

ABOUT US

Launched in 2017, the Grunin Center for Law and Social Entrepreneurship is the first center of its kind at a law school and is a global leader in the field of law and social entrepreneurship.

The mission of the Grunin Center is to enhance the community of lawyers and legal institutions engaged in social entrepreneurship and impact investing and to accelerate their effective participation in these fields.

To fulfill this mission, the Grunin Center **EDUCATES** students and practicing lawyers about legal issues in the fields of social entrepreneurship and impact investing; **DISSEMINATES** knowledge and legal research about law and policy developments in these fields; and **COLLABORATES** with other field-building organizations, universities, and research centers.



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Advancing a global movement that creates new ways for law and lawyers to drive positive change in the world

WHAT WE DO

Educating law students and lawyers

The Grunin Center is leading the way worldwide in preparing a new generation of talented, committed, and globally oriented lawyers to apply their skills to advance social entrepreneurial solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges.

To promote learning in the fields of social entrepreneurship and impact investing, the Grunin Center supports innovative course offerings at NYU Law, provides continuing legal education opportunities to practitioners, offers *pro bono* legal support for social enterprises and impact investors through NYU Law's business law clinics, and creates teaching tools for legal educators around the world interested in embedding themes of social entrepreneurship or impact investing into their courses.

Disseminating knowledge and legal research

The Grunin Center supports and catalogs legal research and scholarship that is helping to build the fields of social entrepreneurship and impact investing. By overseeing the annual award of the Grunin Prize, the Grunin Center also puts a spotlight on legal innovations taking place in these fields.

The Grunin Center tracks legal and regulatory developments in social entrepreneurship through its Social Enterprise Law Tracker, and develops tools to help social entrepreneurs, impact investors and their counsel address challenging legal issues.

Collaborating to advance the field

The Grunin Center partners with other field-building organizations, universities, and research centers, in the US and beyond, to advance social entrepreneurship and impact investing. In collaboration with these organizations, the Grunin Center hosts conferences, convenings and webinars that bring together lawyers from around the world to share experiences and learnings about legal and regulatory developments.



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Programs and Events

To build a robust, global community of legal practice in the fields of social entrepreneurship and impact investing, the Grunin Center hosts and participates in a number of events and activities that bring together leading minds to explore new legal, policy and academic developments in these fields and to discuss how lawyers and the law can most effectively serve social entrepreneurs and impact investors.

Student Opportunities

The Grunin Center is expanding NYU Law's curricular offerings to incorporate themes of social entrepreneurship and impact investing and is providing students with an opportunity to engage directly in the representation of social entrepreneurs and impact investors.

The Grunin Center also offers NYU Law students scholarship, internship and research opportunities to help them pursue careers in social entrepreneurship and impact investing.

Resources and Publications

The Grunin Center produces legal research and develops resources to help social entrepreneurs, impact investors and their counsel navigate the evolving legal and regulatory landscape for social entrepreneurship and impact investing in the US and beyond. The Grunin Center also tracks the state of social enterprise and the law, and maps legal scholarship in the fields of social entrepreneurship and impact investing.

The Grunin Prize for Law and Social Entrepreneurship

Lawyers play a critical role in designing, implementing, and advancing models by which economic and social activity is conducted globally. The Grunin Center administers the award of an annual Grunin Prize to recognize lawyers' participation in the ways in which business is increasingly advancing the goals of sustainability and human development.

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HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS

Annual Conference on Legal Issues in Social Entrepreneurship and Impact Investing—in the US and Beyond.

Co-organized with the Impact Investing Legal Working Group, this global conference is the premier gathering for lawyers, academics, policymakers, and other professionals in the field.

Legal Scholars Convening.

Annual gathering of legal scholars to advance legal scholarship in the fields of social entrepreneurship and impact investing and build bridges between academia and practice.

Webinar Series: Building a Legal Practice for Impact Investing.

The Grunin Center partners with organizations across regions to host webinar series on international and regional legal developments in impact investing and social entrepreneurship.

RESOURCES

Social Enterprise Law Tracker.

An online tool that allows users to visualize how laws and regulations impacting social entrepreneurship have spread across the United States.

Mapping the State of Social Enterprise and the Law.

An annual report that evaluates the state of social enterprise and the law in the United States.

Virtual Resource Library.

The Grunin Center is developing a Virtual Resource Library of legal tools, guides, case studies, and virtual trainings addressing common legal issues faced by social entrepreneurs and impact investors.