The mission of the School of Law is to teach law through in-depth study; to contribute through faculty and student research to the common good, to the fund of legal knowledge, and to legal development and reform; and to cooperate with state government, the community, and the organized Bar in developing and implementing appropriate programs in law research, law reform, criminal justice reform, and continuing legal education.

PRIORITIES
• Continue to graduate students prepared to become excellent lawyers
• Build relationships with alumni and friends
• Support student scholarships
• Complete fundraising for the new law school building
• Increase alumni engagement
• Continue to attract top faculty and students

RELATIONSHIPS
• The South Carolina Bar
• American Bar Association Section of Real Property Trust & Estates Law
• American Inns of Court
• American College of Trial Lawyers
• National College of District Attorneys
• American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
• Vermont Law School (Master of Environmental Law and Policy)
• National Advocacy Center

FACULTY SIZE AND HIGHLIGHTS
• 42 full-time faculty members, including: four full-time clinicians, six full-time legal writing instructors, seven library faculty and 28 adjunct professors who teach advanced courses in substantive fields and professional skills.
• Law faculty are committed to excellence in teaching and research. Many are nationally prominent in their areas of expertise. Among the faculty are authors of leading casebooks, treatises, and law review articles.
• Professor David Owen is the author of the nation’s leading treatise on products liability.
• Professor Cinnamon Carlone recently published a book with Oxford University Press on climate change law and policy.
• Associate Dean Robert Wilcox helped the South Carolina Supreme Court implement a new mentoring initiative to benefit newly admitted lawyers.

FALL 2010 ENTERING CLASS FACTS
• 240 first-year students, selected from among 2,191 applicants
• Age range 18-55 with an average age of 25
• From 20 states and four foreign countries
• Median LSAT: 159
• Median Undergraduate GPA: 3.39

DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS HIGHLIGHTS
• In the past year, the Dean and Development staff completed more than 600 personal visits with alumni.
• 14 named, endowed scholarships have been added in the past year.
• Alumni regularly work with the development staff to engage their peers.
• Alumni Involvement and Volunteer Opportunities:
  • Alumni mentoring with first-year law students
  • Career Week
  • Law School Alumni Association Board
  • Partnership Board
  • Class agent program
  • Volunteer judges for Moot Court and Mock Trial programs
  • Participation in the professionalism lecture series
  • Hosting externships
• Signature Alumni Events:
  • Oath of Professionalism administered to incoming class each fall
  • “Complete Lawyer” annual program honoring outstanding lifetime achievement by our alumni
  • Endowed Scholarship Luncheon honoring new endowed scholarship donors, families, and recipients
  • Recognition of the 50th Reunion Class at May Commencement
• Other Events and Services Available to Alumni:
  • Conferences, symposia and seminars
  • Law Library Document Delivery Service
  • Career Services postings and services

CENTERS AND PROGRAMS
• The Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Center on Professionalism is a national leader in the development of mentoring programs for lawyers. The Center is also a provider of programmatic and administrative support for professionalism initiatives within the Law School and elsewhere across the nation.
• The Children’s Law Center, a program in the School of Law, provides the resources and innovative training needed by those who work with children and juveniles in South Carolina courts.
• The School of Law Pro Bono Program was established in 1989, the first voluntary program in a US law school. The Pro Bono Program provides law students with opportunities to serve their community while developing professionally. Many students average more than 50 hours of service per year, assisting with such programs as Guardian Ad Litem, interpreters for local courts, and tax preparation assistance for low income families.