



# PRE-LAW PROGRAM Law Ready



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW »

### MINORS IN BUSINESS LAW AND LAW, SOCIETY & ADVOCACY

Prepare for law school. Build professional skills. Find your place in our community. The Law Ready program provides a comprehensive and structured pathway for students who aspire to careers in law and public service. Combining rigorous academic preparation with immersive, hands-on learning, Law Ready connects students directly with the legal profession from their first semester on campus. Program highlights include:

- Two law-related minors: Business Law and Law, Society & Advocacy
- First-year Living & Learning Community designed for pre-law students
- Award-winning Mock Trial and Moot Court teams
- Professional networks through Phi Alpha Delta and chapters of the Black Law Students Association and Latinx Law Student Association
- Accelerated and guaranteed entry pathways to Stetson College of Law

### First Year: Living & Learning Together

Begin your journey in the Law Ready Living-Learning Community, where you live alongside peers in a wing of our newest residential building, Lynn Hall. Students learn together in foundational courses exploring key legal concepts, including:

- “The Architecture of Law: Codes, Crimes, and Contracts” taught by Dr. Joshua Rust, Pre-Law Director and Professor of Philosophy
- “Ethical and Legal Context of Business” taught by a practicing attorney
- Hands-on training: In the fall semester, students work with an attorney to gain practical experience in foundational estate planning.

### Second Year and Beyond

Take up a major of your choice. As you advance, you’ll complete coursework in either the Business Law or Law, Society & Advocacy minor. Students who excel in the Living-Learning Community may begin the Business Law minor a year early.

You will also gain exclusive access to LSAT preparation workshops and study groups.



*Are you ready to build a strong foundation for a successful career in law? Our comprehensive Pre-Law program is designed to provide aspiring legal professionals with an unparalleled academic and experiential journey, preparing you for the rigors of law school and beyond.*

## Professional Connections

- Join Phi Alpha Delta, a national pre-law fraternity
- Join the Black Law Students Association and Latinx Law Student Association
- Network with Stetson Law alumni and local attorneys
- Receive faculty mentorship focused on law school preparation

## Experiential Learning

Law Ready exemplifies Stetson's Hatter Ready commitment to immersive learning.

- Mock Trial – Participate in realistic trial simulations and compete statewide and nationally. Stetson qualified for nationals for the first time in Spring 2025.
- Moot Court – Develop skills in constitutional argument, legal writing, and oral advocacy. Stetson advanced to the pre-national level in 2023 and 2024.
- Legal Internships – Work with Career Services to secure hands-on experience in legal settings.

## Accelerated Path to Stetson Law: 3+3 Program

Earn both your bachelor's degree and J.D. in just six years through the 3+3 partnership with Stetson College of Law, reducing the timeline and costs associated with legal education. Stetson College of Law Rankings:

- #1 in Trial Advocacy — U.S. News & World Report
- #3 in Legal Writing — U.S. News & World Report
- 98% post-graduate employment or continued education (Class of 2023)

*At Stetson, there is no gap between theory and practice — only a clear path to your future in law.*



# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

## DISTINGUISHED DOUBLE HATTERS

### **Viviana Vasiu BA '15, JD '18**

After excelling at Stetson Law as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review and graduating magna cum laude, Viviana was selected for the U.S. Department of Justice's prestigious Attorney General Honors Program. Viviana went on to clerk for federal judges in both the Southern District of New York and the Middle District of Florida before being named one of only four U.S. Supreme Court Fellows in 2023. She now serves as a Litigation Associate at Stearns Weaver Miller, handling complex commercial and white-collar litigation.

### **Michael Davis BA '05, JD '08**

A Double Hatter and former student body president of both Stetson's undergraduate and law schools—as well as the first Black president of the undergraduate student body—Davis began his legal career clerking for U.S. District Judge Virginia M. Hernandez Covington. He later served in the Appellate Division of the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office, representing clients before Florida's highest courts. Davis now serves as Secretary of Stetson University's Board of Trustees and holds leadership roles in several legal and community organizations, including the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Dade County Bar Association.

### **Amy Rigdon BA '05, JD '08**

Amy is a partner at Latham & Watkins LLP in Washington, D.C. As a Double Hatter and J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholar, Amy served as Editor-in-Chief of the Stetson Law Review and captain of the Women's Varsity Crew team. She is a contributing author to Global Investment Funds and has held several leadership roles at Latham, including Co-Chair of the Women Enriching Business Committee. Amy currently serves on the Board of Trustees and Board of Overseers at Stetson University College of Law.

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