



## **UB SCHOOL OF LAW CORE COMPETENCIES** *as approved by the Faculty on December 12, 2012*

### **JUSTICE, PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS**

- Ethical responsibilities in the service of justice
- Development of a professional identity
- Development of professional values, including judgment, reflectiveness, and decision-making
- Development of professional interpersonal skills, and cultural sensitivity
- Commitment to public and *pro bono* service

### **SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE**

- Knowledge of doctrinal law, including its history, theory, policy, and context
- Principles of the U. S. legal system and legal systems worldwide

### **CORE LEGAL CONTEXTS**

- Statutory law
- Common law
- Constitutional law
- Procedural law
- Administrative law
- International law

### **FUNDAMENTAL LAWYERING SKILLS**

- Critical thinking, including critical analysis of law
- Legal and factual research and conventional legal citation
- Problem solving
- Persuasion and rhetoric
- Litigation Skills
- Transactional Skills
- Legal writing
- Oral advocacy
- ADR
- Client interviewing
- Client counseling