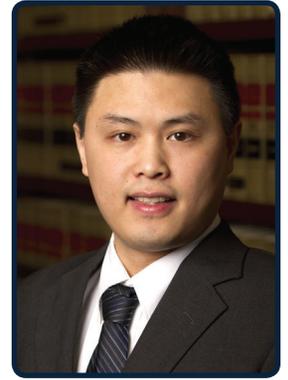


Dear Future Counselor:

Welcome to the ONU Law family! Your decision to pursue a professional career is a wise choice that will lead to many challenges and rewards. Your decision to attend a personalized law school with one of the best student to faculty ratios in the nation will help guide you towards your goal of success. I was in your shoes not long ago, picking the path less traveled, applying for law school and hoping to open doors for a better future through hard work. Looking back, as a traveler who has walked the path, I can say that I have no regrets about my decision to attend ONU Law.



Prior to attending ONU Law, I graduated from Purdue University with an electrical engineering degree. I have to be honest with you, law school was not on my mind when I first received my bachelors degree – the study of law seemed divergent and parallel from the study of engineering. But once I actually stepped outside the ivory walls of academy, and into the reality of everyday life, I realized sometimes a bachelors degree is just not enough. I had a choice at the time to either work as an electrical engineer in the mobile division for Asus, or I could have worked as a patent engineer at an electrical division of an Intellectual Property Law Office – but either way, my work would be done by me and signed by a supervisor, who all either had a master’s degree or professional degree. I believe all people have the desire to be the captain of their own ship and master of their own fate, and a law degree provides a great deal of autonomy and choice – as long as you have the will to put in the work.

It is my sincere belief that in order to be successful in the field of law, you have to know what you want. ONU Law provides many paths to success, with nearly a dozen clinical programs and externships such as the litigation clinic, bankruptcy clinic, environmental clinic, governmental clinic, judicial externship and more. I knew my intended course of study was a very specialized type of law with a more narrow door, but ONU came through with the classes I needed – such as Intellectual Property Law, Patent Law and Practice, and Intellectual Property Seminar. I attribute my selection and success as a federal government employee directly to the teachings of Professor O’Melinn who teaches IP Law and Seminar, and Adjunct Professor Cooper who teaches Patent Law. Knowing your specialization and passion early on, so as to focus in these areas from the beginning, will let you take full advantage of your professor’s advise and maximize the full benefits of ONU’s great student-to-faculty ratio.

When I say “Welcome to the ONU family,” I truly mean it. I believe this is only possible when law class sizes are manageable and students are not just a number. During my third year my priorities changed because I got married. I suddenly needed to plan not only for myself, but also for my whole family. ONU reached out and offered me a job at the law library during that year. In today’s difficulty times, when many law schools are cutting back scholarships for second and third years, ONU in contrast actually offered me a work-study program, for which I am still grateful. I think family is who will reach out and help you in times of need and ONU has done that for me. This is the charm of ONU Law, where everyone knows your name, and provides the support that you need.

It has been two years since I graduated from law school, and I have completely paid off my student loans. ONU Law is affordable compared to other law schools, and I have made student loans one of my primary goals to tackle. This was also made possible because I was notified and hired as a federal employee six months before my law school graduation. Once I began working, it was clear I was prepared for my position and have since been promoted three times in the last two years.

I recommend ONU Law and invite you take a look. Whether it is the personalized class size, the affordable tuition, or the unwavering support, I believe you will find what you need right here.

Best of luck in your future endeavors. I know with dedication and the support at ONU Law, you will successfully journey on the path less traveled and become your own captain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Albert K. Shih'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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