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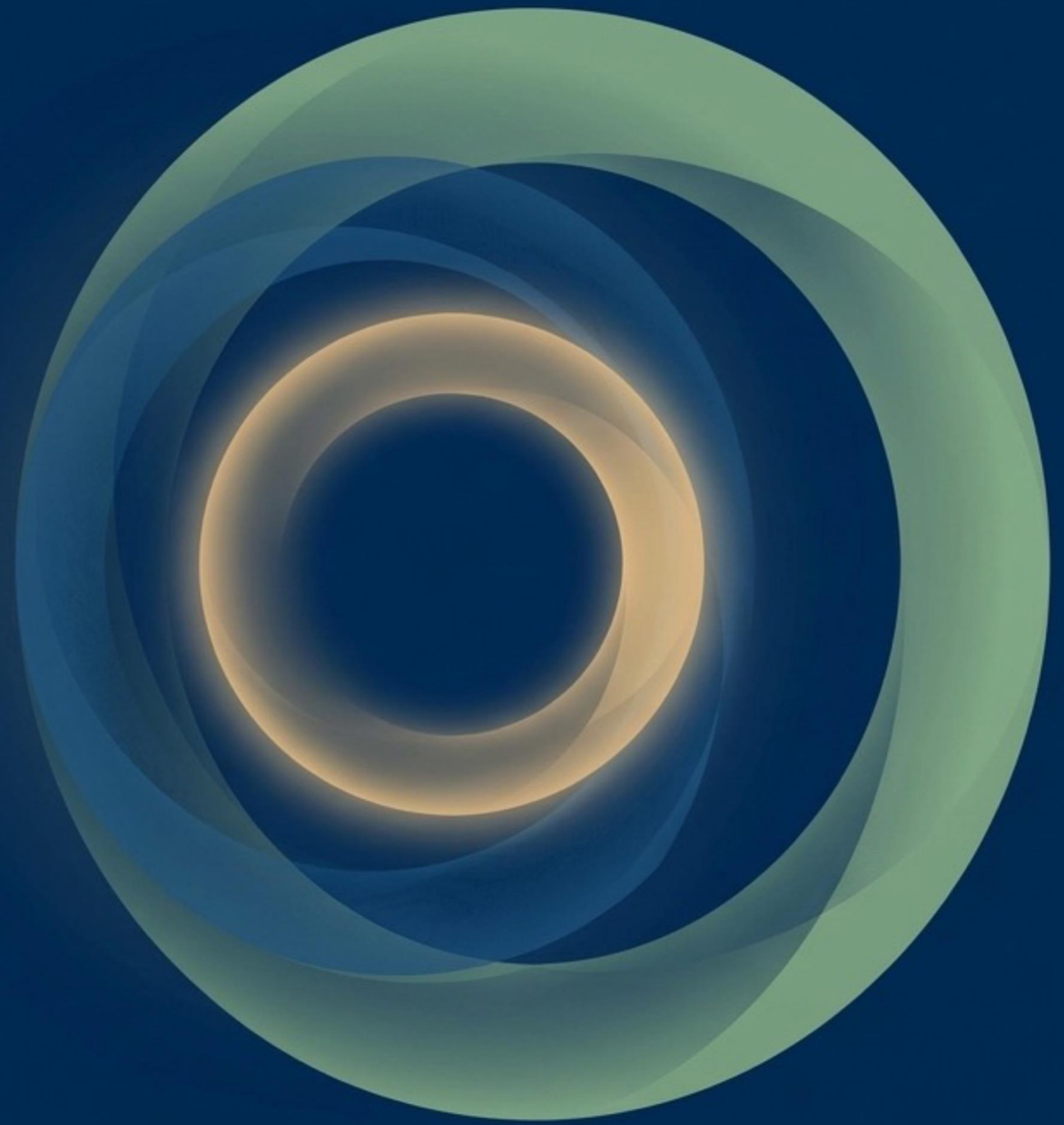
THE ARCHITECTURE OF IMPACT

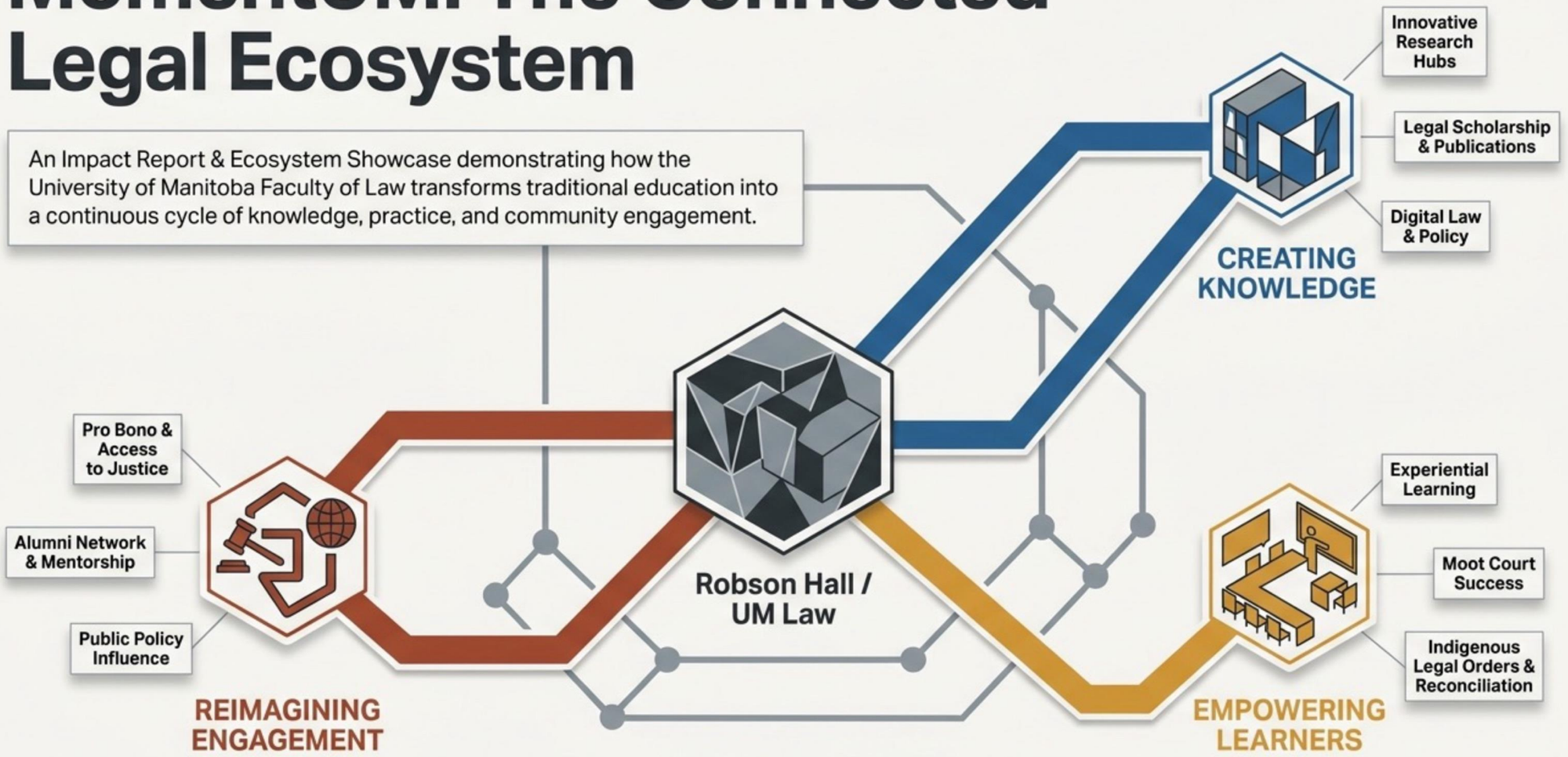
Advancing Knowledge, Empowering Learners, and Reimagining Engagement at the Faculty of Law.



MOMENTUM STRATEGIC SHOWCASE

MomentUM: The Connected Legal Ecosystem

An Impact Report & Ecosystem Showcase demonstrating how the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law transforms traditional education into a continuous cycle of knowledge, practice, and community engagement.



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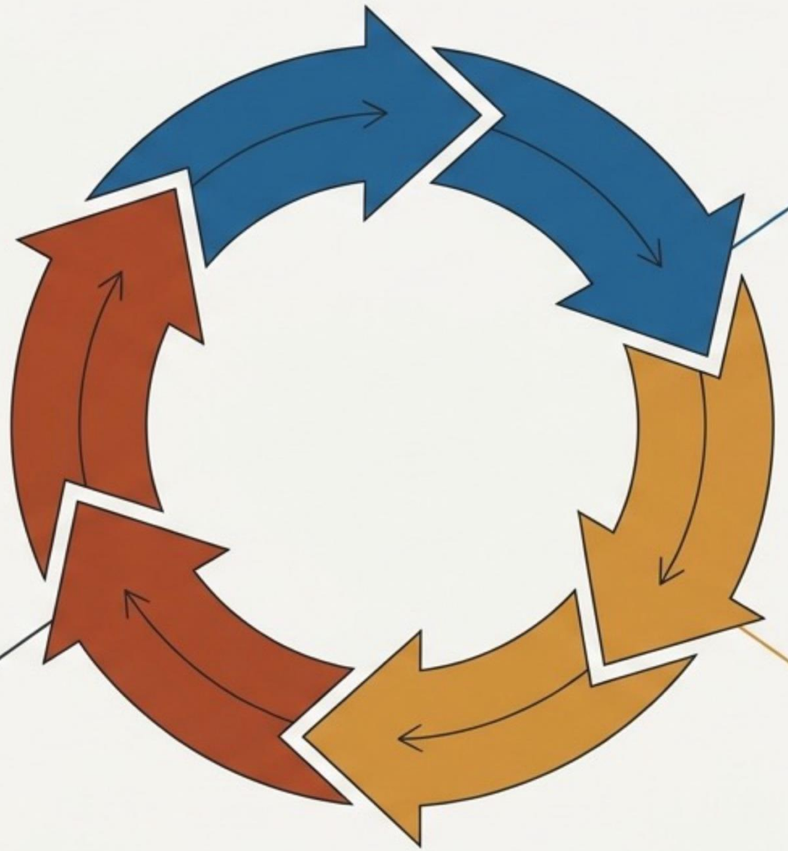
Three Pillars of Systemic Legal Impact



Creating Knowledge that Matters

Generating solutions through diverse disciplines, Indigenous knowledges, and rapid mobilization.

Empowering Learners

Translating theory into practice through innovative clinics and community-informed course delivery.

Reimagining Engagement

Advancing reconciliation and bridging the campus-community divide alongside external partners.

Research informs Practice. Practice drives Engagement. Engagement inspires Research.

Deploying Knowledge Through a Multi-Tiered Publishing Network

Diagnostic Comparison

Peer-Reviewed Foundations

Manitoba Law Journal (MLJ)

Founded in 1961.

Canadian Journal of Human Rights (CJHR)

Exploring humanitarian law and policy.

Rapid-Access Digital Blogs

Robsoncrim.com

Canada's premier Criminal Law & Criminology blog for community consumption.

Desautels Business Law Accelerator Blog

Producing state-of-business-law reports.

Manitoba's Access to Justice Hub

Scholarly blogs and biannual symposia for communities facing oppressions.

Mobilizing Expertise via Live Exchange and Structural Reform

Academic & Graduate Forums

- Master of Human Rights (MHR) Symposium - Students present to NGOs
- Conference of the Interdisciplinary Journal of Indigenous Inaakonigewin

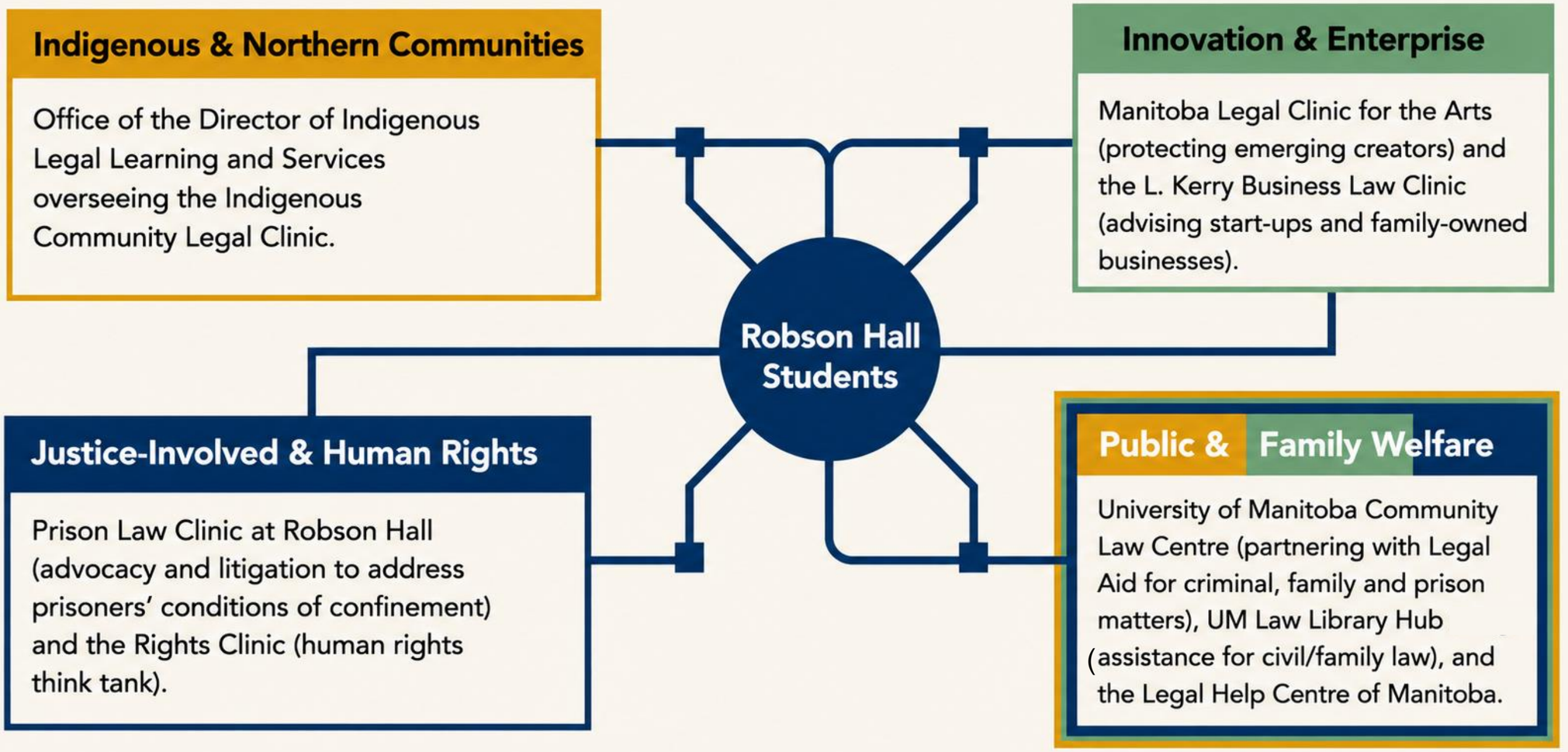
Rapid Professional Exchange

- MBA Robson Hall Lightning Rounds - Evening mobilization with lawyers and faculty
- Judicial Lunch and Learns & Pitblado Lectures

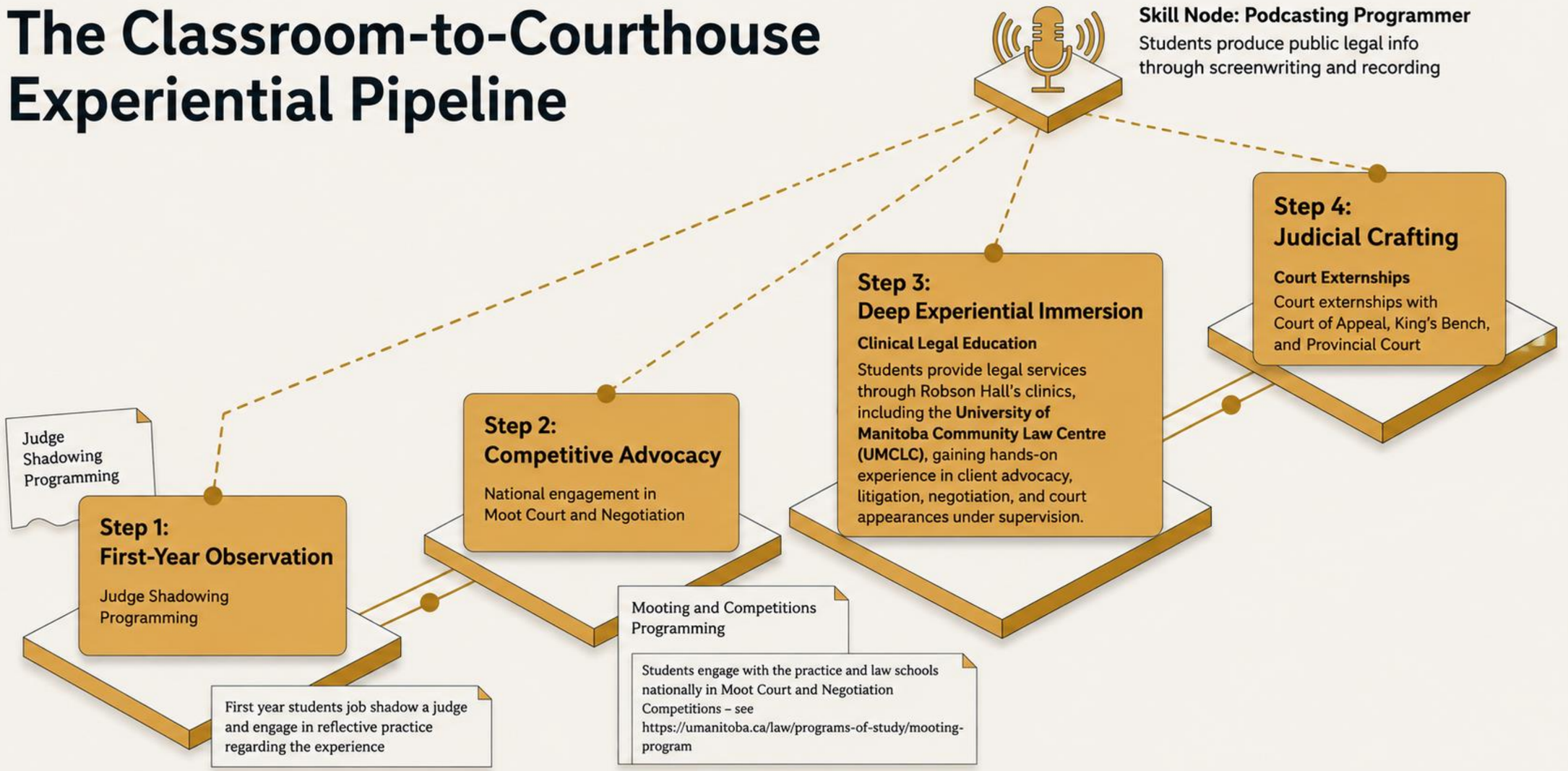
Funded Institutional Reform

- Legal Research Institute - Leveraging MB Law Foundation funding for JD student research
- MB Law Reform Commission - Utilizing faculty expertise for provincial legislative reform

An Ecosystem of Clinical Practice



The Classroom-to-Courthouse Experiential Pipeline



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Deep Immersion & Systems Navigation

Piece 1: Judicial Proximity

Court Externship Programs (Court of Appeal, King's Bench, Provincial). Students work directly with judges on legal research and writing to support judicial decision-making at the Courthouse.

Piece 2: Agency Embeddedness

Field Placement Programs. Deep policy work within organizations like Manitoba Justice, Public Interest Law Centre, and LEAF.

Piece 3: Modern Knowledge Translation

Podcasting Program. Students translate complex legal seminars into public information via production, screenwriting, and broadcasting.

The Physical and Structural Reconciliation Footprint

1

Governance Center: Truth and Reconciliation Action Team (TRAT)

'Truth and Reconciliation Action Team...'

'TRAT (made up of community members and chaired by DILLS) advises on Faculty governance, curriculum and admissions. Elder opens community events, orientation and consults with Dean and leaders and DILLS'

2

Cultural Center: Elder in Residence Programme.

Opening events, orientation, and Dean consultations.

3

Student Space: MILSA Office Allocation

Permanent physical space granted to the executive

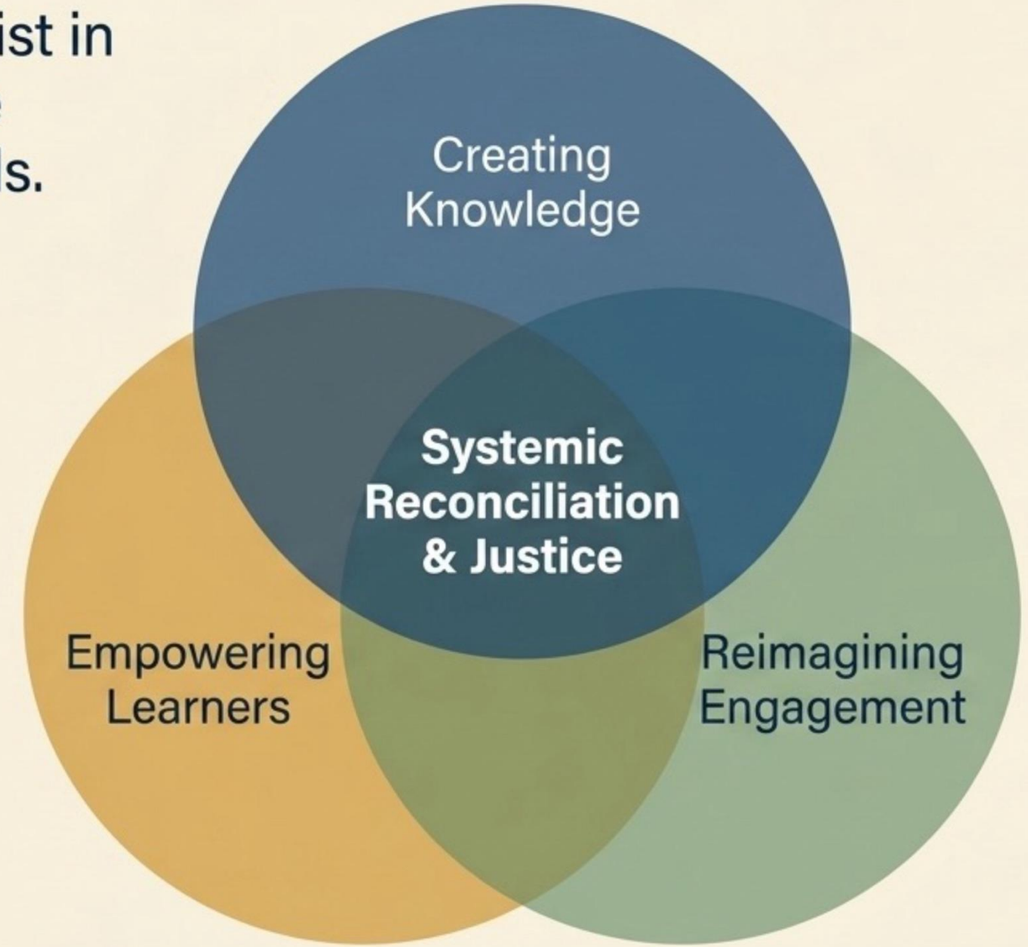
4

Visual IP Architecture: Turtle Mural Project

Sacred turtle mural serving as a structural catalyst to redraft central counsel IP contracts respecting Indigenous creators

The Integrated Law Experience

Themes do not exist in isolation. They are interwoven threads.



The Wâhkohtowin Thread

- Knowledge: We research Indigenous Economic Reconciliation.
- Learners: Students apply this in the Indigenous Rights Clinic.
- Engagement: Governed continuously by TRAT and the Elder in Residence.
- Result: A comprehensive, structural approach to changing the legal landscape.

Bridging Campus and Community Infrastructures

Global to Local Transitions

Internationally Trained Lawyer Program. Launching 2025 with MB Law Foundation funding, working with LSM and MBA to transition global lawyers into Canada.

Rural & Northern Outreach

Vickar and Arts Clinic. Student-led public legal education held in-community regarding economic reconciliation and IP protection.

Northern Legal Aid Externship. Student externs support legal services delivery in northern communities in partnership with Legal Aid Manitoba.

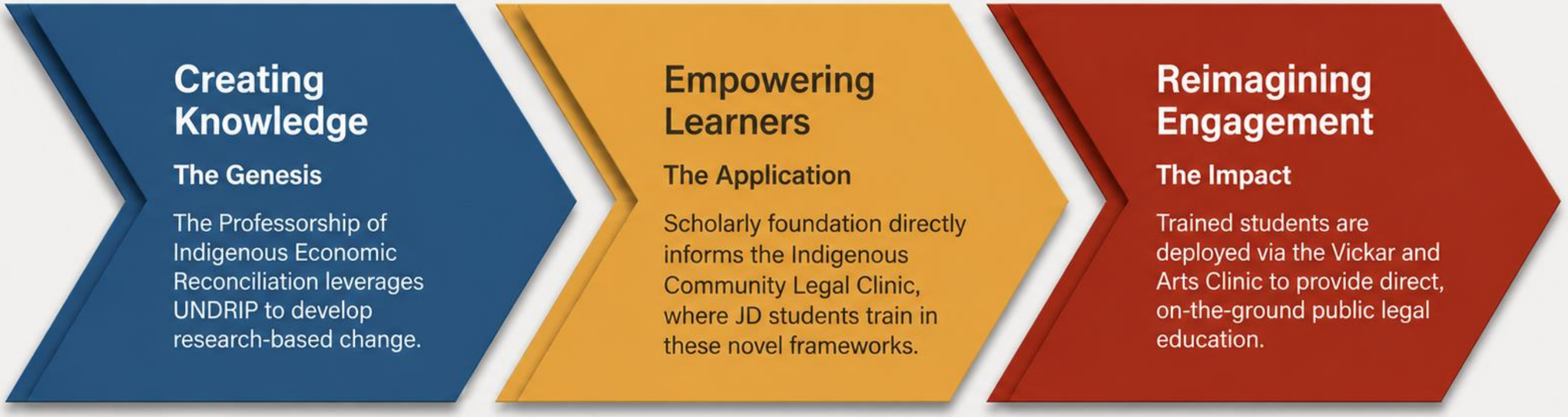
Linguistic Access

Access to Justice in French. Partnering with community to foster bilingual experiential learning.

Equity Infrastructure

Office of the Equity and Transformation Director. Conducting regular circle experiences and supporting student identity issues.

The Momentum Flywheel in Action: A Case Study in Reconciliation



UM Law does not silo its excellence. Research is forged into curriculum, which is immediately deployed as community service.

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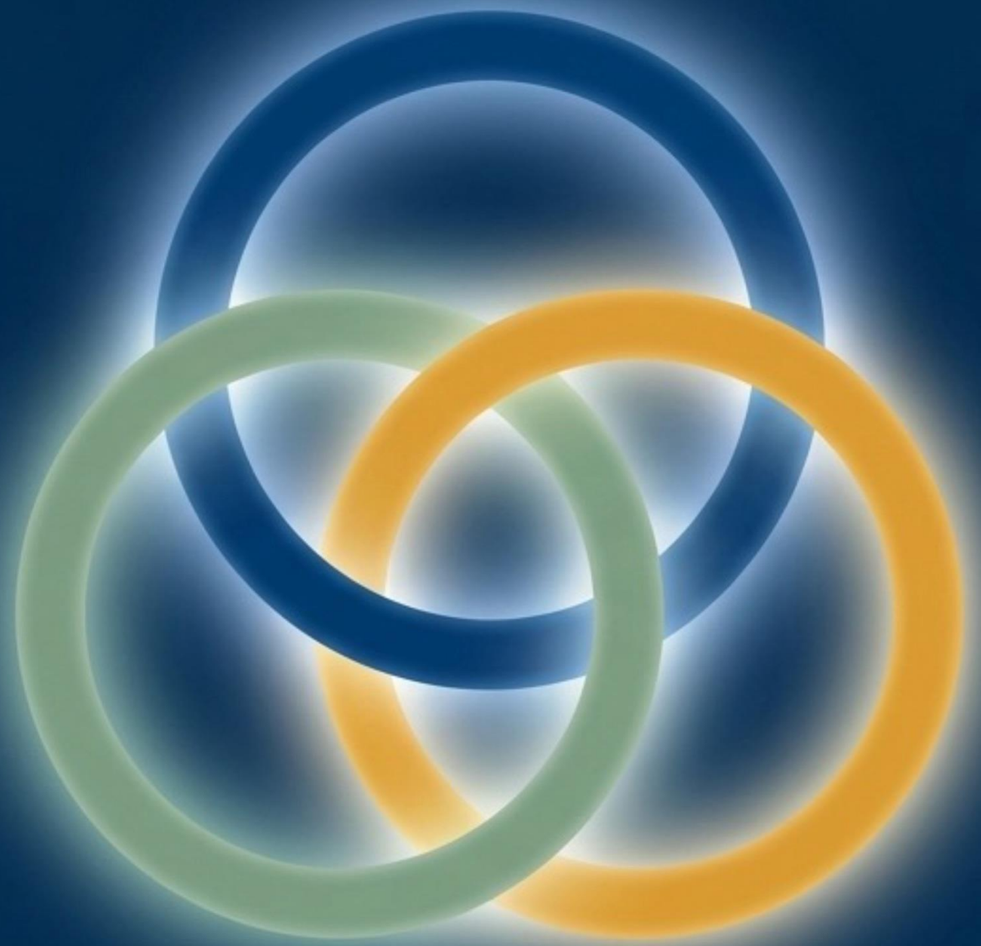
The Engine of Societal Change

The Faculty of Law is more than a center of academic excellence; it is an active architecture of impact. By transforming profound knowledge into empowered advocacy, we are not just observing the legal landscape—we are actively rebuilding it.



MomentUM: Moving Forward Together