

About the Law School

The Law School commenced its academic work on the 19th of December 2002 as the Faculty of Law of Jimma University. Later, the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences were merged to form the College of Social Sciences and Law in 2009. As of 2014, it has been restructured as College of Law and Governance and it is joined by the Department of Governance and Development Studies.

The Law School has been producing high-caliber and responsible graduates since its inception in 2002. For the first year, it accepted 158 advanced diploma students who graduated three years later. Then, the School has been accepting and teaching students in four first degree programs, namely, in the regular, evening, summer, and distance programs. Thus far, it has graduated thousands of students in these programs. Moreover, the Law School is currently offering **LL.M in Commercial and Investment Law** and **LL.M in Human Rights and Criminal Law**. These are two years of programs. Indeed, the School will open new postgraduate programs in the future.

In addition to its teaching jobs, the Law School has been publishing its law journal, **Jimma University Journal of Law** since 2007/2008. It is a journal published at least once a year.

Finally, the Law School is making its presence in the community felt by rendering legal services to the indigent and the vulnerable parts of the society (such as children, women, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and old persons) in Jimma town, Jimma Zone and the surroundings through its Legal Aid Centre. Currently, the Centre has ten branches and they are all doing great jobs to facilitate the enjoyment of the right of access to justice for the indigent and the vulnerable groups. Of course, this also helps equip our students with practical legal skills before they graduate.

At the Moment, the School has the following full-time staff for its undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

Full-time Staff Profile:

S.N	Name	Qualification	Specialization and/or area of interest
1.	Alemu Meheretu	LLB, LLM, PhD	Human Rights and Criminal Justice, Employment and International Criminal Law
2.	Abay Addis	LLB, LLM	Constitutional and Public laws
3.	Azeb Belachew	LLB, LLM	Human rights and criminal law

4.	Samson Shafi	LLB, LLM Candidate	Commercial and Investment Law
5.	Gebre Negash	LLB, LLM	Commercial and Investment law
6.	Obsinan Girmaye	LLB, LLM	Commercial and Investment law
7.	Gashahun Lemessa	LLB, LLM, MA Ph.D. candidate	Trade and Investment Law, Public Administration (International Development)
8.	Neima Aman	LLB, LLM	Human rights and Criminal law
9.	Kassaye Muluneh	LLB, LLM	International law and the Law of International Organizations
10.	Kalkidan Misganaw	LLB, LLM	Human rights and Criminal law
11.	Woldegebriel Dagne	LLB, LLM	Commercial and Investment law
12.	Manaye Abera	LLB, LL.M	International Business Law
13.	Beki Haile	LLB, LLM	Commercial and Investment law

14.	Sintayehu Demeke	LLB, LLM, Ph.D. Candidate	Law and Development
15.	Biruk Jemal	LLB, LLM Candidate	Human rights and Criminal law
16.	Tadesse Simie	LL. B, LLM, PhD	Criminal and Criminology, International Crimes and Justice, International Criminal law, Transitional Justice
17.	Wagari Negassa	LL. B, LLM	International Investment Law
18.	Yosef Alemu	LL. B, LLM, Asst. Professor	Taxation and public finance
19.	Firaol Tafesse	LLB, LLM Candidate	Commercial and Investment Law
20.	Kibrome Mekonnen	LLB, LLM	Public International law
21.	Zelalem Shiferaw	LLB, LLM, Asst. Professor	International Human rights law, Rule of law and Democracy
22.	Yiheyis Kidanimariyam	LLB, LLM	Human rights and Criminal law

23.	Tadelle Geremew	LLB, LLM	Law and Development
24.	Tesfashwork Admasu	LLB, LLM	Human rights and Criminal law