like my family. I ultimately met many professors who ‘got it’—who were open and supportive. Now, as a clinical professor, I can serve that role for students and offer teachable moments so we can all overcome any injustices our clients face.”

Professor Caryn Mitchell-Munevar ('98)
*Clinical Professor and Coordinator,
Charles Hamilton Houston Enrichment Program*



“We have a great expression of pride in our school. We know that everyone’s individual success reflects on our overall success, so we all encourage each other. I’ve created valuable networks here that will carry through to my professional life.”

Tara Cho ('09)

President, Student Bar Association

Relationships that last

New England Law's Minority Students Association offers students a supportive network of relationships that continue after graduation and become a valuable resource as graduates enter the job market.

The Minority Students/Alumni Banquet is a valued tradition at New England Law. Graduates return for the event and form enduring connections with current students. The 25th annual banquet featured the Honorable Roderick L. Ireland, associate justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, the first African-American to sit on this bench in its more than 300-year history.

The student-run Mentorship Program matches incoming students with upperclass students who have similar backgrounds or interests. Mentors serve as a resource throughout the year; they help new students adjust to law school, offering advice about professors, classes, exams, or even where to look for an apartment.

Message from our president

Judge Darrell L. Outlaw is the first African-American president of the law school.

New England Law | Boston has a rich history and a bright future. Its story is one of opportunity and devotion to providing a first-rate legal education. It gave me the chance, ultimately, to become a judge.

We pride ourselves on the law school's extraordinary academic experience, but it is our shared mission—our sense of community—that truly sets New England Law apart.

Judge Darrell L. Outlaw ('61)

*President, New England Law | Boston
Retired judge, Dorchester District Court*





“From the very first, I felt this was a community where I could fit in. I felt there was a common mission on the part of the faculty; we are committed to assisting students in every possible way.”

Professor Monica Teixeira de Sousa



“The law school fosters an independent spirit. It teaches you that you can succeed—and you can do it in your own way.”

Natashia Tidwell ('03)

*Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office (MA)
Board of Trustees, New England Law | Boston
Adjunct faculty member, Criminal Procedure*



“New England Law has highly skilled and renowned professors and offers a cutting-edge legal education. The professors and administration understand the importance of mentoring and supporting students through the law school experience and during preparations for the bar exam.”

Antoinette Leoney ('84)

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Major Crimes Unit, U.S. Attorney's Office (MA)

Outreach that makes a difference

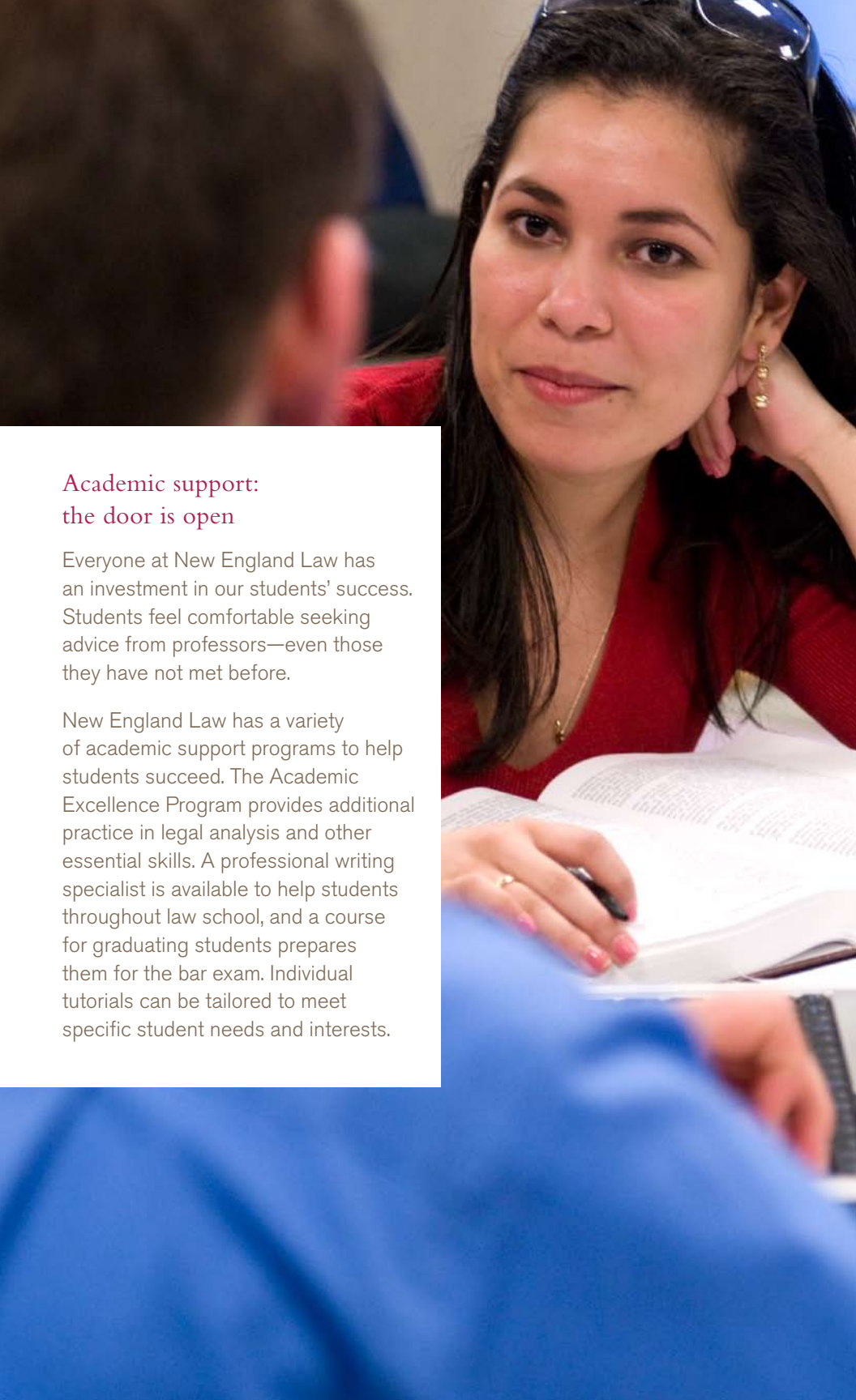
The Career Services Office (CSO) provides a variety of opportunities for minority students. The CSO actively supports students' attendance at local and national job fairs targeted to minority candidates. Services also include mentoring, assistance with interviewing skills, and CSO programs, as well as networking opportunities with attorneys and alumni and at bar association events.

“Students are also encouraged to participate in the Boston Lawyers Group, an organization devoted to identifying, recruiting, advancing and retaining attorneys of color,” notes Mandie Araujo, director of Career Services.

CSO activities like these help pave the way for many of our minority students to receive offers from top employers in both the private and public sectors.

A selection of student organizations

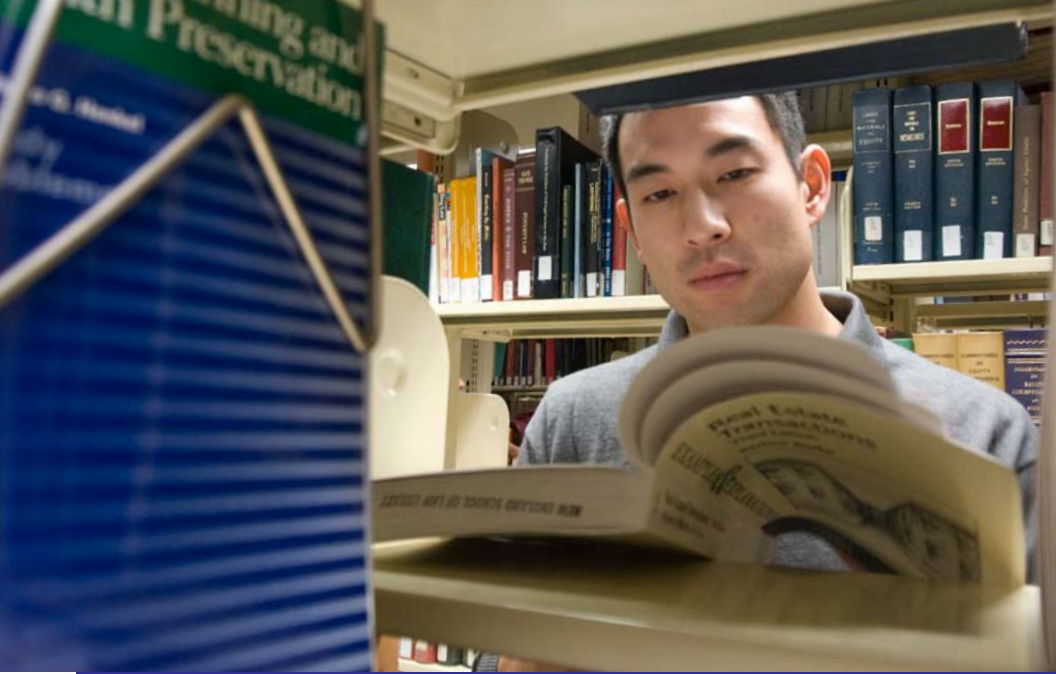
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Intellectual Property Law Association
- International Law Students Association
- Latin American Law Students Association
- Minority Students Association
- Muslim Law Students Association
- OUTLaws (LGBT)
- South Asian Law Students Association
- Student Bar Association
- Women's Law Caucus



Academic support: the door is open

Everyone at New England Law has an investment in our students' success. Students feel comfortable seeking advice from professors—even those they have not met before.

New England Law has a variety of academic support programs to help students succeed. The Academic Excellence Program provides additional practice in legal analysis and other essential skills. A professional writing specialist is available to help students throughout law school, and a course for graduating students prepares them for the bar exam. Individual tutorials can be tailored to meet specific student needs and interests.



A generous scholarship program

In the past few years, New England Law | Boston has dramatically increased the amount of merit aid available to incoming students; nearly two-thirds of the most recent class received grants or scholarships. New England Law also offers a wide variety of financial aid options, including an extensive program of full and partial scholarships specifically designed to promote diversity in our community.



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