



# LAW FOR TOMORROW'S SOCIETY

STRATEGY 2018-2023

## VISION

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The Faculty of Law actively contributes to societal developments. We explore, challenge and develop the legal foundation of Danish and international communities of the future.

## VALUES

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### **AMBITION**

Our academic and administrative staff and students are ambitious, individually and on behalf of each other. We work towards goals and believe that a combination of professionalism and integrity is the key to excellence.

### **COMMUNITY**

We believe that commitment thrives best in environments based on collaboration. We therefore focus on co-creation as a method and on processes that encourage involvement and participation.

### **CURIOSITY**

We are curious about the world around us and are always eager to engage in dialogue with society. That is why our organisation is open-minded.

## MISSION

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### **RESEARCH**

We engage in top-quality research that is recognised both nationally and internationally and involves issues relating to legal science of relevance to Danish and global society. Our research, which is free of financial, ideological and political vested interests, is founded on academic independence and methodological freedom at the highest international level.

### **EDUCATION**

We have the best legal programmes because we prioritise ambition, community and curiosity. Through dialogue, with academic staff, students and stakeholders, we continuously develop our programmes to ensure that they reflect the latest research, correspond with our students' aspirations and match the needs of society.

### **COMMUNICATING KNOWLEDGE**

We work actively to make our research and education visible in order to bring our knowledge and competencies into play in society. The faculty is an open organisation that invites dialogue and debate – with society, across and in collaboration with the rest of the University of Copenhagen and at the faculty.

### **ORGANISATION**

We are an open and democratic organisation with room for new ideas. Going to work must be meaningful, and roles must be clear to everyone for the faculty to be successful. Management are present, listen and provide recognition and incentives that strengthen both our community and individual performance.

# LANDMARKS

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Four landmarks direct how we work on our mission and fulfil our vision.

**WE IDENTIFY AND SOLVE THE  
CHALLENGES FACED BY SOCIETY**

**WE CREATE THE NECESSARY  
CONTACT BETWEEN THE LAW  
AND DIGITAL DEVELOPMENTS**

**WE DEVELOP INNOVATIVE AND  
INSPIRING RESEARCH AND  
EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS**

**WE CULTIVATE THE SYNERGIES BETWEEN  
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION**



## WE IDENTIFY AND SOLVE THE CHALLENGES FACED BY SOCIETY

All developments raise new legal questions. The Faculty of Law works actively to identify and solve the legal challenges faced by our society.

We will:

- **Safeguard**, develop and prioritise research and education on core values relating to democracy and human rights at the highest international level to help develop legal frameworks for the welfare society.
- **Collaborate** with other faculties at the University of Copenhagen as well as relevant private and public-sector stakeholders to identify topical problems and contribute actively towards developing solutions.
- **Strengthen** the links between education and society by increasingly involving current trends and issues as the focal point for teaching.



## WE CREATE THE NECESSARY CONTACT BETWEEN THE LAW AND DIGITAL DEVELOPMENTS

Digitalisation and new technology will be of vital importance to the labour market and how we interact as people. The Faculty of Law wishes to explore and develop the legal aspects of digital advances so that digitalisation and the rule of law go hand in hand. We are also obliged to consider the importance of digital advances to the legal profession and our study programmes.

We will:

- **Strengthen** research into the consequences of digitalisation for the rule of law in society – for each person, the public sector and the private business community
- **Establish** collaborations with other fields of research and education, and ensure that new regulatory frameworks are designed to align with continuously developing digital solutions.
- **Future-proof** the legal profession by developing the content of our programmes to ensure that law graduates remain indispensable to the labour market.
- **Explore** and exploit the educational and didactic potential of digital learning and new digital learning tools used in the faculty's study programmes.
- **Identify** and exploit the interfaces where digitalisation can contribute positively to the faculty's operation, administration and communication.



## WE DEVELOP INNOVATIVE AND INSPIRING RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS

Excellent research and education requires environments where students, employees and collaboration partners thrive. The Faculty of Law works to develop research and educational environments that inspire and motivate community, curiosity and commitment.

We will:

- **Attract**, develop and retain talent within research, education and administration. We therefore offer education and research of the highest international quality that stimulates and challenges. And we work for visible and clear career paths that encourage professional and personal development for academic and administrative staff.
- **Strengthen** professional communities that can stimulate, challenge and support research and education of the highest quality while strengthening professional synergies across the University of Copenhagen.
- **Seek out** new strategic partnerships with relevant organisations, companies and universities with a view to promoting new and interdisciplinary collaborations of the highest relevance in terms of basic research and practical application.
- **Promote** entrepreneurship and innovation by developing new types of interaction between research, education and the legal profession.





## WE CULTIVATE THE SYNERGIES BETWEEN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Important knowledge and new ideas emerge from interaction between research and education and when academic staff and students meet. The Faculty of Law works continuously to strengthen interaction between research and education.

We will:

- **Develop** our study programmes in collaboration with academic and administrative staff, students and collaboration partners to ensure that our programmes are always based on and involve the latest leading edge research. The content, didactics and strong relevance of the programmes for the labour market must be subject to continuous assessment, development and dialogue.
- **Strengthen** the study environment as well as the students' access to research environments. Students must be more involved in and exposed to jurisprudential research questions, dilemmas, fields and methodology.
- **Motivate** innovation in research by encouraging students to contribute to the work of academic staff.

# PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

The Faculty of Law's strategy develops and facilitates execution of the University of Copenhagen's overall strategy towards 2023, 'Talent and Collaboration'.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN STRATEGY 2023: TALENT AND COLLABORATION

### FOUR FOCUS AREAS



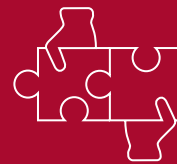
Attracting, developing  
and retaining academic  
talent



Education with  
closer ties to research  
and practice



Collaboration and  
societal commitment  
– nationally and  
globally



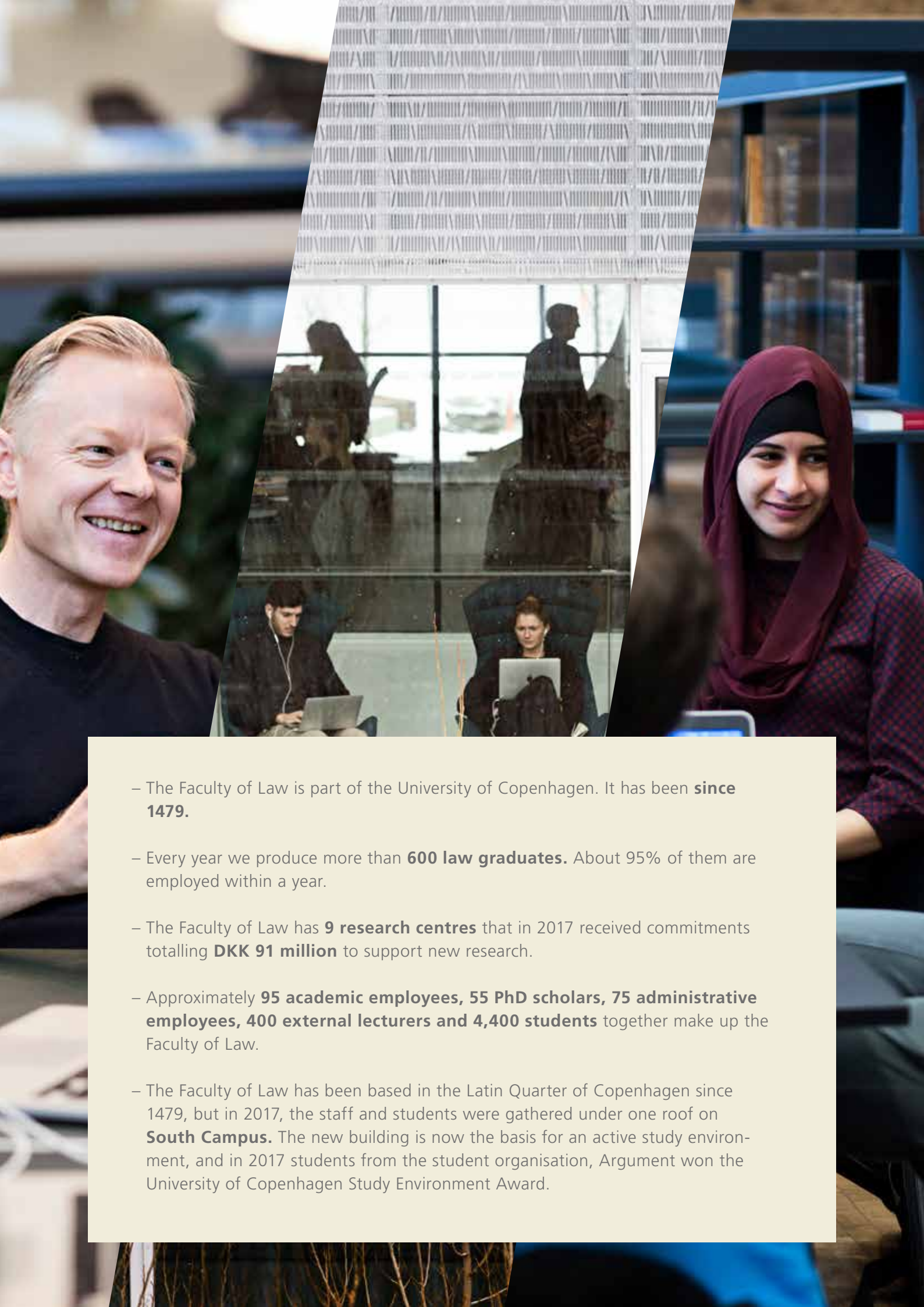
One unified and  
focused university











- The Faculty of Law is part of the University of Copenhagen. It has been **since 1479**.
- Every year we produce more than **600 law graduates**. About 95% of them are employed within a year.
- The Faculty of Law has **9 research centres** that in 2017 received commitments totalling **DKK 91 million** to support new research.
- Approximately **95 academic employees, 55 PhD scholars, 75 administrative employees, 400 external lecturers and 4,400 students** together make up the Faculty of Law.
- The Faculty of Law has been based in the Latin Quarter of Copenhagen since 1479, but in 2017, the staff and students were gathered under one roof on **South Campus**. The new building is now the basis for an active study environment, and in 2017 students from the student organisation, Argument won the University of Copenhagen Study Environment Award.

