



THE UNIVERSITY  
of ADELAIDE



# ADELAIDE LAW SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN

Committed to fostering a welcoming, vibrant and  
diverse teaching and research community

## Established in 1883, Adelaide Law School was one of the earliest law schools in Australia.

### Introduction

Our reputation is founded on being bold and breaking new ground. We are proud to have been the first to admit women to study law in Australia. We continue to be enriched by our diverse community of staff and students. We seek to expand our understanding of law's place in a changing world.

We build on our strong history of success through international collaborations and research that has far reaching impact.

### Mission and Purpose

We are committed to the rule of law and the promotion of the highest standards of ethical conduct, professional responsibility, and community service. With the aim of contributing to the social good, we examine and critique the law from diverse perspectives, discovering new knowledge and advocating for change. Student wellbeing is a priority to which we devote energy and innovation.

### Learning and Teaching

- **A New Age of Law:** Our curriculum is globally-focussed for an interconnected world, with international engagement opportunities for our students, and explores the opportunities and challenges brought by new technology.
- **Practice Ready:** Our extensive clinical, internship and mooted programs, and capstone legal practice simulation, equip our graduates for workplace success, and our GDLP prepares students for legal practice.
- **Academic Rigour:** Our students experience research-focussed inquiry learning, share in our academics' world-class research and can participate in the South Australian Law Reform Institute and Adelaide Law Review.

### Research

Our researchers engage with the legal dimensions of the most pressing economic, political and social problems.

- We support excellence in research and maintain a supportive research environment empowering our researchers to become catalysts of knowledge at both the local and global level.
- We seek to shape the future through active inquiry into the law, questioning its foundations, understanding its content and proposing its reform.
- We communicate our research effectively and responsibly, shaping the future of our local and global communities.



### The Profession

The Law School has a long history of collaboration with the legal profession. Today the Adelaide Law School maintains its close ties with the legal profession and industry. An industry advisory board ensures teaching relevance, while students also benefit from networking opportunities including professional work placements.

### The Law School Community

Adelaide Law School is committed to fostering a welcoming, vibrant and diverse teaching and research community. Friendly, collegial academics and professional staff are key to maintaining a culture of excellence in which students are able to achieve their intellectual potential.

### The Broader Community

The Adelaide Law School's staff and graduates have contributed to law reform activities dating back at least to the beginning of the twentieth century.

Through the South Australian Law Reform Institute, our staff and students actively engage with local law reform. Our student law clinics present an interface with the community and make the law accessible to all. Our researchers engage in public discourse and commentary on public policy and diverse community needs in a meaningful and timely way.

## Our Values

### EXCELLENCE

- Achieve excellence through a commitment to delivering a world-class, inspirational legal education and by conducting internationally recognised research that contributes to the improvement of society locally and globally.

### RESPECT

- Engage respectfully with ideas and diverse perspectives to create an inclusive, collegial environment that nurtures intellectual development and enriches well-being.

### INTEGRITY

- Act with integrity by holding ourselves to, and developing in our students, the highest standards of professionalism and accountability.

### PARTNERSHIP

- Collaborate with leading industry partners and the profession, cultivate international networks and partnerships to provide new global opportunities.

### TRANSFORMATION

- Adopt a future-focused perspective that sees the transformative potential of law to achieve sustainability and social justice.