

Southwestern's Master of Laws degree program in Entertainment and Media Law is a highly selective and rigorous course of study designed to immerse graduate students in entertainment, media, intellectual property, sports, and art law.

The following materials should be sent or transmitted electronically to the Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute at Southwestern's general address listed to the right. See other application information in the Admissions section of the LL.M. program materials online at [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/llmadmin](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/llmadmin).

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

The same application form is used for both the campus-based and online LL.M. programs, and for part-time and full-time students. The application form is available in printed form, online at [www.swlaw.edu/applyonline](http://www.swlaw.edu/applyonline).

**APPLICATION FEE**

A nonrefundable \$60 check or money order (in U.S. funds) made payable to Southwestern Law School must be submitted with the admissions application form or with the Certification Letter if applying online. The canceled check will serve as the receipt. Applicants may only pay the fee using a credit card if applying online through LSAC and selecting the Electronic Payment Option.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

The applicant's personal statement should describe the motivation for pursuing an LL.M. degree, as well as relevant life experiences, accomplishments, special interests, personal qualities and career objectives that would be helpful to the Admissions Committee in making its decision. The personal statement should be 2-3 pages in length, typed and double-spaced.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

At least two letters of recommendation should be submitted on behalf of an applicant by persons (other than relatives) who are familiar with the applicant's academic and professional abilities and potential. Letters may be submitted directly to the Biederman Institute at Southwestern's general address.

**CURRENT RESUME/CURRICULUM VITAE**

A current resume that lists all academic and professional credentials and work experience is required.

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS**

Official, sealed transcripts from all law schools attended (or currently attending) and all colleges and universities from which you received a degree are required. Transcripts should show the degrees earned, dates awarded and class rank. If law school class rank is not included on your transcript, please request that it be sent by the law school registrar.

## APPLICATION PROCESS SUMMARY

### FOREIGN APPLICANTS

Applicants who completed their [undergraduate and/or] legal degrees at institutions outside the United States or Canada must fulfill additional requirements:

Applicants whose primary language is not English or whose education has been in a language other than English must achieve a minimum score of 100 on the Next Generation (internet-based) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), 250 on the computer-based test, or 600 on the paper-based test. More information on TOEFL is available online at [www.TOEFL.org](http://www.TOEFL.org).

The degree(s) must be from a university accredited in the country in which it is located or the applicant must be admitted to practice before the highest court in that country.

The applicant must submit a degree equivalency statement with an assessment of grade-point average based on foreign academic work as provided by a credentials evaluation service:

**LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service**

662 Penn Street Box 8511  
Newtown, PA 18940-8511  
Tel: 215.968.1315 / Fax: 215.504.1456  
[www.LLM.LSAC.org](http://www.LLM.LSAC.org) / email: [LLMinfo@LSAC.org](mailto:LLMinfo@LSAC.org)

**International Education Research Foundation**

P.O. Box 3665  
Culver City, CA 90231-3655  
Tel: (310) 258-9451 / Fax: (310) 342-7086  
[www.ierf.org](http://www.ierf.org) / [info@ierf.org](mailto:info@ierf.org)

**World Education Services, Inc.**

Bowling Green Station  
P.O. Box 5087  
New York, NY 10274-5087  
Tel: 212-966-6311 / Fax: 212-739-6100  
[www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org) / [info@wes.org](mailto:info@wes.org)

**Global Services Associates**

2554 Lincoln Boulevard, #445  
Marina del Rey, CA 90291-5082  
Tel & Fax: (310) 828-5709  
[www.globaleval.org](http://www.globaleval.org) / [info@globaleval.org](mailto:info@globaleval.org)

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

It is in the applicant's best interest to apply as early as possible; however, the application file for fall admission should be completed no later than June 30, for spring admission no later than November 15, and for summer admission no later than April 15. Applications submitted after the above dates will be considered on an individual basis. Waiting lists will be established early.

### FINANCIAL AID

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure that the Financial Aid Office receives all the necessary completed forms as early as possible and no later than the deadlines indicated. Visit [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid) for more detailed information and specific deadlines.

### CONTACT

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

### RACE/ETHNICITY DEFINITIONS

The information requested on question 14 of the application enables Southwestern to comply with equal opportunity provisions of federal laws and educational accrediting agencies.

**Hispanic/Latino**

A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

**American Indian/Alaska Native**

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Asian**

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

**Black/African American**

A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

**Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander**

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.

**White/Caucasian**

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION - LL.M. IN ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA LAW

Please include the \$60 nonrefundable application fee (in U.S. funds) made payable to Southwestern Law School. Credit card payments may be accepted from those using the application through LSAC. Please type or print clearly.

**APPLYING FOR:**  Fall Semester: 20 \_\_\_\_\_ (year) LSAC Account # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spring Semester: 20 \_\_\_\_\_ (year) (if any)  
 Summer Session: 20 \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

Full-time  Part-time

### IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

**Note:** In the event of any name or contact information changes, please notify the Biederman Institute immediately.

1. Full Legal Name: last (surname) \_\_\_\_\_ / first \_\_\_\_\_ / middle \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name used on previous academic records (if different):  
last (surname) \_\_\_\_\_ / first \_\_\_\_\_ / middle \_\_\_\_\_
- 3a. Social Security Number (if any): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Gender:  Female  Male
5. Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY
6. Current phone/address information is valid until: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY
7. Mailing Address: street \_\_\_\_\_  
city \_\_\_\_\_ / state or country \_\_\_\_\_ / zip or postal code \_\_\_\_\_
- 8a. Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8b. Cellphone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8c. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9a. Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9b. Business Mailing Address: street \_\_\_\_\_  
city \_\_\_\_\_ / state or country \_\_\_\_\_ / zip or postal code \_\_\_\_\_
10. Business Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_
- 11a. Country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11b. Country of legal residence: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11c. If you are a foreign national living in the U.S., are you a permanent resident?  
 Yes, Alien Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_  No, Visa Type: \_\_\_\_\_  Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
12. For applicants whose education has not been in English, please complete the following regarding the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):  
Date taken: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date taken: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY MM DD YYYY  
 Next Generation Test  Computer-based Test  Paper-based Test  Next Generation Test  Computer-based Test  Paper-based Test
13. Are you a Veteran?  No  Yes Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Discharge Status: \_\_\_\_\_
14. The following optional information is requested to enable Southwestern to comply with equal opportunity provisions of federal laws and educational accrediting agencies. (See Application Process Summary for definitions.)
  - a. Are you Hispanic/Latino?  Yes  No If yes, please indicate:  Mexican American  Puerto Rican  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Please check all that apply:  
 American Indian/Alaska Native  Black/African American  White/Caucasian  
 Asian  Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander  
 (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

15. Spouse/Parent/Nearest Relative: Name \_\_\_\_\_ / Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ / Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION INFORMATION**

16. Please complete the following information regarding the Law School Admission Test, if taken:

Date(s) taken or planned:      /      /      Score: \_\_\_\_\_ /      /      /      Score: \_\_\_\_\_  
MM DD YYYY MM DD YYYY

17a. Have you previously enrolled in an LL.M. Program?  Yes  No (if no, skip to #18)

17b. Are you eligible to continue at the school?  Yes  No If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

18. Please list all law schools attended (including summer programs), whether or not credit was received, and all colleges and universities from which you received degrees, beginning with the most current (use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary):

Name of School and State	Dates attended		Units Earned	Degree Type	Degree Date	Cumulative GPA	Major
	From Mo.	To Yr.					

19. If you previously registered with the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State of California as a law student, complete the following:

Registration number \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed      /      /       
MM DD YYYY

**WORK EXPERIENCE INFORMATION**

20a. Please list the date and state or country in which you are planning to take the Bar Exam:

State/Country \_\_\_\_\_ Exam Date      /      /       
MM DD YYYY

20b. Please list the states and/or countries in which you have been admitted to practice law:

State/Country \_\_\_\_\_ Date admitted      /      /      Bar Number \_\_\_\_\_ Status (circle one) active / inactive  
MM DD YYYY

State/Country \_\_\_\_\_ Date admitted      /      /      Bar Number \_\_\_\_\_ Status (circle one) active / inactive  
MM DD YYYY

State/Country \_\_\_\_\_ Date admitted      /      /      Bar Number \_\_\_\_\_ Status (circle one) active / inactive  
MM DD YYYY

20c. Are you currently a member in good standing in each jurisdiction in which you were admitted to practice law?  Yes  No  
 If no, please explain (use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary).

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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21. List all legal experience and any prior full-time employment. If not employed, indicate your current full-time activity (use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary):

Dates of Employment	Employer's Name	Position/Nature of Work Performed

As a separate attachment, please submit a resume/curriculum vitae including, but not limited to, significant extracurricular civic or community activities in which you have been active; academic honors; externships; professional activities; leadership positions; publications; and lectures.

### CHARACTER AND FITNESS INFORMATION

22. **Southwestern requires answers to questions a, b, c and d below.** If you answer YES to any of the questions, provide a full explanation, including dates, in a file attachment to this application or in a confidential sealed envelope addressed to the Director of the Biederman Institute.

**Please note that you are under continuing obligation to notify the Biederman Institute should your response to any of these questions change after the submission of this application.**

- a. Have you ever been, as an adult or juvenile, cited, arrested, taken into custody, charged with, indicted, convicted, tried for, or pleaded guilty to, the commission of any felony or misdemeanor or violation of any law, except minor parking or traffic violations, or been the subject of any juvenile delinquency or youthful offender proceedings?  Yes  No  
*Please note that although a conviction may have been expunged from the records by an order of a court, it nevertheless should be disclosed in the answer to this question. Further, Southwestern does not consider a traffic offense to be minor if it involves, in any way, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol or if the applicant's conduct was reckless.*
- b. Have you ever been disciplined, been the subject of disciplinary proceedings, been warned, or placed on probation, by any organization or employer?  Yes  No
- c. Has any college, university, graduate school, or professional school: (1) initiated disciplinary proceedings against you; (2) placed you on academic probation; (3) dropped, expelled, or withdrew you from its program; or (4) suspended you? Please also answer yes and provide an explanation if any of these kinds of proceedings are pending.  Yes  No
- d. Are there any other issues that you believe might adversely affect your eligibility for admission to the Bar?  Yes  No

*By signing this application or the Certification Letter, or by transmitting this application electronically, I hereby certify that I have read the current Southwestern Law School LL.M. Program materials and application and that all information submitted in connection with this application is true and correct. I agree that Southwestern may verify any of the information submitted in support of this application, and I understand that I am under a continuing obligation to advise Southwestern of any changes which may occur after my application is submitted. I further certify that if I am accepted as a law student, I will abide by the rules and regulations of the school as listed in the Student Handbook, and I understand that Southwestern reserves the right to change the provisions therein. I understand and agree that the omission, misrepresentation, or concealment of any significant fact in any statement may be considered sufficient reason for the denial of my application or dismissal after enrollment. I understand that decisions of the Admissions Committee are final.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** Your application cannot be processed without your signature and the enclosure of the \$60 application fee.

Send completed form and supporting materials to: **LL.M. in Entertainment and Media Law, Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute  
Southwestern Law School, 3050 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90010-1106**

- How did you hear about Southwestern's LL.M. in Entertainment and Media Law?**  Southwestern LL.M. Poster/Brochure  
 Professor  Fellow Student  Southwestern Alumnus/a  Conference  Internet  ABA Website  LSAC Website  
 Advertisement: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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