

Lincoln Alexander School of Law

Admissions Viewbook 2026



Toronto
Metropolitan
University

Shape the future of law

At the Lincoln Alexander School of Law at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU), we prepare you with the legal knowledge, skills and judgment to drive principled change in courtrooms, boardrooms, communities and beyond.

Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, we're embedded in the city's legal, financial, technology, government and non-profit sectors, offering you direct access to a broad range of professional opportunities. Within this vibrant landscape, you'll join a close-knit, supportive student community on campus where your ideas, ambition and voice matter.

Throughout your time here, you'll build strong and enduring relationships with faculty, staff and legal professionals, develop a deep understanding of the law, and gain invaluable experience through placements, practicums, externships, research and mentorship. And as the only law school in Toronto with an Integrated Practice Curriculum accredited by the Law Society of Ontario, we offer you a pathway to licensure without traditional articling, so you can begin your career and practice of law sooner, if you so choose.

Your journey to becoming a legal innovator starts here.



150

Students admitted each year

#1

Application-to-seat ratio among law schools in Ontario annually since 2020

\$15K

Average salary for a 15-week placement

525

Hours of professional placement experience gained before graduation

100%

Students who secure professional placements

#3

Ranking in Canada for Research Quality in Law*

*Times Higher Education, 2025.



The kind of lawyer you'll become

At Lincoln Alexander Law, our pillars are more than ideals. They're values in action, embedded across our curriculum, our culture and the learning experiences we create for every student. These pillars will challenge you, support you and shape the kind of lawyer you become — not by prescribing a single path, but rather by anchoring you in a legal education that values purpose, prepares for complexity and treats law as a tool for justice.

Here, you won't just become another lawyer. You'll become the kind of lawyer who challenges convention, represents the underrepresented and builds principled solutions for the evolving legal, social and ethical challenges facing Canadian society.

"The foundational, practical and entrepreneurial skills I gained at Lincoln Alexander Law help me tackle real challenges faced by startups."

NICHOLAS HILL

Class of 2023

Head of Startup Legal Services, DMZ

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We believe lawyers should be ready to devise creative legal solutions to real-world challenges. To that end, our Integrated Practice Curriculum blends theory with the applied skills required for modern legal practice. As you build foundational knowledge, you'll also learn about the business of lawyering, develop your emotional and cultural intelligence, and engage with emerging technologies. This prepares you to meet the complexity of modern practice with rigour and adaptability.

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

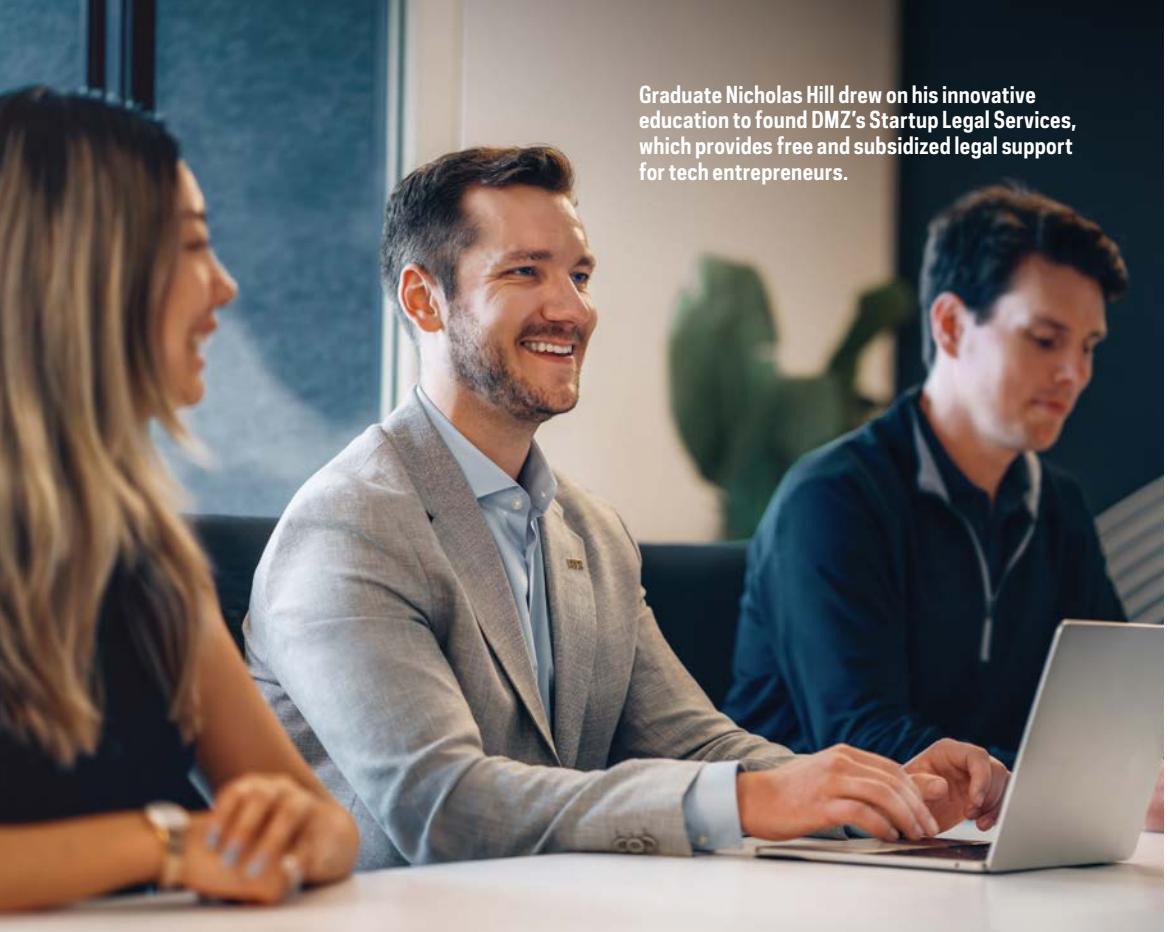
To meet the demands of a legal system in transformation, you'll need more than traditional training. We'll empower you to develop the agility, creativity and critical insight to challenge old models and reimagine legal practice. Through courses and placements that engage with technology, design thinking and community needs, you'll learn to build legal services and systems that are adaptive, client centred and anchored in justice.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Law should reflect and serve the diversity of the society it governs. We also honour lived experience, interpersonal fluency and empathy as forms of intellectual capital. These beliefs shape your education from your first year to your final placement, as you explore the legal needs of Canadian communities, particularly those historically underserved by the justice system. By examining systemic barriers and thinking across disciplines, you'll learn to practice law with empathy, perspective and purpose.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Access to justice is not just a goal — it's a way of thinking, teaching and practicing law. It means building the legal knowledge and practical skills needed to make justice more understandable, more reachable and more responsive. Whether through courses such as Indigenous Law or Law and Injustice, or placements in legal clinics and community settings, you'll learn how to recognize barriers, work across differences and serve real people with real needs.



Graduate Nicholas Hill drew on his innovative education to found DMZ's Startup Legal Services, which provides free and subsidized legal support for tech entrepreneurs.



Anish Jammu, awarded a TMU Gold Medal for outstanding academic achievement, was one of 148 Lincoln Alexander School of Law graduates in 2025.



In your final year, you'll gain real-world legal experience and grow your professional network through a 15-week placement.

Our mentorship programs connect you with upper-year students, alumni and legal professionals who can offer confidential advice and support.

Integrated Practice Curriculum

The Lincoln Alexander School of Law is home to Toronto's only Juris Doctor program accredited by the Law Society of Ontario as an Integrated Practice Curriculum (IPC), a unique learning model that blends academic excellence with real-world legal training. The IPC equips you with the experience, skills and professional judgment to enter practice with confidence in today's evolving legal landscape.

Through our distinctive program, you have the option of becoming a licensed lawyer without completing the traditional articling requirement. The choice is yours, and we'll support you regardless of the path you take.

HOW IT WORKS

From day one, our IPC blends academic learning with practical training. In your first year, you'll experience our distinctive co-teaching model, wherein accomplished law professors and practicing lawyers work side by side in the classroom to bring you a comprehensive legal education that melds rigorous legal theory with industry insights.

Throughout your education, you'll complete intensive courses, which are week-long, full-time classes designed to get you practice-ready through applied learning and assessments. You'll participate in experiential learning opportunities that reflect the realities of today's legal professionals, and benefit from regular personalized mentorship and close interaction with your peers, staff, faculty and members of the profession.

In your final year, you'll complete a 15-week professional placement, guided by faculty and under the tutelage of a professional lawyer, where you'll apply your learning in a real-world legal setting.

AFTER YOU GRADUATE

Upon graduation, you'll be eligible to fulfill your licensing requirements without traditional articling, giving you a more direct path to becoming a practicing lawyer. Whether you choose to work in private practice, business, government or the non-profit sector, the IPC ensures you graduate ready to lead with confidence, flexibility and purpose.

"As a first-generation law student, I've found that the Integrated Practice Curriculum has allowed me to develop the skills I need to be practice-ready from day one."

ANAMARIA BARBUL
Class of 2027

Your Juris Doctor program

At the Lincoln Alexander School of Law, you'll prepare to thrive in today's dynamic legal landscape with a curriculum focused on experiential learning, innovation and mentorship. In addition to building a strong foundation in legal theory, you'll develop the practical lawyering skills, interdisciplinary insight and entrepreneurial mindset you need to serve a wide range of clients within a wide range of careers.

YEAR 1

Build practice-ready skills in the classroom through our unique co-teaching model, wherein faculty and practicing lawyers work together to bridge legal theory and doctrinal analysis with real-world experience.

FIRST TERM	SECOND TERM
Required courses: → JUR 100 Legal Research and Writing → JUR 102 Tort Law → JUR 105 Foundations of Legal Theory → JUR 106 Criminal Law → JUR 107 Constitutional Law → JUR 400 Law and Legal Methods (Intensive)	Required courses: → JUR 101 Contract Law → JUR 103 Property Law → JUR 104 Ethics and Professionalism (Intensive) → JUR 108 Administrative and Regulatory Law → JUR 109 Indigenous and Aboriginal Law → JUR 110 Legal Research and Writing II

YEAR 2

Complete two Integrated Practice Curriculum practicums, which include lecture-based learning coupled with active mentorship. Further shape your studies by selecting six electives that reflect your interests.

THIRD TERM	FOURTH TERM
Required courses: → JUR 201 Business Law and Practice* → JUR 204 Data, Algorithm, and Science in the Law → JUR 403 Technology Toolkit for the Practice of Law (Intensive) + Three electives	Required courses: → JUR 200 Business of Lawyering → JUR 203 Civil Procedures and Practice* → JUR 402 Financial (Intensive) + Three electives

YEAR 3

Spend one term completing a 15-week professional placement, and the other taking academic courses that align with your career goals.**

PLACEMENT TERM	ACADEMIC TERM
Required courses: → JUR 300 Professional Placement (four months)	Required courses: → JUR 404 Emotional and Cultural Quotient (Intensive) + Five electives

* Includes a practicum component, in which you'll complete six IPC assignments and meet with practitioner mentors on a bi-weekly basis throughout the term.

** Professional placements may take place in the summer after second year, or in the fall or winter term of third year. The academic term will take place in fall or winter.

ELECTIVES

Here are just some of the electives you can choose from in Years 2 and 3 to shape your legal education. For the full list, please visit torontomu.ca/law/electives.

- Advanced Corporate/Commercial Law
- Advanced Criminal Law
- Advanced Issues in Privacy and Technology
- Advocacy and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Big Tech, Social Justice and the Public Interest
- Class Actions
- Climate Change and the Law
- Competition Law
- Critical Race Theory
- Disability Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Feminist Legal Theory
- Gender, Sexuality and the Law
- Global Health Law and Policy
- Human Rights Law in Canada
- Immigration Law
- Indigenous Dispute Resolution
- Indigenous Legal Theory and Practice
- Indigenous Peoples and Criminal Law Practice
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Human Rights Law
- Issues in Indigenous Economic Development
- Labour and Employment Law
- Law and Health Care in Canada
- Law and Injustice
- Law of Armed Conflicts
- Law, Protest, and Social Movements
- Legal Clinic I and II
- Legal Innovation
- Mental Health and the Law
- Non-Profit Law
- Privacy Law
- Private International Law
- Public International Law
- Real Estate Law
- Refugee Law
- Securities Regulations
- Sports and Entertainment Law
- Tax Law and Practice
- Technology, Law and Society
- Wills and Estates



Study and grow at Canada's newest academic law library, purposefully designed to support the groundbreaking curriculum at Lincoln Alexander Law.

Admissions

We believe that excellence and reflexivity in the legal profession are essential to public trust and institutional legitimacy. That's why we seek students who bring a wide range of academic, professional and lived experiences: because law is best taught, practiced and advanced by those who can understand it from multiple vantage points and apply it with insight and integrity.

We assess each application holistically, and take into account the following when evaluating an applicant's potential:

- Official transcripts (of all post-secondary studies)
- Official LSAT score (best result)
- Personal statement
- Letters of reference
- Resumé and autobiographical sketch
- Online interview
- English proficiency

APPLICATION CATEGORIES

General

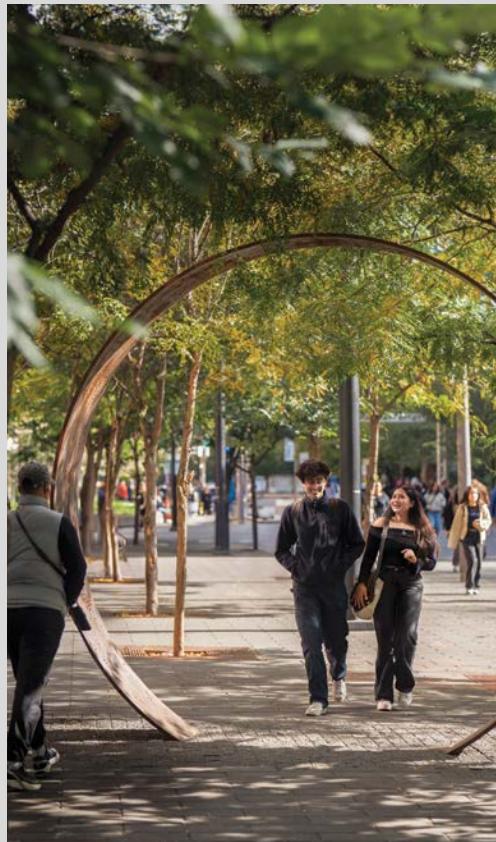
This is the standard route for most applicants who have completed or are completing an undergraduate university degree.

Indigenous

If you identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit, Lincoln Alexander Law offers a dedicated Indigenous application category designed to support and honour your lived experiences. Your application is reviewed by a member of our Indigenous community, ensuring that it is considered with context, care and understanding.

Access

The Access application category provides applicants with an opportunity to identify and discuss any personal, academic or systemic barriers they may have experienced or overcome. This category includes, but is not limited to, Black individuals, people of colour, people with disabilities, 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, mature applicants, and those who have faced financial or systemic hardship.



Not sure which application category to choose? Start with the one that feels the truest to your journey. And if you need guidance, our Recruitment and Admissions team hosts application workshops throughout the year. We're here to help you throughout the process.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

We're dedicated to supporting students through scholarships, bursaries and financial aid. We have entrance scholarships and substantial awards for students with financial need from historically underrepresented groups, and for students who demonstrate academic excellence, including an aptitude for business and entrepreneurship. Domestic students may qualify for Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) grants and loans, which are applied to tuition fees. Professional student lines of credit are also available through banks, with preferred loan options for Canadians and permanent residents. We encourage you to explore all financial options to find the best fit for your needs.

Your future

Fuelled by an entrepreneurial mindset and professional experience that goes well beyond traditional legal settings, you'll join a growing group of Lincoln Alexander Law alumni who are advancing justice and redefining what it means to practice law.

NICK CHAI-TANG

Class of 2023

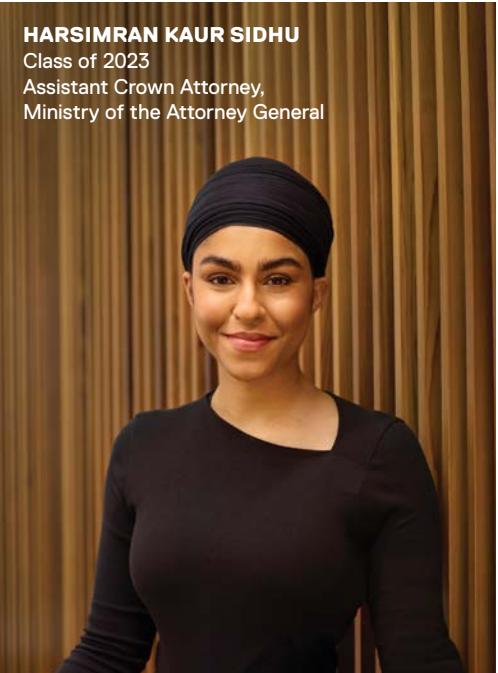
Associate, Dentons Canada LLP



HARSIMRAN KAUR SIDHU

Class of 2023

Assistant Crown Attorney,
Ministry of the Attorney General



DESNEIGE FRANDSEN

Class of 2023

Program Manager, Level Justice



JEREMIAH BOWERS

Class of 2025

Articling Student, Goldblatt Partners LLP



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**Toronto Metropolitan University is in the
"Dish with One Spoon" territory.**

Our university's campuses in Toronto and Brampton operate on the Treaty Lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit. This land has been part of the traditional territories of the Mississauga, Anishinaabe, Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee. They are now home to many First Nations Peoples, Inuit and Métis from across Turtle Island. We honour and uphold the Dish with One Spoon Treaty, we commit to valuing the Two Row Wampum, and we vow to treat the land and people of our community with understanding built on mutual respect.