

Chronology of Principal Events

1858. December 22. Committee appointed by Regents to prepare plans for establishing a law department
1859. March 30. "Report on the Establishment of the Law Department" accepted by Regents
March 30. "Law Professors," James V. Campbell, Charles I. Walker, and Thomas M. Cooley, appointed by Regents
October 3. First meeting of the Law Faculty. James V. Campbell elected Dean and Thomas M. Cooley elected Secretary
October 5. First classroom lecture delivered to law students
1863. October. First Law Building completed
1883. June 26. Henry W. Rogers appointed the first full-time professor of law
July 17. Law term extended from six to nine months
- 1883-1884. Distinct sets of lectures delivered to first- and second-year men
- 1887-1888. Instruction in case materials instituted. Use of lecturers commenced. Use of textbooks expanded
1889. October 15. Law Faculty authorized to grant degree of Master of Laws
- 1890-1891. First resident graduate students listed
1890. September 15. Resignation as Dean and Professor of Law of Henry W. Rogers
1890. October 15. Jerome C. Knowlton appointed Acting Dean
1891. June 22. Jerome C. Knowlton appointed Dean
1892. January. First issue of the *Michigan Law Journal*
1893. October 18. Practice Court established by Regents, superseding the Moot Courts.
1894. September 12. Harry B. Hutchins appointed Dean, effective in 1895
- 1895-1896. Law course extended from two to three years. Regular faculty meetings instituted. Detailed student records commenced
1896. July-August. First summer school
1898. October. Reconstruction of the original law building completed
1902. November. First issue of the *Michigan Law Review*
1908. June 17. Law Faculty authorized to grant degree of Juris Doctor
1910. July 21. Henry M. Bates appointed Dean
- 1912-1913. One year of college work required for admission

1915. February 1. Law Department renamed Law School by action of Regents
- 1915-1916. Two years of college work required for admission
1922. April 28. Formal proposal by William W. Cook to erect the Lawyers Club, dedicated in June 1925
- 1923-1924. Institution of Case Clubs
1925. February 26. Law Faculty authorized to grant degree of Doctor of Juridical Science, later known as Doctor of the Science of Law
- 1925-1926. First announcement of seminars
- 1926-1927. Three years of college work required for admission
- 1928-1929. Graduation from college or combined curriculum required for admission
1929. January 11. Proposal by William W. Cook to erect the Legal Research Building, completed in 1931
- April 26. Proposal by William W. Cook to erect the John P. Cook Building, completed in 1930
1930. June 4. Death of William W. Cook. Endowment for Legal Research created
1933. Hutchins Hall completed
1939. April 14. E. Blythe Stason appointed Dean, effective July 1, 1939
1939. June 22-24. First summer institute program
1942. February 27. Position of Director of Legal Research established
- 1946-1947. Cooley Lectures instituted
1950. July 1. Legal Research Center established
1954. December 14. Grant by Ford Foundation
1956. September 28. Positions of Associate and Assistant Dean established
1957. April 19. Law Faculty authorized to grant degree of Master of Comparative Laws