

# SOUTHWESTERN



## Los Angeles' Law School

Celebrating

110 YEARS



# Message

## from the President and Dean

Southwestern Law School is a special place to study law.

For more than 110 years, we have cultivated passionate, creative, client-focused attorneys and leaders. As the second-oldest law school in Los Angeles, we have always sought outstanding students who have the passion and ability to advocate successfully for their clients, serve their communities, and be leaders in the profession. Our alumni serve as highly regarded attorneys, judges, government leaders, entrepreneurs, professors, and social activists. They've positively impacted their clients' lives, advanced justice, created jobs and businesses, taught generations of students, and improved society.

We are one of the most diverse law schools in the country, in one of the most diverse cities. We have an incredibly caring faculty and staff who go above and beyond every day and will invest enthusiastically in your growth and success.

Our students and alumni will welcome and embrace you. We have one of the most beautiful buildings in which to study law. We are regularly rated a top school for practical training. We have amazing public interest and social justice programs, renowned advocacy programs, and one of the best entertainment law programs in the country.

Many of our students and alumni are First-Gen. If you're also First-Gen, know that we have programs that will allow you to develop into a first-rate attorney. And we will provide you with incredible opportunities to help you navigate and integrate into the legal profession.

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“As a stand-alone private school, we do one thing: law. And we do it exceptionally well. We are a professional oasis where you can focus on becoming the best attorney possible. We are also agile and nimble, which allows us to adjust to a rapidly changing profession and world.”

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This viewbook provides a brief overview of our curriculum, programs, and opportunities. I also encourage you to visit campus and participate in our programming for prospective students. Most importantly, I hope you will consider applying to Southwestern and joining our tradition of excellence!

Best,

Darby Dickerson  
President and Dean

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A view of the Art Deco historic Bullocks Wilshire building.

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We have a J.D. program that fits you! Accelerate your graduation date, keep your day job, take the three-year path, or match your kids' school schedule.

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### Learn by Doing

Pursue a long-held passion or try a new specialty. Get real-world experience by externing, taking a clinic, or engaging in pro bono public-service projects.

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### Social Justice

Social justice has been our mission since 1911. Meet six faculty members whose work impacts policy, disrupts racism, and makes the world better.

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# SWLAW #Winning

Selected Points of Pride





Graduate celebrating at the 2022 Commencement Ceremony at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA.

# Unparalleled Choices:

## 5 J.D. Programs

Southwestern's J.D. programs allow students to earn 87 units at a pace that suits them. Whether following an accelerated, full-time, or part-time schedule, all students have access to 200+ electives, experiential opportunities, curricular concentrations, professional development programs, and co-curricular activities that complement classroom learning.



2 Years

### Accelerated J.D. Program (SCALE)

Complete your J.D. alongside a close-knit cohort of students. SCALE features a guaranteed externship; small, interactive classes; and flexibility to pursue your interests.



3 Years

### Full-Time Day J.D. Program

Pursue the full-time J.D. path and take advantage of myriad electives and co-curricular options, develop a broad legal network, and establish yourself on the career path of your choice.



4 Years

### Part-Time Day Caregiver J.D. Program (PLEAS)

Designed for child- and elder-caregivers, your first-year courses occur in the morning, so later in the day you can provide care for those who need you most.



4 Years

### Part-Time Day J.D. Program

Earn your J.D. during the day, but at a pace that allows for greater flexibility. Ideal for those who work evening hours or have outside responsibilities beyond school.



4 Years

### Part-Time Hybrid Evening J.D. Program

Keep your 9-to-5 job and earn your J.D. at the same time. It features a mix of in-person and online classes to minimize your commute but allow you to learn and forge deep connections.



Military veteran and current student studying in the Promenade.

**9:1**  
Student to  
Faculty Ratio

**14k**  
Alumni  
Network

**52%**  
Ethnic/  
Racial  
Diversity

**61**  
Full-Time  
Professors

**82**  
Adjunct  
Professors

# Joint-Degree Programs

## 3+3 B.A./J.D. Program

Cal State University Northridge (CSUN) and Southwestern Law School have established an accelerated multiple-degree program through which students can earn both their Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees in six years, rather than the usual seven. CSUN students' first year of law school counts as their fourth undergraduate year.

## J.D./M.B.A. Program

The joint-degree program offered through the Drucker School of Management and Southwestern Law School enable students to acquire the combination of legal training and management skills that is increasingly in demand in a complex global environment. By allowing students to engage in the institutions' unique curricula, the collaboration reflects the core values of both Drucker and Southwestern, and the genuine desire to prepare graduates for fulfilling careers that will make a positive difference in society.





# Finding Your Niche

J.D. Concentrations

Southwestern offers seven optional concentrations. The focus areas below illustrate ways you can customize your degree at Southwestern.

## Civil Litigation & Advocacy

The Civil Litigation & Advocacy Concentration, part of the Parish Civil Justice Program, prepares students for the courtroom and for law practice as litigators in law firms. Students take courses in litigation skills and assist with real litigation matters through clinics, externships, or practicum courses.

## Criminal Law & Advocacy

The Criminal Law & Advocacy Concentration provides a robust and engaging curriculum of specialized electives, clinics, and externship opportunities. This concentration is ideal for students interested in joining a District Attorney's or Public Defender's Office, exploring private practice, or with an eye on becoming a judge.

## Critical Race, Gender & Sexuality Studies

This new concentration challenges students to examine the law through a critical theory lens, focusing on race, gender, and sexuality perspectives. Coursework covers subjects such as civil rights, criminal law, employment law, family law, and immigration law, allowing students to develop a broad theoretical basis for understanding the law. Theory is then informed by hands-on experiences in clinics, externships, and practica.

## Entertainment & Media Law

The Entertainment & Media Law Concentration offers students a comprehensive program of innovative courses, the Entertainment & The Arts Clinic, and externship opportunities in one of the world's leading entertainment hubs. Offered in cooperation with the Biederman Entertainment & Media Law Institute, Southwestern's industry-focused curriculum is top-rated nationally. Externship opportunities include SAG-AFTRA, Universal, and Warner Bros.

## Labor & Employment Law

The Labor & Employment Law Concentration offers training in up to a dozen distinct practice areas relating to workplace law, from employment discrimination and wage-and-hour disputes to collective bargaining and workers' compensation. Students also learn through externships and classroom simulations.

## Public Interest Law

The Public Interest Law Concentration provides an engaging curriculum that encourages students to provide access to justice for underserved individuals and communities. The concentration offers a rich array of courses rooted in clinical and experiential-based skills building, substantive and theoretical legal training, and public-service opportunities, which are complemented by our unique location in the center of the Los Angeles public-interest-law corridor.

## Technology Law & Entrepreneurship

The Technology Law & Entrepreneurship Concentration prepares students for the fast-changing world of high-growth technology start-ups. Students can focus on the business-law side or the technology-law side, or select courses from both areas. Students also engage in practical skills courses to prepare for real-world practice.



**Professor Catherine Carpenter '76, Director of the Criminal Law & Advocacy Concentration, discussing concentrations options with a class.**

# Entertainment Institute

Award-Winning Programming



## Developing well-rounded practitioners and connecting students to the industry

Southwestern consistently ranks among the top ten law schools in the country for entertainment, music, and intellectual property law. Our Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute actively seeks opportunities to advance social justice and serves as a pipeline to diversify the legal profession within the entertainment industry.

The Institute complements a broad offering of entertainment, media, and intellectual property coursework with programs such as:

- **Externships:** Offering hands-on training at places like CBS, Rhino Entertainment, RKO Pictures, Slingshot Global Media, and Warner Music Group.
- **Biederman Scholars:** A select group of outstanding students invited to participate in a variety of unique initiatives, including an industry mentor program, behind-the-scenes roles in Institute events/programs, and priority placement in externships and law firm practica.
- **The Entertainment & the Arts Legal Clinic:** Attorney-supervised students advocate for performers, writers, composers, producers, directors, rights-holders, and others who need legal assistance with creative projects. The Clinic offers unrivaled opportunities to develop critical lawyering skills while building client trust and management experience. Services are pro-bono, but look for our Clinic logo in the credits of upcoming projects!
- **Summer in London and More:** The Institute sponsors a long-running study-abroad program, co-sponsors an international entertainment and media law conference, and produces a podcast based on its speaker series.



“ No other law school compares to Southwestern’s entertainment-related course offerings and experiential opportunities. The Institute’s programming and resources inspired and enabled me to pursue my dream of becoming an entertainment attorney.”

**Fernando Samayoa '24**

3L, Part-Time Evening

2023 Sheppard Mullin Summer Associate

Future Entertainment & Media Lawyer



Finalists in the 1L Intramural Moot Court Competition at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Pasadena, CA.

# Experiential Learning

## Externships, Legal Clinics, and Public-Service Programs

Students advocate for real clients in the real world.

Supported by a first-year curriculum that integrates practical knowledge and training alongside doctrinal learning, students step into the attorney role through 385+ externships, 8 legal clinics, 2 practica, our Public-Service Program, Public-Service Fellowships, and the Yoka-Panish Civil Justice Fellowships.

# Externships

One of the largest programs in the country

Our dedicated team helps students find externships in judicial, criminal defense, prosecution, corporate in-house, entertainment, public interest, law firm, and other settings. Externships provide invaluable learning experiences and are available to students in all five J.D. programs.

**385+**  
Externship  
Placements in  
2021-22

## A Sampling of Externship Placement Opportunities

### Entertainment

CMG Worldwide  
Escape Artists  
Paramount Pictures  
PBS, Office of General  
Counsel  
SAG-AFTRA  
Universal Music Group  
ViacomCBS  
Warner Bros.  
Warner Music Group

### Government

California Attorney  
General  
City Attorney's Office  
District Attorney's  
Office  
Federal Trade  
Commission  
Los Angeles Unified  
School District  
Public Defender's Office  
Securities and  
Exchange Commission  
U.S. Attorney's Office

### In-House Corporate Counsel

AT&T Ent. Group &  
DirecTV  
Anthem Blue Cross, Inc.  
California Association of  
Realtors  
TechStyle Fashion  
Group

### Judicial

California Court of  
Appeal  
California Superior  
Court  
California Supreme  
Court  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
U.S. District Court

### Public Interest

ACLU of Southern  
California  
Alliance for Children's  
Rights  
Asian Americans  
Advancing Justice  
Bet Tzedek Legal  
Services  
California Women's Law  
Center  
Central American  
Resource Center  
Children's Law Center  
Inner City Law Center  
LevittQuinn Family Law  
Center  
Los Angeles LGBT  
Center  
Legal Aid Foundation of  
Los Angeles  
Neighborhood Legal  
Services  
Public Counsel

### And Select Law Firms



Accelerated J.D. (SCALE) students discussing their externships.

# Clinics



Students with Professor Andrea Ramos, Director of Clinical Programs, in the Student Commons.

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Legal Clinics

150k+

Pro Bono  
Hours Donated in  
2019-21

\$13M

Monetary Value  
of Free Legal  
Services Provided  
to the Community  
Each Year

660

Clients Served  
during  
2019-21

- **Appellate Litigation Clinic:** Students litigate a pro-bono appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court, often participating in oral arguments based on their appellate brief.
- **Children's Rights Clinic:** Students represent low-income children in school discipline proceedings or children with disabilities in special education proceedings. They also work with community groups to advocate for equitable educational opportunities.
- **Community Lawyering Clinic:** Students staff the legal clinic at California State University, Northridge, representing clients in immigration matters, leading community presentations, and engaging in policy advocacy.
- **Entertainment & the Arts Legal Clinic:** Students provide production, business, and legal affairs services on independent documentary and feature films.
- **Eviction Defense Clinic:** Students represent low-income tenants being evicted or at risk of being evicted.
- **Family Law Clinic:** Students help protect domestic violence survivors, improve the well-being of children in poverty, empower people in need, and provide meaningful access to the courts.
- **Immigration Law Clinic:** Students represent children and adults in immigration matters where clients have been abused, neglected, abandoned, or victims of a crime.
- **Street Law Clinic:** Students teach local teenagers about their rights and provide legal information and resources to help them transition successfully to independent living.

**Note:** Licensed attorneys and clinical staff supervise all clinic students.

[www.swlaw.edu/clinics](http://www.swlaw.edu/clinics)

Some of the most rewarding hours in law school are those spent applying what you have learned in your classes to a real-world environment.

- **Practica:** Southwestern's Amicus Project Practicum and Immigration Appeals Practicum provide invaluable educational experiences through real-life practice under the close supervision of faculty and practitioners.
- **Public-Service Program:** Students are encouraged to complete at least 75 pro bono service hours throughout their time at Southwestern. Students develop practical lawyering skills such as client interviewing, document preparation/drafting, issue spotting, etc., while simultaneously providing vital legal services to the community.
- **Judge Harry Pregerson Public-Service Fellowships:** Made possible by the Rodan Family Foundation, the Pregerson legacy programs honor Judge Harry Pregerson, who served nearly 40 years on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and influenced both the physical and social landscape of Los Angeles through his professional and philanthropic work. Harry's Boot Camp is a robust, day-long program providing community service and highlighting skill-building for public-interest law practice. JHP Public-Service Fellowships provide financial assistance to students dedicated to working with underserved communities and worthy causes.

Group study session in one of the student lounges at The Residences @7th.





“As a Southwestern student, I learned that understanding a client’s situation and making them feel heard is just as important as knowing the law.”

Dean Matsuyama '23  
4L, Part-Time Evening  
Future Public Interest Lawyer



# Justice for All Humans

#StopHate, Xenophobia, and Discrimination

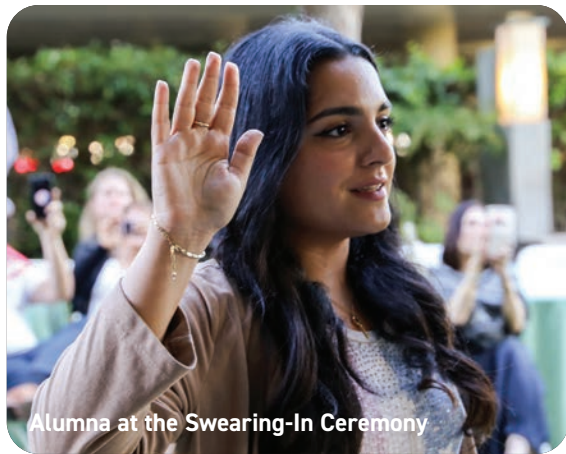
Southwestern empowers students to change the world and has responded to human rights issues, xenophobia, and discrimination through innovative programming:

- **Russian War Against Ukraine:** A Ukrainian-born Southwestern professor led a discussion about the global response to the Russian war and the Ukrainian fight for democracy.
- **Stop Asian Hate:** Alongside local organizations, Southwestern co-hosted interactive sessions about how to respond to Anti-Asian/American harassment, including bystander intervention techniques and self-care practices.
- **Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization:** Within days of the historic ruling in *Dobbs*, Southwestern hosted an expert panel to engage the community in discussions about the underlying legal issues, the practical effects of the decision, and the landscape ahead.
- **Lawyer-Harriets Help:** In the wake of the *Dobbs* decision, student volunteers partnered with the Women Lawyers Association Los Angeles to launch the Overground Reproductive Law Project, providing legal research and support to advance reproductive access.
- **Armenian Genocide Remembrance:** Southwestern hosts an annual Armenian Genocide Remembrance. Last year, the program featured international lawyer Karnig Kerkonian and author Dr. Maria Armoudian in a program on Justice and Accountability for Artsakh and Armenia.



Students at the annual Armenian Genocide Remembrance.

2022-23 Dean's Fellows



Alumna at the Swearing-In Ceremony



Student in the Leigh H. Taylor Law Library



# Your Success Is Our Success!

## Academic Success and Bar Preparation

Law school is challenging. But from the beginning, Southwestern supports your legal education journey with one-on-one support including peer mentorship, research-backed teaching methods, customized writing instruction, and meaningful relationships with faculty focused on your learning. We've got your back!

- **Academic Success & Bar Preparation Department:** Faculty facilitate courses, workshops, student programs, and one-on-one counseling sessions to help students build practical study skills and understand their learning styles.
- **Bison Boot Camp:** Entering students participate in a free, week-long intensive course during the summer, practicing the skills needed to succeed during their first year of law school, and beyond. Campers get a head start on what to expect once classes begin.
- **Dean's Fellows:** Upper-division students with track records of academic achievement mentor new students and help them develop crucial skills such as time management, reading and briefing cases, and outlining.
- **The Writing Center:** Faculty and students with a demonstrated capacity for legal writing guide other students through written assignments and drafting exercises. Writing Center staff go beyond proofreading and help students develop the skills necessary to be confident and exceptional legal writers. Additionally, the Writing Center hosts the Storytelling Project, a speaker series based on the concept that all lawyers must tell stories.
- **Bison Bar Pass:** Southwestern has developed a supplemental bar preparation program tailored to our graduates' needs. Students benefit from bespoke services, including individualized feedback, unlimited review of practice exams and essays, simulated exams, and customized study schedules—usually available only through private tutoring.

Students from the three advocacy honors programs at the annual intramural banquet.

# Advocacy Honors Programs and Journals



## Recent Wins

**1st**

2021 All Star  
Bracket &  
National Trial  
Advocacy  
Challenge  
Competition

**Finalist**

2021  
Charleston  
School of  
Law National  
Moot Court  
Competition

**1st**

2020 ABA  
National  
Negotiation  
Competition



## Southwestern has 3 advocacy honors programs and 3 journals:

- **Moot Court Honors Program:** Students conduct legal research on hypothetical cases, draft appellate court briefs, and present oral arguments before panels of justices in national competitions.
  - **Negotiation Honors Program:** Students negotiate a deal on behalf of a hypothetical client and learn how to advocate for client interests, marshal favorable and unfavorable facts, and interact civilly with adversaries in various competition settings.
  - **Trial Advocacy Honors Program:** Student teams represent fictional clients in mock trials against opposing counsel/teams. Advocates master the rules of evidence, present opening statements, examine witnesses, argue objections, and deliver closing arguments.
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- **Southwestern Law Review:** Students select and edit articles from leading practitioners and legal theorists. Students also research and write their own articles, some of which are published.
  - **Southwestern Journal of International Law:** Students receive meaningful opportunities to develop legal research and writing skills as they enhance their knowledge of international law issues and complement their international and comparative law coursework.
  - **Journal of International Media & Entertainment Law:** In cooperation with the American Bar Association's Forums on Communications Law and the Entertainment and Sports Industries, our Entertainment & Media Law Institute publishes an academic journal. Students provide editorial support alongside an editorial board composed of prominent legal scholars and practitioners.

# Meet Six Faces of Social Justice

From criminal law to civil procedure, property to entertainment, and throughout our clinics and courses—Southwestern faculty approach their respective fields through the lens of social justice.

## Meera E. Deo

The Honorable Vaino Spencer  
Chair



A national expert on legal education, racial representation, and diversity, equity, and inclusion, Professor Deo encourages students to share perspectives and learn from the diverse experiences of those in her classes. These interactions inform her scholarly research, which focuses on the intersection of legal academia and race, gender, caregiver status, and other positionalities.

Her book, *Unequal Profession: Race and Gender in Legal Academia*, and her prior practice as an ACLU Fellow and staff attorney for public-interest firms, are just a few of the accomplishments she brings to the classroom.

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### Selected Courses

Evidence  
Race & Law

## Isabelle Gunning Catherine Carpenter

Mayor Tom Bradley Professor  
of Law



Professor Gunning pursued law school for the same reason many Southwestern students do: to support progressive change in society while working across differences in political, economic, and social perspectives. A former public defender, she now focuses her scholarship on conflict resolution, restorative justice, multicultural dialogue, and the search for shared values within social power dynamics.

From a practice standpoint of alternative dispute resolution and mediation, she regularly engages with local community groups to facilitate conflict resolution among Los Angeles' diverse populations.

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### Selected Courses

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Evidence

The Honorable Arleigh M. Woods  
and William T. Woods Chair



Named four times to *The National Jurist's* "Top 25 Most Influential People in Legal Education" list, Professor Carpenter is a leading authority on law school curricula and a nationally renowned criminal law scholar, focusing on sex crimes and sex offender registration laws. Her research and publications center on how sex offense laws and sentencing impact the prosecuted individual and society at large.

With an eye toward societal reintegration, particularly for juvenile offenders, Professor Carpenter advocates for criminal justice reform and promotes new perspectives within the field.

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### Selected Courses

Criminal Law  
Criminal Law Seminar: Sex Crimes

“ The joys of teaching—and learning from—students are unmatched. The seeds of learning that we plant today, with *justice* as our banner, blossom bright with possibilities for a better tomorrow.”

Professor Kevin J. Greene

## John Heilman

Professor of Law



Professor Heilman's experiences as an eight-term Mayor of West Hollywood and City Council member, and his leadership in civic and cultural organizations, make him particularly well-suited to educate his students on the impact of legal policy on real-life scenarios. He challenges students to think critically about their classroom learning and develop a coherent understanding of prevailing legal frameworks.

He recently instituted Southwestern's summer program on sexual orientation and gender identity and helped to establish the Eviction Defense Clinic.

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### Selected Courses

Community Property  
Property  
Torts

## Julia Vázquez

Clinical Professor of Law  
and Director, Public Interest  
Law Concentration



As the director for both Southwestern's Immigration Law Clinic and the Public Interest Concentration, Professor Vázquez works closely with students to develop critical practical lawyering skills, such as client interviewing, issue spotting, legal advocacy, and trauma-informed approaches to practice. Under her guidance, students achieve positive outcomes for immigrants who have been the victims of crimes and qualify for various forms of immigration relief.

Through the Clinic's work, innumerable Angelenos now have a path toward stability and security.

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### Selected Courses

Community Lawyering Clinic  
Critical Race Theory Seminar  
Removal Defense Clinic

## Kevin J. Greene

John J. Schumacher Chair



Professor Greene's pioneering research and scholarship on African-American music artists and intellectual property law have garnered him national recognition as an advocate for copyright reform and reparations within the music industry. His goals of achieving justice for Black artists and recognizing their contributions to American music and culture have led him to introduce copyright law to new audiences in the hopes of inspiring legal, social, and industry change. His roles as an entertainment litigator and expert witness further enhance the experiences he brings to the classroom.

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### Selected Courses

Copyright Law  
Entertainment Law

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# Bison Life & Culture

Southwestern provides students with holistic support so they can pursue diverse interests and emerge as well-rounded professionals comfortable interacting in the legal profession, business, government, and other circles of influence.

- **Peer Mentor Program:** Entering students are paired with a Peer Mentor who helps them adapt to campus life and guides them to academic and social resources throughout the first year of law school.
- **BisonCares:** Designed to help students navigate the stressors of law school and nurture their mental health, BisonCares offers online counseling services, access to the Headspace app, and a 24/7 support line.
- **Professional Clothes Closet:** A no-cost clothes closet allows students to find business and business-casual clothing and accessories for networking events, interviews, career fairs, externships, and other professional events.
- **Food Pantry:** Contains free, non-perishable food and toiletry items for current students, employees, and their immediate family.
- **Student Professional Development Fund:** Program to help fund student participation in professional conferences.
- **Student Bar Association:** A representative body that advocates for students' interests, supports student organizations, and implements visionary programs that enhance the campus community and provide a platform for student voices.

## 40+ Student Orgs

Advocates for Children's Rights  
American Constitution Society  
Armed Forces Law Society  
Armenian Law Students Association  
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association  
BISONG A Capella Group  
Black Law Students Association  
Christian Legal Society  
Consumer Law Society  
Criminal Law Society  
Delta Theta Phi  
Entertainment Law Society  
Environmental Law Society  
Family and Dependency Law Society  
Federalist Society  
First-Generation Law Student Association  
Homelessness Prevention Law Project  
Immigration Law Students Association  
Intellectual Property Law Society  
International Law Society  
Jewish Growth Society  
Jewish Law Students Association  
Labor and Employment Law Association  
Law and Medicine Society  
Law Commentator  
Latino Law Students Association  
Mass Incarceration Awareness Law Society  
Mindfulness in Law Society  
Music Law Society  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Lawyers Guild  
OUTLaw (LGBTQ+ Student Org)  
Parents Attending Law School  
Persian and Middle Eastern Law Students Association  
Public Interest Law Committee  
The Southwestern Golf Society  
Space Law Society  
Sports Law Society  
Student Bar Association  
Students for Technology Law & Entrepreneurship  
Tax Law Society  
Video Game Law Society  
Women's Law Association

## Recent Recognition

for Southwestern's Student Bar Association

**1st**  
2021+2022  
ABA  
Student Bar  
Association  
Award

**1st**  
2021+2022  
ABA Judy M.  
Weightman  
Memorial  
Public Interest  
Award

**1st**  
2021  
ABA Dean  
Henry  
J. Ramsey,  
Jr. Diversity  
Award

[www.swlaw.edu/bisonlife](http://www.swlaw.edu/bisonlife)



“Southwestern students are not only mighty but also have grit and perseverance. We know what it means to work hard and hustle to make opportunities. And that is just in the natural makeup of our student body.”

Erica Jansson '21

Judicial Clerk for Chief Judge Philip S. Gutierrez  
of the Central District of California



**We are the  
Bison herd**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Largest  
California  
Academic  
Law Library

**17**

Classrooms  
and Seminar  
Rooms

**21**

Library Study  
Rooms



Michael F.  
Crowe Award  
by the Art Deco  
Society  
of California



Students at the Porte Cochere, the main entrance to the Bullocks Wilshire building.

# Campus Facilities

Once home to L.A.'s brightest stars and now fostering L.A.'s brightest students, Southwestern's historic Bullocks Wilshire building contains an expansive law library, one of three campus courtrooms, a fitness center and cafeteria, comfortable study spaces, and room for collaboration among students and faculty who embrace our open-door policy.

Classroom learning takes place both in Bullocks Wilshire and our second academic facility just next door, the Westmoreland building. With additional courtrooms, vast legal clinic spaces, and student services such as the Externship Office and Career Services Office, students can easily find their way around our intimate, yet fully-equipped, campus.

A tree-lined Promenade, lush outdoor courtyard, and quiet student apartment building round out the campus spaces and provide peaceful environments for study and growth. Just minutes from downtown, steps away from the Metro, and surrounded by opportunity, Southwestern's campus is an oasis within L.A.'s urban landscape.

# On-Campus Housing: The Residences @7th

Move-in-ready apartments provide space and privacy in studio, one-, and two-bedroom options. Enjoy fully furnished rooms, including EnergyStar appliances in the kitchen, in-unit washer and dryer, television with basic cable, internet, and 24-hour on-site security.

With 133 units serving as home to more than 150 students, the Residences extend Southwestern's student-centered approach to legal education. Learn with peers in group-study rooms or relax in a comfortable residential lounge. Spend time outdoors on the sun deck or in a central courtyard that connects to the main campus. Additional amenities such as library-connected printing, community BBQ area, basketball court, and dedicated parking create a convenient home base for your legal education.



Students at the BBQ area of the on-campus housing, The Residences @7th.



[www.swlaw.edu/housing](http://www.swlaw.edu/housing)

**156**

Los Angeles  
County  
District  
Attorneys

**132**

Los Angeles  
County  
Public  
Defenders

**500+**

Externship,  
Clinical, and  
Practica  
Placements

# Los Angeles' Law School

A view of a Los Angeles sunset at Elysian Park, overlooking downtown L.A.

**Join 110+ years of graduates who have shaped the practice of law in Los Angeles. Make your mark on a city that invites innovation, expects excellence, and has a niche for you.**



**Let Our Voices  
Be Heard**





# Equity, Inclusion & Belonging

“ My morning affirmation has been the same throughout my legal education journey— ‘remember, this is your meant to be.’ I came to law school to help people with limited access to justice. It is important for Black people to thrive, not just exist.”

Angel Ajala '22  
Recent Graduate, Full-Time Day  
Future Public Interest Lawyer



Southwestern’s Task Force for Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging is a dedicated team of faculty, staff, students, and alumni charged with addressing essential issues relating to the diversity and inclusiveness of our community. Its overarching goal is to address critical EIB issues and enact positive changes so that Southwestern’s entire community feels valued and included.

Southwestern has embraced and promoted equity, inclusion, and belonging since its 1911 inception. But our work is not finished. We engage in honest conversations, examine existing structures, and embrace change as we help to make the legal profession and society more inclusive and just.

# LGBTQ+ Representation


Southwestern's OUTLaw student organization supports students with a network of nurturing connections and meaningful interactions with other LGBTQ+ individuals and allies. OUTLaw promotes the visibility and unity of the LGBTQ+ community at Southwestern Law School and in the Los Angeles area. OUTLaw's overarching mission is to educate the community about legal and social conflicts and issues that affect LGBTQ+ individuals and allies.

Southwestern's LGBTQ+ programming includes:

- **Focused Coursework:** Southwestern offers courses on sexual orientation and gender identity law, including Beyond Marriage Equality, Immigration and LGBTQ+ Youth in Systems of Care, and Transgender Law.
- **Curricular Concentration:** Southwestern offers a concentration in related to Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and summer courses related to sexual orientation and gender identity.
- **Dedicated Scholarships:** Be sure to contact the Dean of Students and Diversity Affairs about scholarship opportunities.



OUTLaw Board Members with students at the SBA Club Fair.



“Representing Southwestern’s LGBTQ+ community helped me understand our school’s commitment to inclusion and belonging. I plan to incorporate this mindset into my future social justice work. I am grateful to be a part of such a diverse and welcoming community.”

**Jacob Halajian '22**

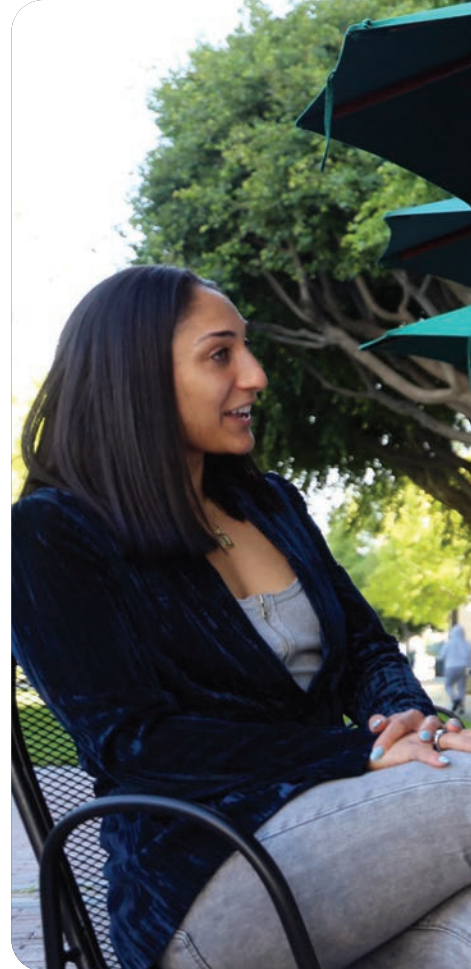
Recent Graduate, Full-Time Day  
Former OUTLaw Vice President  
Future Entertainment Attorney

# Career Services

Student meeting with one of Southwestern's Career Services professionals, Elizabeth Bernstein.



Students at the Dean's Merit Scholars reception in Burbank, CA.



# 94%

Class of 2021  
Graduates &  
Bar Passers Are  
Employed  
(as of March 15, 2022)

# 282

Employers  
Participated in  
the On-Campus  
Interview Program

# 3k

Opportunities  
Posted to the  
Simplicity  
Job Board

## Students begin working with the Career Services Office during their first semester.

The Career Services Office (CSO) partners with students and alumni about all aspects of their career development through individual career counseling, specialized programming, and extensive resources. The CSO sponsors recruitment programs, networking events, and other initiatives to connect students with private, public, and judicial sector employers. CSO trains students on personal and skills-based self-assessment, effective job search campaigns and strategies, workplace professionalism, and the diverse range of career opportunities available.

Recruitment platforms include OCI (on-campus interview program), the Fall Firm Reception, and the Public Interest/Public Sector Career Day. Students can access an extensive database of current job openings and innovative career-building programs and resources. Active employers include law firms and business organizations; local, state, and federal government agencies; local and national public-interest organizations; and local, state, and federal judiciaries.



[www.swlaw.edu/careers](http://www.swlaw.edu/careers)

Students relaxing in the Promenade outside the Westmoreland building.

# Criminal Justice Reform

Southwestern at the forefront

Southwestern alumni have long excelled in criminal law and advocacy. In Los Angeles County, approximately 150 alumni serve as Deputy District Attorneys, about 130 alumni serve as Deputy Public Defenders, and many more are private criminal defense counsel. Additionally, about 100 Southwestern alumni currently serve as judges in Southern California, and two Southwestern alumni have served as Presiding Judges in Southern California for Los Angeles County and Ventura County.

Southwestern professors with backgrounds in practicing and studying criminal law bring real-life experiences and cutting-edge theories to the classroom to help train creative, competent, and compassionate advocates.

- **Externship Examples:** Extern in state and federal prosecutor and public defender offices to learn the criminal-justice system from the inside.
- **Honors Opportunities:** The Trial Advocacy Honors Program helps students learn the law and refine essential litigation skills by competing in mock trials against other law schools. Students learn to persuade with poise while mastering the rules of evidence, courtroom presentation techniques, and other trial skills.
- **Concentration:** Students who complete the Criminal Law & Advocacy Concentration with the requisite GPA receive an honors notation on their transcripts.
- **Selected Coursework:** Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Immigration Law & Crimes, Restorative Justice, Youth at Risk: Exploring the Juvenile Justice System, White Collar Crime, and Wrongful Convictions.

“Being in court, representing real clients showed me that I hold power to change a broken system. Southwestern has given me the tools necessary for a successful legal career, and my externships led me to a future in public service.”

**Laura Lascoe '22**

Recent Graduate,  
Accelerated J.D. (SCALE)  
Future Criminal Justice Advocate in  
Washington, D.C.



Camille Vasquez '10  
Partner at Brown Rudnick LLP





Southwestern alumni have made an indelible mark on Los Angeles and the broader legal community by holding distinguished political positions and leadership roles and achieving outstanding results in the courtroom. Alumni practice in legal markets across the United States and around the world.

- **J. Bernard Alexander '86**, top plaintiffs' employment lawyer and founding partner of Alexander Morrison + Fehr
- **Tom Bradley '56**, five-term Mayor of Los Angeles who attended Southwestern part-time while serving as a beat cop for the LAPD
- **Anna Darr '09**, Holocaust Survivor Services Elder Law Attorney, Bet Tzedek
- **Ellin Davtyan '05**, General Counsel, State Bar of California
- **Julian C. Dixon '67**, U.S. Congressman for twenty-two years
- **Christian Dowell '05**, Associate General Counsel at Twitter
- **Sarah Hacker '05**, first-female District Attorney in Kings County, CA
- **Shawn Holley '88**, Partner at Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump Holley LLP and the only female attorney on the O.J. Simpson criminal defense team
- **Neville L. Johnson '75**, Founding Partner, Johnson & Johnson, LLP, named a "Legal Legend" by *The Hollywood Reporter*, representing clients like William Shatner
- **Jamie Ostroff '03**, California Medical Association's Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel
- **Brian J. Panish '84**, Named Partner at Panish | Shea | Boyle | Ravipudi LLP, top plaintiffs' attorney and highlighted in *The American Lawyer* as a 2022 West Trailblazer
- **Daniel M. Petrocelli '80**, Partner and Vice Chair at O'Melveny & Myers who was recently honored by *The American Lawyer* as "Litigator of the Year"
- **Gerardo Pinedo '05**, Yolo County Administrator for the State of California
- **Abbi Silver '89**, Associate Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court
- **Jordan Thomas '95**, prominent attorney representing federal securities law whistleblowers and recently profiled in *The New Yorker*
- **Camille Vasquez '10**, Partner at Brown Rudnick LLP and attorney representing clients such as Johnny Depp
- **Christine Wood '13**, Partner at Best Best & Krieger who was recently profiled in the *Diversity Journal's* Black Leaders Worth Watching List

# Financial Aid

Southwestern Law School offers various forms of financial aid, including scholarships, loans, and work-study.

Financial aid counselors help students design a financial aid plan that meets their needs and allows them to focus on their law school education.

Southwestern is a Yellow Ribbon School. Veterans who are interested in the program may contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.



**98%**

Students Receiving Financial Aid in 2021-22

**438**

Students Awarded CARES Act and Bison Emergency Funding Grants

## Tips for Navigating the Financial Aid Process at Southwestern

- ① Don't wait to be admitted before you complete your FAFSA—APPLY NOW; it's FREE. The official deadline is June 1.
- ② The FAFSA ([www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)) is the only required application. Available October 1.
- ③ Southwestern's federal school code is G01295 (G zero 1295).

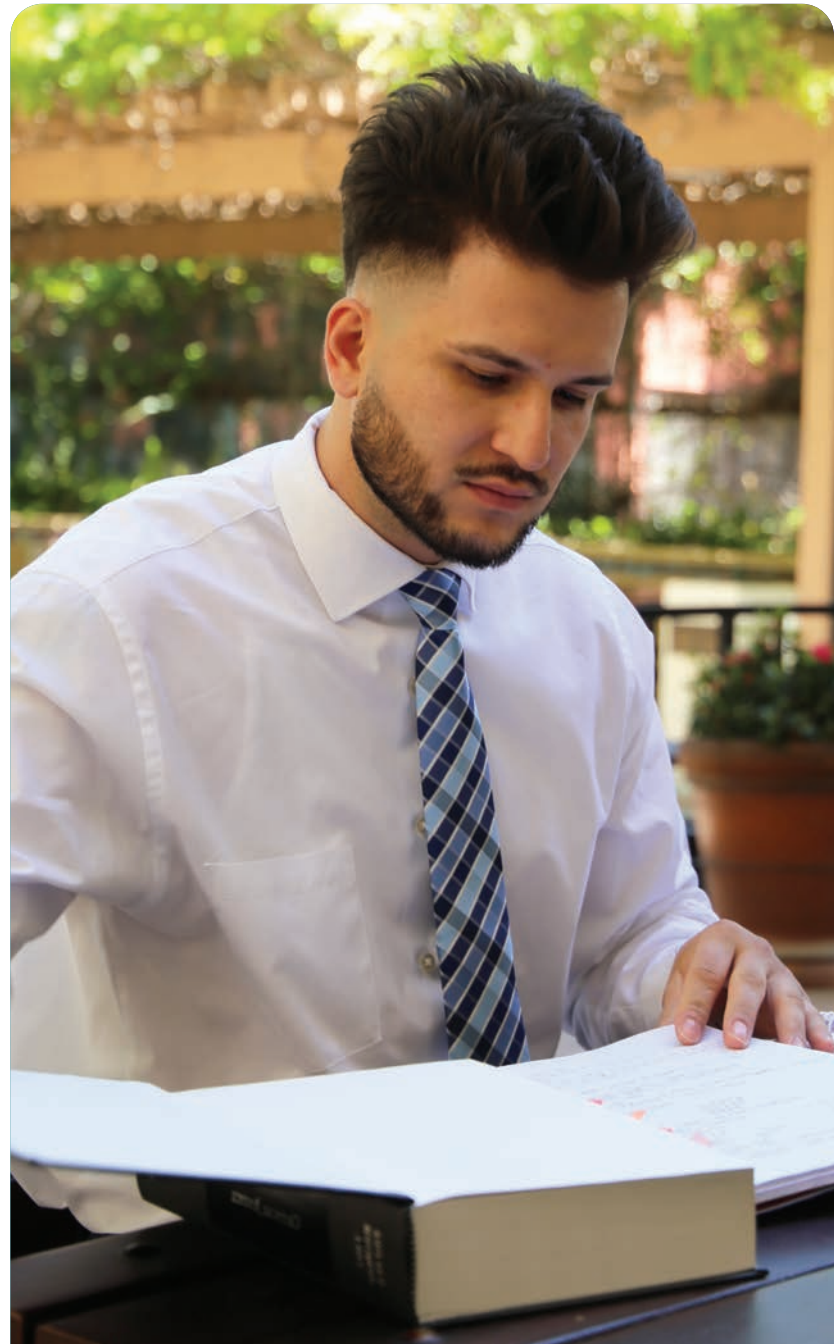
## 2022-23 J.D. Program Tuition

	Fall	Spring	Annual Tuition
Full-time	\$28,073	\$28,073	\$56,146
Part-time	\$18,723.50	\$18,723.50	\$37,447

## Accelerated J.D. Program (SCALE)

	Per Quarter	Quarters Per Year	Summer	Annual Tuition
1L	\$19,719.50	4	n/a	\$78,878
2L	\$19,719.50	4	\$7,484	\$86,3624

**Note:** The above figures reflect tuition for the 2022-23 academic year. Tuition and fees are subject to change. Visit [www.swlaw.edu/tuition](http://www.swlaw.edu/tuition) for complete details and the most recent figures.



# Year-by-Year Curriculum Comparison

Every Southwestern student takes 87 units, regardless of their J.D. program. The charts below provide a side-by-side look at how the required curriculum is divided up during each year of study. The charts list required courses for your first year and beyond, but remember that you'll also have the opportunity to pursue a wide variety of electives and experiential coursework!\*



## Full-Time Day Program

1L
<b>Required Courses</b>
Civil Procedure I and II
Contracts I and II
Criminal Law
Elective
Foundations of Law and Practice
LAWS I and II
Torts or
Property
2L
Business Associations
Constitutional Law I and II
Evidence
Before Graduation
Constitutional Criminal Procedure
Experiential Requirement
Legal Profession
Upper-Division Writing Requirement

## Part-Time Programs

1L
<b>Required Courses</b>
Contracts I and II
Criminal Law
LAWS I and II
Foundations of Law and Practice
Torts
2L
Civil Procedure I and II
Constitutional Law I and II
Electives
Property
3L
Business Associations
Evidence
Before Graduation
Constitutional Criminal Procedure
Experiential Requirement
Legal Profession
Upper-Division Writing Requirement

## Accelerated J.D. Program (SCALE)

1L	2L
<b>Required Courses</b>	Quarter 5 (10 weeks)
<b>Quarter 1 (11 weeks)</b>	Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies
Contracts I	Community Property
Foundations of Law and Practice	Constitutional Law I
Introduction to Lawyering	Legislation, International Business Transactions, or Elective
LAWS I	<b>Quarter 6 (10 weeks)</b>
Torts	Business Associations
<b>Quarter 2 (12 weeks)</b>	Constitutional Law II
Contracts II	MBE: Skills and Strategies
Criminal Law	Required Fall Elective in lieu of Legislation or International Business Transactions
Evidence Law and Practice I	Fall Elective
Foundations of Law and Practice	<b>Quarter 7 (10 weeks)</b>
Legal Profession	Intersession Course
<b>Quarter 3 (11 weeks)</b>	MBE: Skills and Strategies
Civil Litigation	Representing Entrepreneurs or Spring Elective
Evidence Law and Practice II	Wills and Trusts
Property	<b>Quarter 8 (10 weeks)</b>
<b>Quarter 4 (11 weeks)</b>	Mandatory 8-week Externship
Copyright or Negotiation and Dispute Resolution	MBE: Skills and Strategies
Criminal Procedure	Required Spring Elective
Jurisdiction	Trial Advocacy or Spring Elective
LAWS II	
Lecture Series on the Profession	
Remedies	
<b>Summer Session (10 weeks)</b>	
Independent Study on the Profession	
Options:	
Summer-Abroad Program	
Summer Elective Course(s)	
Summer Externship	

## Bar Readiness Curriculum (all programs)

Before Graduation
<b>Required Courses</b>
Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies
Community Property
MBE: Skills and Strategies
Remedies
Wills and Trusts

\*Course selection is subject to change. Course descriptions are available at [www.swlaw.edu/courses](http://www.swlaw.edu/courses).

# Current Courses

## Alternative Dispute Resolution

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Negotiation & Dispute Resolution

## Business Organization and Practice

Agency & Partnership  
Antitrust Law  
Bankruptcy  
Business Associations  
Representing Entrepreneurs  
Corporate M&A  
Cyberlaw  
Cybersecurity Law  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting Tech Agreements  
Employment Based Immigration Law  
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation  
Evolution of Cannabis Law  
Externships (various)  
Gambling Law  
Insurance Law  
International Business Transactions  
Labor Law  
Products Liability  
Securities Regulation  
Taxation of Business Entities  
Video Game Agreements

## Civil Litigation and Advocacy

Admin Law Legal Research  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Amicus Project Practicum  
Appellate Litigation Clinic  
Appellate Process & Brief Drafting  
Art of Persuasion  
CA Civil Discovery  
Employment Law  
Mass Tort Litigation  
Civil Litigation  
Civil Pretrial Practice  
Civil Procedure I & II  
Courtroom Procedure 101  
Entertainment & Media Litigation  
Evidence  
Evidence Law & Practice I and II  
Externships (various)  
Insurance Law  
Jurisdiction  
Legislation  
Products Liability  
Remedies  
Trial Advocacy

## Constitutional Law

Constitutional Law I & II  
Critical Race Theory Seminar  
Defamation, Privacy, Publicity Election Law  
Employment-Based Immigration Law  
Evolution of Cannabis Law  
Gambling Law  
Habeas Corpus Litigation  
Law & Religious Inst. Seminar  
Mass Media Law  
National Security Law  
Prison Law & Mass Incarceration  
Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation Discrimination  
Special Education Law Seminar  
Transgender Law  
Women & the Law Seminar  
Wrongful Convictions

## Contracts and Commercial Law

Antitrust Law  
Bankruptcy  
Contracts I & II  
Corporate M&A  
Cyberlaw  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting Real Estate Transactions  
Drafting Tech Agreements  
Gambling Law  
Insurance Law  
International Business Transactions  
Music Industry Contracts  
Neg & Drafting International Entertainment Contracts  
Net Neutrality  
Real Estate Sales Transactions  
Real Estate Transactions: Housing Development  
Sales  
Securities Regulation  
Video Game Agreements

## Criminal Law and Practice

Advanced Criminal Procedure  
Antitrust Law  
CA Evidence & Sentencing Law  
Complex Criminal Litigation  
Constitutional Criminal Procedure  
Criminal Law  
Criminal Law in Action  
Criminal Law Practice  
Crim Law Seminar: Sex Crimes  
Crim Law Seminar: Contemporary Issues

Criminal Litigation in Practice  
Criminal Procedure  
Crimmigration Law Seminar  
DUI Prosecution & Defense  
Evidence  
Evidence Law & Practice I and II  
Evolution of Cannabis Law  
Externships (various)  
Habeas Corpus Litigation  
Immigration Law  
Immigration Law & Crimes  
Immigration Law Clinic  
Legislation  
Restorative Justice  
Securities Regulation  
Trial Advocacy  
White Collar Crime  
Wrongful Convictions  
Youth at Risk

## Employment Law

Employment Law  
Employment Discrimination Law  
Employment Law Survey  
Employment-Based Immigration Law  
Externships (various)  
Immigration Law  
International Labor & Employment Law Seminar  
Labor Law  
Wage Theft: Underground Econ  
Workers' Comp Law & Practice  
Writers Guild: Agreements & Negotiation

## Entertainment and Media Law

Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar  
Amateur Sports Law  
Chain of Title  
Comparative Media Law  
Copyright Law  
Cyberlaw  
Defamation, Privacy, Publicity  
Drafting Entertainment Contracts  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting Tech Agreements  
Entertainment Externship  
Entertainment Law Firm Externship  
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation  
Entertainment & the Arts Clinic I and II

Entertainment & Media Litigation  
Entertainment Industry Guilds  
Entertainment Law Externships (various)  
Fashion Law  
Information Privacy Law  
International & Comparative Copyright Law  
International Art Law  
International Entertainment Law  
IP Licensing: Law & Practice  
Law & Literature Seminar  
Mass Media Law  
Motion Picture Production Law  
Music for Film & Television  
Music Industry Contracts  
Music Publishing Industry  
Neg & Drafting International Entertainment Contracts  
Sports Law  
Technologies of Telecom  
Television Production Law  
Trademark Law  
Unscripted TV Production Law  
Video Game Agreements  
Writers Guild: Agreements & Negotiation

## Family and Juvenile Law

Children & the Law  
Children's Rights Clinic  
Community Lawyering Clinic  
Community Property  
Disability Law  
Externships (various)  
Family Law  
Family Law Clinic  
Family Law Procedure & Practice  
Immigration Law  
Immigration Law Clinic  
Special Education Law Seminar  
Street Law Clinic  
Wills & Trusts  
Youth at Risk

## Health Law

Evolution of Cannabis Law  
Insurance Law  
Medical Malpractice Litigation

**Intellectual Property**

Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar  
 Copyright Law  
 Cybersecurity Law  
 Drafting Tech Agreements  
 Entertainment & the Arts Clinic I and II  
 Entertainment & Media Litigation  
 Entertainment Law  
 Externships (various)  
 Fashion Law  
 International & Comparative Copyright Law  
 International Art Law  
 International Criminal Law  
 International Entertainment Law  
 IP Licensing: Law & Practice  
 Motion Picture Production Law  
 Music for Film & Television  
 Music Industry Contracts  
 Music Publishing Industry  
 Patent Law  
 Technologies of Telecom  
 Television Production Law  
 Trademark Law  
 Video Game Agreements

**International and Comparative Law**

Externships (various)  
 Immigration Law  
 International & Comparative Copyright Law  
 International Art Law  
 International Business Transactions  
 International Criminal Law  
 International Entertainment Law  
 International Labor & Employment Law Seminar  
 International Legal Research  
 National Security Law  
 Neg & Drafting International Entertainment Contracts  
 Public International Law

**Jurisprudence and Legal History**

American Legal History  
 Election Law  
 Law & Religious Inst. Seminar  
 Law & Literature Seminar  
 Law & Social Change  
 Legal Arguments Moral & Policy Seminar  
 Trial of Jesus Seminar  
 Women & the Law Seminar

**Professional Skills/Lawyering Skills/Simulation**

Admin Law Legal Research  
 Advanced Legal Research  
 Advanced Legal Writing  
 Alternative Dispute Resolution  
 Amicus Project Practicum  
 Appellate Litigation Clinic  
 Art of Persuasion  
 Big & Med. Law Firm Practice  
 Cal Bar Writing  
 Children & the Law  
 Children's Rights Clinic  
 Civil Pretrial Practice  
 Community Lawyering Clinic  
 Complex Criminal Litigation  
 Constitutional Criminal Procedure  
 Construction Law Drafting & Negotiation  
 Courtroom Procedure 101  
 Criminal Law in Action  
 Criminal Law Practice  
 Drafting Entertainment Contracts  
 Drafting Business Contracts  
 Drafting Real Estate Transactions  
 Drafting Tech Agreements  
 DUI Prosecution & Defense  
 Entertainment Law Firm Externship  
 Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation  
 Entertainment & the Arts Clinic I and II  
 Entertainment & Media Litigation  
 Estate Planning & Drafting  
 Eviction Defense Clinic  
 Externships (various)  
 Family Law Clinic  
 Family Law Procedure & Practice  
 Foundations of Law & Practice  
 Gambling Law  
 Immigration Appeals Practicum  
 Immigration Law Clinic  
 International Legal Research  
 IP Licensing: Law & Practice  
 Law Firm Externship  
 LAWS Legal Writing I  
 LAWS II Appellate Advocacy  
 LAWS II Negotiation  
 LAWS II Trial Practice  
 Legal Profession  
 Legal Technology Literacy  
 MBE: Skills & Strategies

Music Industry Contracts  
 Negotiation & Dispute Resolution  
 Practical Legal Research  
 Public Interest Law Practice  
 Remedies  
 Representing Entrepreneurs  
 Small Law Practice Management  
 Street Law Clinic  
 Television Production Law  
 Trial Advocacy  
 Video Game Agreements  
 Writers Guild: Agreements & Negotiation

**Public Interest/Civil Rights/Civil Liberties**

Animal Law  
 Appellate Litigation Clinic  
 Appellate Process & Brief Drafting  
 Asian-American Civil Rights  
 Beyond LGBTQ+ Marriage  
 Children's Rights Clinic  
 Community Lawyering Clinic  
 Constitutional Law I & II  
 Crimmigration Law Seminar  
 Critical Race Theory Seminar  
 Defamation, Privacy, Publicity  
 Disability Law  
 Election Law  
 Employment Discrimination Law  
 Employment Law Survey  
 Environmental Law  
 Eviction Defense Clinic  
 Evidence Law & Practice I and II  
 Externships (various)  
 Family Law Clinic  
 Habeas Corpus Litigation  
 Immigration Appeals Practicum  
 Immigration Law  
 Immigration Law & Crimes  
 Immigration Law Clinic  
 Information Privacy Law  
 Labor Law  
 Land Use Planning  
 Law & Social Change  
 Legal Profession  
 LGBTQ+ Immigration  
 LGBTQ+ Youth in Care Systems  
 Local Government Law  
 National Security Law  
 Prison Law & Mass Incarceration  
 Public Interest Law Practice  
 Public International Law  
 Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation Discrimination

Real Estate Transactions:  
 Housing Development  
 Restorative Justice  
 Transgender Law  
 Wage Theft: Underground Economies  
 Women & the Law Seminar  
 Wrongful Convictions  
 Youth at Risk

**Real Property/Environment Law/Land Use**

Community Property  
 Construction Law Drafting & Negotiation  
 Environmental Law  
 Eviction Defense Clinic  
 Externships (various)  
 Land Use Planning  
 Local Government Law  
 Property  
 Real Estate Sales Transactions  
 Real Estate Transactions  
 Housing

**Taxation Law**

Estate Planning & Drafting  
 Survey of Federal Income Tax  
 Taxation of Business Entities  
 Wills & Trusts

**Torts and Compensation Systems**

Defamation, Privacy, Publicity  
 Foundations of Tort Law Seminar  
 Insurance Law  
 Mass Tort Litigation  
 Medical Malpractice Litigation  
 Products Liability  
 Torts  
 Workers' Comp Law & Practice

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## Application Components

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- Application\*
- Application Fee\*
- LSAC Credential Assembly Service Report\*
- Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) Score\*
- LSAT Writing Sample\*
- Transcripts\*
- Letters of Recommendation\*
- Personal Statement\*
- Résumé
- Diversity Statement
- GRE Score

\*Required. An interview is also required for SCALE applicants.  
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