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MEET THE LAW DEPARTMENT



ABOUT US

- 25+ Law Professors
- 30+ Exciting Law Courses
- Major in Law or Minor in Law – It is easy to double up!
- Legal Internships are Accepted for Credit
- Pre-law Advising for Those Interested in Law School



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Alexander



Professor Hannah
Weiser



Professor Marianne
Kulow



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Weisman

MEET THE FACULTY CONT'D

Not pictured here: Professor Campbell, Professor Cannon, Professor Netburn, Professor Paige, Professor Tuttle, Professor Vardo, Professor Daroff, Professor Earle, Professor Ferrera, and Professor Lichtenstein.



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ABOUT THE LAW MAJOR AND MINOR





LAW MAJOR AND MINOR



- Only 4 required courses and 4 electives to Major in Law.
- Popular electives include Entertainment Law, Real Estate Law, White Collar Crime, Internet Law and Social Justice Law.
- Any 4 law electives beyond Business Law (LA 100) achieve a law minor!
- For more course information, visit:
www.bentley.edu/academics/departments/law
or scan the QR code at the top.

LAW DEPARTMENT EVENTS

PARTNERED WITH BENTLEY'S ADAMIAN LAW CLUB



EXPERIENCE THE LAW DAY

Key Highlights:

- **Exclusive Opportunity:** Students met a Federal Judge and observed real trials.
- **Hands-On Learning:** Gained firsthand experience of courtroom proceedings.
- **Networking & Exposure:** Insight into legal careers and federal court operations.
- **Convenience for Students:** Transportation provided to and from campus.



More Pictures from
Experience the Law Day



EXPERIENCE THE LAW DAY

**FEDERAL COURT VISIT TO THE MOAKLEY
COURTHOUSE IN BOSTON, MA**

Join us for "Experience the Law Day" on February 13th—an exclusive opportunity to meet a Federal Judge and observe real trials! Transportation provided to and from campus!

 **Date: Thursday,
February 13, 2025**

 **Time: 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM**

Spots are limited—register now! Scan QR Code or go to

<https://forms.office.com/r/xQ5TedqAp0>

All Bentley students are welcome!

Bus departs campus at 8:00 AM and will be back by 2:30 PM.

More Information
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Bentley students and faculty pose outside of the the John J. Moakley U.S. Courthouse in Boston during the university's first-ever Experience the Law Day. (Photo courtesy Hannah Weiser)

Bentley Students Enjoy Their 'Day in Court'

Trip to Moakley Courthouse in Boston offers a firsthand look at U.S. justice system

by Molly Mastantuono
March 24, 2025

EXPERIENCE
THE LAW DAY
ARTICLE

For many, visiting a courthouse can be an anxiety-producing experience. But for the nearly 50 Bentley students who recently observed proceedings at Boston's John J. Moakley U.S. Courthouse during the university's first-ever Experience the Law Day, the prevailing emotion was excitement.

Experiential Learning: The Courtroom as Classroom

Co-sponsored by Bentley's Law and Taxation Department and the student-run Adamian Law Club, the courthouse visit was organized by Assistant Professor of Law [Hannah Weiser](#). She worked with [Discovering Justice](#), a Boston-based civic education nonprofit, to develop the itinerary, which included a tour of the courthouse, a question-and-answer session with Honorable Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV and observations of courtroom hearings.

"Experience the Law Day offers students a unique and memorable way to learn more about justice, advocacy and the foundations of our legal system firsthand," Weiser explains. Experiential learning opportunities like these create a "conceptual bridge" for students, she says, providing a "richer, more meaningful understanding of how concepts learned in class play out in a real-world environment."

Weiser emphasizes that all Bentley students, regardless of major or course load, were invited to participate in Experience the Law Day. After all, she notes, "The law intersects with our personal and professional lives in a manner that makes it important to everyone. Whether a student plans to become an attorney or simply wants to learn when they might need one, courses that help them understand their personal rights and how to mitigate risk are invaluable." Law courses also help students hone their analytical thinking, communication (oral and written), ethical reasoning and problem-solving skills, Weiser notes — qualities that can contribute to professional success in any industry or position.

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A Legacy of Legal Learning

Bentley students have a long history of learning about the judicial system: The Bentley School of Accounting and Finance established a law department in the 1930s. Classes focused exclusively on business law until the 1970s, when a course in real estate law was introduced.

In the decades since, the university has continued to expand its curricular offerings — current undergraduate students can choose from [dozens of courses](#), including:

- Moot Court (LA 108)
- Internet Law and Policy (LA 230)
- Constitutional Protections and the Criminal Justice System: Business Implications (LA 225)
- White Collar Crime (LA 318)

The university introduced a [Law minor](#) in 2009 and a [Business Law major](#) last year. To date, 69 Bentley students have selected Business Law as a primary or secondary major.

One of them is [Joseph Whalen '27](#), an Honors Program student also pursuing a minor in [Business Economics](#). Currently vice president of the Adamian Law Club, he plans to apply to law school after graduation and aspires to a career in financial litigation. “Experience the Law Day offered a fantastic opportunity to get a glimpse of the day-to-day functions of our judicial system,” Whalen says. “It can be easy to lose sight of the gravity of legal proceedings when reading case briefs in class but being face-to-face with legal counsel and a judge, seeing how stakeholders interact and listening to attorneys deliver legal arguments, makes the importance of our judicial system so much more tangible.”

[Kassidi Thompson '27](#), an Honors Program student double majoring in [Economics-Finance](#) and [Public Policy](#), agrees. During the courthouse visit, “I observed a Rule 11 hearing [during which a defendant formally enters a guilty plea], where I saw firsthand the importance of having a court interpreter to ensure justice for non-English speaking defendants, and listened to opposing oral arguments examining the applicability of restorative justice programs for repeat criminals.”

For [Anisha Goel '26](#), Adamian Law Club president and a double major in Business Law and [Management](#), the highlight of Experience the Law Day was meeting Judge Saylor. “I enjoyed asking him questions about his personal life and how he got to where he is today,” she says. “I believe that learning more about individual career paths helps me identify my own goals. Participating in this event further affirmed for me that law is my passion.”

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LAW NETWORKING NIGHT

- The Law Department, the Bentley Moot Court Team, and the Adamian Law Club host Bentley Alumni who are now practicing attorneys.
- This includes partners and associates at major law firms, in-house counsels at Fortune 500 companies, prosecutors in local areas, and solo practitioners.





More Pictures from Law Networking Night



PRE-LAW ADVISING AND LAW SCHOOL VISITS



- The Law Department and the Adamian Law Club have hosted admissions representatives from:
 - Boston College Law School
 - Boston University Law School
 - Northeastern University Law School
 - William & Mary School of Law
 - Suffolk Law School
- Admissions representatives speak to students about the application process, what they are looking for in applicants, and how applicants should choose a law school.
- Pre-Law Advising:
<https://bentleyedu.sharepoint.com/sites/PreLawAdvisingProgram>.





LEGAL CAREER RESOURCES

Students have a variety of resources available on CareerEdge at Bentley, including:

- Career advice – what options exist for Business Law Majors?
<https://careeredge.bentley.edu/resources/business-law-major-career-resource/>
- A Graduate & Law School Program list showing the many law schools Bentley alumni have attended.
<https://careeredge.bentley.edu/resources/bentley-graduate-law-school-programs-list/>

Additional resources for preparing for law school and success once starting there are available on CareerEdge as well.

Find more information on the resources section on Handshake/

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LAW DEPARTMENT



THE MOOT COURT PROGRAM



- Nationally Recognized Moot Court Program in both Oral Advocacy and Brief Writing:
 - 2020 Respondent Brief National Champion
 - 2020 Oral Advocacy National Runner-up
 - 3 teams with invitations to the National Tournament in the last 2 years
- Bentley provides travel and hotels for those invited to Nationals.
- Recent National Tournaments have been hosted at LSU Law School, Florida A&M Law School, and University of Kentucky Law School.



More Pictures from The Moot Court Team



LA 145: ORIGINS OF AMERICAN LAW THE LONDON TRIP

- **Spring semester course with travel** – the class takes a Spring Break trip to London
- Focus on early English history (1066-1215) – Foundations of the American common law system
- Key topics:
 - Development of common law under Henry II
 - Magna Carta and limits on royal authority
 - Protection of real property rights and individuals from crime





More Pictures from The London Trip

Bentley Students at Middle Temple, London



Bentley Students meeting Tonia Antoniazzi, Member of Parliament

THE ADAMIAN LAW CLUB



- Bentley's largest student organization for those interested in either law school or another career in the legal industry.
- Events are open to all Bentley students, and previous events include:
 - Law School Visits
 - Experience the Law Day
 - Networking Events
 - SCOTUS Case Lunch & Learn
 - Meet the Law Faculty
- For more information: follow @bentleylawclub on **Instagram** and **follow the link in the bio** to sign up!
- Contact our advisor, Professor Sue Reardon, at sreardon@bentley.edu for any additional questions.

FACULTY RESEARCH



Students can partner with expert faculty for paid research and scholarship opportunities



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

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Joining Bentley's Law Department and getting involved with the Law Club and Moot Court has been one of the most rewarding parts of my college experience. I've gained real-world skills, built an amazing community, and discovered a true passion for advocacy.”

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THANK YOU!

Whether through a course, an event, or a program, the Law Department is here to prepare and inspire you to be ethical and effective leaders and businesspeople!



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