Proceeding directly out of the 1 Admissions Office you will find the 2 Atrium, which is a hub of student activity during the academic year. Students spend a great deal of time lounging and studying here between classes and over the lunch hour. The Atrium connects the Arthur Rubloff building to the Levy Mayer and Robert McCormick buildings. You will notice that the stone wall on the west side of the Atrium is the original outside wall of the Levy Mayer building; the Atrium was built in the mid-1980s as part of the Rubloff expansion.

Climb the Atrium stairs directly in front of you. At the top of the stairs, on the left, is the 3 Pritzker Legal Research Center, the Law School’s library. Enter the library and you will see the 4 Hodes Rare Book Room to your immediate left. The Hodes Rare Book Room is used for exhibits, receptions, meetings, and seminars. Across from the Hodes Rare Book Room are the 5 library reserve and circulation desk and the Newton and Josephine Minow Bibliography Room, where students can access reference books, Lexis, Westlaw, and our online catalog. Please enjoy the view of Lake Michigan from the library’s east wall.

Exit the library and make an immediate right. As you walk along the Teigler Bridge directly above the Atrium, you’ll see an exhibit of 6 faculty publications on your right. At the end of the hall you will pass former 7 Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens’ chair.

Turning left you will soon enter the Levy Mayer building, the Law School’s first permanent home, which was constructed in a modified Gothic Tudor style and dedicated in 1926. Continue walking and you will pass a wing of faculty offices called the “Hall of Busts.” Just beyond the faculty offices is Levy Mayer 212, a seminar classroom.

When you reach the stairs, go down one level. On your left is 9 Lowden Hall, which is frequently used by student groups for meetings, luncheons, and special events.

Turning right down the hall, you will pass two classrooms: the 10 John Henry Wigmore Room, named after the towering fifth Dean of the Law School, and the 11 Ednyfed H. Williams Room. These classrooms are used for upper-level seminar courses. The chimes in the Levy Mayer lobby used to play The Counselor’s Chorus, written by Dean John Henry Wigmore. The lyrics of the song are hanging on the wall outside of the Wigmore Room.

Continuing down the hallway, you will come to the lobby of 12 Lincoln Hall, decorated with mementos of its namesake. Lincoln Hall was designed after the British House of Commons, and although rarely used as a classroom today due to its size, it is often used for special events, such as the final rounds of the Miner Moot Court competition and the Julius Rosenthal Foundation Lecture Series. Lincoln Hall has also served as a filming location for movies and television series such as With Honors, Chicago Code, and Chicago PD. Most recently, the room
hosted The Judge movie star, Robert Downey, Jr., for a chat with students about his character’s alma mater, Northwestern Law!

Take the stairs to the right of Lincoln Hall down one level. You will now be in the Student Commons area, which houses student lockers, study rooms, and a recreation room where students meet to watch sports and play video games. Continue down the hall and then take the stairs back up to the lobby of Levy Mayer.

Continue straight toward the Courtyard. The Courtyard is used for special occasions and outdoor events. Students dress up the sculpture for fun weeks and holidays. The Wishbone sculpture is a good meeting place if people want to have an easy-to-remember point of contact. Turn left, away from the Wishbone statue and continue down the hallway.

Make a right at the first hallway. After taking the stairs, you will now find yourself in the Smith Arcade. To your left is the Alumni Wall of Fame. This space is currently being redesigned, but soon you will find short biographies of distinguished Northwestern Law graduates such as Ada Kepley (the first woman to receive a law degree from an American law school in 1870), William Jennings Bryan (youngest person ever to run for President), Supreme Court Justices John Paul Stevens and Arthur Goldberg, Harold Washington (first African American Mayor of Chicago and a US Congressman), Jerry Reinsdorf (owner of the Chicago Bulls and White Sox).

Proceed further down the hall and you will enter the McCormick foyer. The hallway on your right contains offices for faculty members in the Communication and Legal Reasoning program and other Law School staff. On the right side of the first floor hallway, you will see two seminar classrooms, MC 175 and MC 185. At the end of the first-floor hallway is Strawn Hall, used for larger lectures.

Return to the McCormick foyer and turn right down the first hallway. Go down the short set of stairs or ramp. The Office of Student Services will be on
your right. Student Services offers academic and social programming for students, including the Take a Break program during finals, which provides students with snacks, coffee, and professional massages throughout the exam period. Student Services also functions as the Registrar. The Registrar’s office is opposite the Student Services office in the MC 125 corridor. Course selection at Northwestern Law is done online and most exams after the first year are self-scheduled.

Turn around and return to the Smith Arcade and continue down the hallway. At the end of the hallway, turn right and you will find our 21 Career Strategy Center on your left. The Career Strategy Center provides individual counseling sessions for students as well as group workshops on various aspects of the job search, including resume and cover letter writing, mock interviews, and panel discussions about different career options. The Career Strategy Center also organizes the Law School’s On-Campus Interviewing Program, which brings over 600 employers from around the world to campus to interview our students.

Continuing into the Rubloff Atrium, turn right and proceed to the end of the Atrium. At the end of the hall you will find 22 Harry’s Café, which offers a variety of food and drink options including tea, coffee, sandwiches, soups, and salad. After 2 pm, the cafe serves beer and wine. During the warmer months, the outdoor patio is a great dining and meeting space.

Turning left, continue down the hallway toward the 25 Rubloff lobby. On your right, you will see 23 RB 175 and 24 RB 180, which are used frequently for lunchtime meetings and panels. Just past those classrooms, take the elevators to the 8th floor, where you will find the 26 Bluhm Legal Clinic.

The Bluhm Legal Clinic provides second- and third-year students, along with clinic attorneys, the opportunity to represent indigent clients in matters involving juvenile law, criminal law, domestic violence, death penalty appeals, disability rights, consumer law, and other areas. The Clinic also offers simulation based courses and internship programs. To one side you will see the intake desk and to the other side you can admire the view of Lake Michigan from the student study space.

Take the elevator back to the Rubloff lobby and turn east toward the Lake. Passing the security desk, you will find an office just before the exit. This is the home of 27 StudentSpace, an organization that assists students who are looking for Chicago-area housing. From this Rubloff exit, you can see Abbott Hall (home to the Bookstore, and WildCard, Financial Aid offices), and multiple high-rise apartment buildings close to campus where many of our students live.

Turn around and continue past the elevators. Turn right down the first hallway. On your right, you will find 28 Parrillo Courtroom, our mock courtroom. Occasionally various circuit courts visit here and hold actual arguments. Moots are held in this room as well and are open to all students who would like to watch.

Continue down this hallway to pass 29 Thorne Auditorium and pass through 30 Thorne Lobby. Thorne Auditorium hosts several big events throughout the year, most notably Wigmore Follies, which is a student written and produced musical event in the spring that pokes fun at law school life (including professors)!

To return to the Admissions Office, continue through Thorne Lobby, past the elevators and turn left at the last hallway. This will return you to the Rubloff Atrium. You have now completed the tour. We hope you enjoyed your visit!