
The William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii‘i has again received top rankings among the nation’s outstanding law schools by the 2020 edition of The Princeton Review.

Included among the nation’s 169 best schools, UH Law School ranked:

- #5 Best for State and Local Clerkships
- #2 Greatest Resources for Minority Students
- #3 Most Chosen by Older Students
- #3 Most Diverse Faculty

The annual evaluation ranks law schools from one to 10 in 14 categories; UH Law consistently places high on many of those lists.

This is the first year that The Princeton Review has included state and local clerkships as one of its rankings - and Richardson joined the 10 schools highlighted in this important category.

“We are gratified when Richardson Law School excels in national evaluations,” said Dean Avi Soifer. “We have exceptional students and they receive an outstanding education at Richardson. But the support the students give each other and the sense of close connection among faculty, students, and staff cannot be quantified. Our Law School features a uniquely nurturing environment.”

Schools were selected for inclusion among outstanding law schools based on online surveys of 19,000 students, as well as school administrators. They were asked about academics, student body characteristics, and campus life. Students also responded to questions about themselves and their career plans. The student surveys were conducted during the 2018-19, 2017-18 and 2016-17 academic years; surveys of administrators were conducted during the 2018-19 academic year. On average 113 students at each school were surveyed.
Student survey comments reflected Dean Soifer’s comments, with students noting that they feel close to one another at Richardson. Everyone at Mānoa “recognizes that they’re in it together,” said one student, “not just in school but in the small law community of Hawai‘i after graduation.” The “cohorts are very tight” and they “make it a point to look out for each other.” Students also commented that they enjoy access to the beauty of Hawai‘i. Others pointed to the “very decent computer lab that always has open computers,” and “good law librarians who are always willing to help.”

According to The Princeton Review Editor-in-Chief Bob Franek, 44% of the schools surveyed appear on one or more of the ranking lists.

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