

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL



LOS ANGELES





## Message from the Dean

**A**t Southwestern, we are committed to building the most innovative and student-friendly law school possible. Our mission includes seeking to ensure that all of our students obtain the skills, knowledge, professional mentoring and career assistance needed to navigate the challenges that law graduates will face in a legal world where rapid change will continue to be the norm. That effort is led by an extremely talented and dedicated faculty—superb teachers and mentors, many of whom are shaping the law in significant ways as well as guiding you in your own development. All of this happens within an intimate scholarly environment in the center of one of the world’s great cities. Los Angeles affords a striking array of opportunities to gain real-world experience while you are in law school, and Southwestern is not only uniquely placed to take advantage of them, it has carefully invested in designing programs on and off campus that will have considerable impact on your development as a professional.

Law school will be challenging, exhilarating, intense, gratifying and definitely an unforgettable experience—but here at Southwestern, we provide guidance every step of the way. Our faculty, staff and alumni, as well as your student colleagues will be there to help you succeed. But we also recognize that you are the chief architect of your future, and that is why we will be encouraging you to be purposeful about your decision to become a lawyer, starting with how you will identify the law school that will best suit you, and continuing on throughout law school as you make decisions large and small that will affect your development.

Please be sure to visit our campus, sit in class sessions, talk with current students, faculty and staff, and gain insight from a recent graduate or more experienced lawyers who know Southwestern well. Our Admissions staff will be happy to make arrangements for you, and if traveling to L.A. is not feasible, we can use technology to bring you into conversations and more!

We welcome the opportunity to get to know you as you explore your options for law school.

Sincerely,



Susan Westerberg Prager  
Dean

# Curating Your Future in the Law

When you embark on the journey of law school, you are investing in your future while immersing yourself in one of the most stimulating, challenging and rewarding experiences of your life. At Southwestern, we know that experience is shaped by the people, programs, partnerships and places available to you and the choices you make as you progress through your legal education.

At Southwestern, you will find:

- Caring and inspiring **people** – a close-knit and diverse community of students, faculty, staff and alumni, all supportive of your success
- A unique selection of **programs** – many options to help you customize your academic program and cocurricular pursuits, from choice of J.D. program—full-time or part-time; day or evening; two, three or four years—to almost unlimited experiential learning opportunities in the form of externships, clinics, practicums and pro bono service
- Enriching **partnerships** – expanded curricular and cocurricular opportunities through affiliations with prominent academic institutions, community organizations, professional associations, government agencies, corporations and entertainment studios
- Exceptional **places** for learning and practicing law – an extraordinary campus environment centered around a legendary art-deco Bullocks Wilshire landmark located in the heart of Los Angeles, one of the most influential and exciting business, economic, cultural and political centers of the world





Professor Catherine Carpenter meets with students in her office.



# Program Choices and Flexibility

Before you even step through the doors on your first day of law school, at Southwestern you have choices and flexibility unlike anywhere else. Beginning with our degree programs, Southwestern provides a variety of options that promote a truly **individualized approach to legal education**.

No matter which program you choose at Southwestern, there are resources, opportunities and services designed to help you be a successful and well-rounded law student, regardless of your life circumstances. The law school's **longstanding commitment to diversity and inclusiveness** has resulted in an instructional approach that is specifically catered to meet the needs of all of our students.

## J.D. Degree Programs

To accommodate the diverse needs of our students—from recent undergraduates to working professionals with families—Southwestern offers **four J.D. programs that differ in instructional approach and scheduling**:

- **Full-Time Day J.D. (3 years)**
- **Part-Time Evening J.D. (4 years)**
- **Part-Time Day J.D. (4 years) with a special scheduling option (PLEAS) to meet the needs of students with child- or elder-care responsibilities**
- **SCALE® two-year J.D.**, the first ABA-approved program of its kind in the U.S., featuring small classes, practical skills training and real-world experience since 1974

## J.D./M.B.A. Degree Programs

To further expand Southwestern students' academic and career options, the law school has joined forces with **The Drucker Graduate School of Management** of the Claremont Graduate University to offer advanced-degree programs in law and business:

- **Full-Time J.D./M.B.A. (4 years)**
- **Full-Time SCALE® J.D./M.B.A. (3 years)**
- **Part-Time Day or Evening J.D./M.B.A. (4.5 years)**



## 3+3 B.A./J.D. Degree Programs

Southwestern offers accelerated 3+3 programs with both **California State University, Dominguez Hills** and **California State University, Northridge** through which students' first year of law school also counts as their fourth undergraduate year.

- **3+3 B.A./J.D. (6 years)**

### Choose Your Program, Choose Your Timeframe

Program	Years				
	1	2	3	4	5
SCALE® J.D.					
SCALE® J.D./M.B.A.					
Full-Time Day J.D.					
Part-Time Day/PLEAS J.D.					
Part-Time Evening J.D.					
Full-Time J.D./M.B.A.*					
Part-Time J.D./M.B.A.*					

\*schedule may be accelerated through the J.D./M.B.A. option for students with extensive professional experience



# Program Choices

## Full-Time J.D. Program

Southwestern's traditional full-time day program is designed for students who are able to commit to three academic years of full-time study. They can pursue a broad-based legal education with opportunities to focus on a particular area of the law, such as business, criminal, entertainment, international, or public interest law, among others.

All first-year students are enrolled in the designated curriculum. Second- and third-year students combine required courses with a wide range of electives, externships, clinics and practicums to tailor a program suited to their interests and goals. Students can enrich their law school experience through honors programs, public interest involvement, student organizations and networking opportunities.

Students in the full-time day program take 31 units during their first year and a load of 10 to 16 units each semester thereafter (see chart below). A minimum of 87 units is required for graduation.

### Required Courses for Full-Time Day Program

FIRST YEAR	FALL		SPRING
Courses	Units		
Civil Procedure I & II	2		3
Contracts I & II	3		2
Criminal Law	3		
Criminal Law Skills Lab	1		
LAWS I & II <sup>1</sup>	3		3
Torts or Property	4		4
Elective <sup>2</sup>			3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>15</b>
SECOND YEAR	FALL		SPRING
Business Associations	4	or	4
Constitutional Law I & II	3		3
Evidence	4	or	4
FIRST <sup>3</sup> , SECOND OR THIRD YEAR	FALL		SPRING
Constitutional Criminal Procedure <sup>4</sup>	3	or	3
Legal Profession <sup>4</sup>	2 or 3	or	2 or 3
Professional Skills Requirement	1, 2 or 3	or	1, 2 or 3
Upper Division Writing Requirement	2 or 3	or	2 or 3

1 Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills

2 Elective choices include such courses as Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Copyright Law, and Legal Profession, among others

3 Spring semester

4 If not taken as an elective in first year (required for graduation)



**“** Choosing to come to Southwestern was one of the best decisions I ever made. I woke up every day excited to get to school, excited to see my colleagues and my professors, and excited to learn. I wanted to belong to a supportive community, and that is exactly what I found at Southwestern.”

– Vivian Rivera '14, Full-Time Day Program  
Attorney at Law, Early, Maslach & Hartsuyker



## Part-Time J.D. Programs

### Part-Time Evening Program

Southwestern's four year part-time evening program is designed for students who are unable to devote their full time to the study of law. For many working professionals, this program provides a financially feasible way to **attend law school while maintaining a full-time work schedule**. Students in the evening program bring the unique perspectives of their working lives into the classroom, enriching the law school experience for everyone.

Evening students receive the same comprehensive legal education as that presented in the day program. Classes are scheduled four nights a week, Monday through Thursday, beginning at 6 p.m., with an occasional elective on Saturday.

**Southwestern's part-time program is unique among J.D. evening divisions in several ways:** All core courses for evening students are taught by full-time faculty; the law school's services and resources are available during evening and/or weekend hours and appointments; and special experiential learning opportunities are designed to accommodate evening students' schedules. Southwestern also offers individualized social support as well as a special Evening Orientation and other events to help part-time students adjust to law school.

### Part-Time Day Program/PLEAS

Established in 1981, PLEAS (Part-time Legal Education Alternative at Southwestern) is **one of only a very few part-time J.D. programs in the country created especially for students with child- or elder-care responsibilities**.<sup>\*</sup> Southwestern celebrated the graduation of the PLEAS program's 30th class in May 2015.

PLEAS students attend classes with traditional full-time day students. However, the course load in the four-year PLEAS program is lighter than in the traditional three-year J.D. path, and classes are scheduled mostly in the morning and early afternoon so caregivers can be available for their family members later in the day. There is a faculty advisor dedicated to the PLEAS cohort.

**\*Note:** Other students interested in non-PLEAS part-time day status will be considered on an individual basis. Class schedules may differ from PLEAS schedules.

**The ONLY  
part-time day  
JD program  
in CA for students  
with family care  
responsibilities  
(PLEAS est. 1981)**

All part-time day and evening students take the designated curriculum during the first two years and a combination of required courses and electives during the third and fourth years, when they are also able to take advantage of externships, clinics, practicums and honors programs. They take 8 to 11 units each semester, and two summer sessions are required to complete the 87 units to earn the J.D. degree in four years.

### Required Courses for Evening, PLEAS and Part-Time Day Programs\*

FIRST YEAR PLEAS OR PART-TIME DAY	FALL	SPRING	
Courses	Units		
Contracts I & II	3	2	
Criminal Law	3		
Criminal Skills Lab	1		
LAWS I & II <sup>1</sup>	3	3	
Torts		4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	
FIRST YEAR EVENING	FALL	SPRING	
Contracts I & II	2	3	
Criminal Law		3	
LAWS I & II <sup>1</sup>	3	3	
Torts	4		
Torts Skills Lab	1		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	
SECOND YEAR PLEAS, PART-TIME DAY OR EVENING	FALL	SPRING	
Civil Procedure I & II	2	3	
Constitutional Law I & II	3	3	
Property	4		
Electives <sup>2</sup>	2	2 to 5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8 – 11</b>	
THIRD YEAR PLEAS, PART-TIME DAY OR EVENING	FALL	SPRING	
Business Associations <sup>3</sup>		4	
Evidence <sup>3</sup>	4		
SECOND, THIRD OR FOURTH YEAR PLEAS, PART-TIME DAY OR EVENING	FALL	SPRING	
Constitutional Criminal Procedure <sup>4</sup>	3	or	3
Legal Profession <sup>4</sup>	2 or 3	or	2 or 3
Professional Skills Requirement	1, 2 or 3	or	1, 2 or 3
Upper Division Writing Requirement	2 or 3	or	2 or 3
SUMMER OPTIONS			
Electives	2 to 6		

\* Note: PLEAS and the Part-Time Day Program required courses are similar to the Evening but may differ slightly by semester in the second, third and fourth years.

- 1 Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills
- 2 Elective choices include such courses as Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Copyright Law, and Legal Profession, among others.
- 3 PLEAS and the Part-Time Day Program have Fall or Spring options for these courses.
- 4 If not taken as an elective in second year (required for graduation)



# Program Choices

## SCALE® Two-Year J.D. Program

In addition to the traditional J.D. courses of study, Southwestern offers the two-year SCALE program that provides both an accelerated route to a J.D. and a unique, carefully designed skill-centered curriculum that teaches core legal concepts and key lawyering skills. A trailblazing program since 1974, SCALE's 40th class will graduate in May 2017.

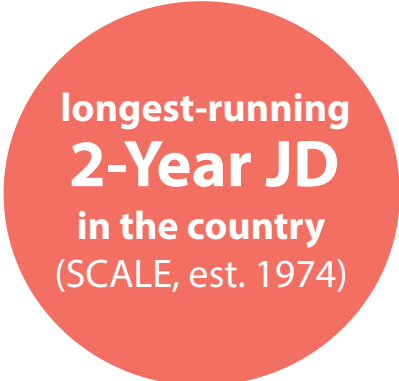
In addition to completing the J.D. degree in two years, SCALE students have unique opportunities including:

- a close-knit SCALE cohort of students who progress through the program together
- numerous skill-centered courses that allow graduates to become practice-ready
- a guaranteed full-time externship
- a "mini focus" area of law created through the selection of summer session electives, particular externship placements (e.g., entertainment, international, criminal or public interest law), and participation in honors programs
- a three-year SCALE J.D./M.B.A. concurrent degree option with the Drucker Graduate School of Management
- an enthusiastic and supportive alumni network of more than 1,100 SCALE graduates in 40+ states and several foreign countries

The SCALE academic calendar differs from semester-based traditional J.D. programs, with instruction beginning in mid-June, a mandatory summer session between the two years, and a curriculum divided into quarters rather than semesters.

**Note:** SCALE 2.5-Year Program

A modified 2.5-year curriculum is required of students with a GPA of 2.7 or below at the end of the first year of SCALE. No additional tuition is charged for the modified curriculum. Any SCALE student at the end of the first year of SCALE may request to participate in the 2.5 year program.



SCALE I	
Course	Units
<b>PERIOD I (11 weeks)</b>	
Introduction to Lawyering	n/a
LAWS I <sup>1</sup>	3
Contracts I	3
Torts	4
<b>PERIOD 2 (12 weeks)</b>	
Contracts II	2
Criminal Law	3
Legal Profession	2
Evidence Law and Practice I	3
<b>PERIOD 3 (12 weeks)</b>	
LAWS II <sup>1</sup>	2
Civil Litigation	3
Evidence Law and Practice II	3
Property	4
<b>PERIOD 4 (11 weeks)</b>	
Copyright or Defenses in the Law <sup>2</sup>	3
Negotiation and Dispute Resolution	2
Jurisdiction	3
Criminal Procedure	3
Lecture Series on the Profession <sup>3</sup>	n/a
<b>SCALE SUMMER SESSION (10 weeks)</b>	
Independent Study on the Profession	2
Options:	2+
Summer Elective Course(s)	
Summer Externship	
Summer Abroad Program	
SCALE II	
Course	Units
<b>PERIOD 5 (10 weeks)</b>	
Legal History	2
Business Associations	4
Tort Litigation Practice	3
Employment Discrimination	2
<b>PERIOD 6 (10 weeks)</b>	
Constitutional Law I	3
Remedies	3
Capstone: Representing Entrepreneurs	3
Community Property	2
<b>PERIOD 7 (10 weeks)</b>	
Constitutional Law II	3
Wills and Trusts	4
Criminal Law Practice	3
Intersession Course	1
<b>PERIOD 8 (10 weeks)</b>	
Guaranteed 8-week Externship	5
Trial Advocacy	2

1 Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills

2 Defenses in the Law will be an alternative to Copyright for selected students.

3 Units for the Independent Study Paper satisfy 2 units of the 4-unit Summer Session requirement and will be based on the Lecture Series on the Profession.

**Note:** The above chart represents a sample schedule. SCALE course titles and schedule subject to change.

## Concurrent-Degree Programs J.D./M.B.A.

Southwestern is the first law school to partner with **The Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management** to offer concurrent degrees in law and management. The Drucker School, part of the Claremont Colleges consortium, views management as an art and a science, integrating within its curriculum perspectives from many disciplines, including social and behavioral sciences, philosophy, humanities, history, technology, religion and mathematics. The Drucker faculty is recognized as one of the top business faculties in the country, and the school is often cited for its leadership in advancing ethical values and social responsibility.

For the **J.D./M.B.A.** degree, students can follow a general law and management curriculum or concentrate in media and entertainment, non-profit management/public interest law or transnational corporate governance. Other concentrations offered through Drucker include strategy, finance, marketing, leadership and global management.

Both degrees can be earned within 4 to 4½ years. An **Executive J.D./M.B.A.** option is available for students with extensive professional or management experience.

An accelerated **3-year J.D./M.B.A.** is also offered in conjunction with the 2-year SCALE program.

Students pursuing the concurrent degree can apply 10 to 16 units from Southwestern to Drucker (or the reverse) depending on program.



**Note:** Offers of admission from The Drucker School are contingent upon successful completion (3.0 or higher GPA) during their first semester at Southwestern. Those concurrent-degree students who fall below 3.0 after the first semester may be subject to additional application requirements or revocation of their admissions offer from The Drucker School.



**“ The J.D./M.B.A. will turn you into an exceptionally well-rounded and flexible individual. You will be able to understand both sides of the coin, which will help you in a career in law or business. It will arm you with the skills and confidence to start your own business, or to counsel someone else on theirs. It is a heavy-hitting degree combination from an intellectual and skills standpoint.”**

– Daniel Fabiano '12, J.D./M.B.A. Program  
Attorney at Buynak, Fauver, Archbald & Spray LLP

# Innovation in the Classroom

Southwestern has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for leading law school curricular innovation and is a member of the Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Consortium. The law school's curriculum incorporates—and goes beyond—best practices around the country.

## First-Year Curriculum Enhancements

Beyond the traditional doctrinal courses, choices abound in Southwestern's cutting-edge first-year curriculum which:

- presents a groundbreaking **three-track approach** to the Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills (LAWS) course allowing first-year students to choose an **Appellate Advocacy, Negotiation or Trial Practice** focus in the second semester, rather than the traditional single appellate track
- places emphasis on the **realities of legal practice**, the construction of legal careers, and the ethical and social responsibilities of lawyers
- includes **an elective in the first year**, such as Copyright, Constitutional Criminal Procedure or Public International Law
- provides a full menu of **academic success programs** designed to help students improve their study and exam-preparation skills

## Upper-Division Curriculum Highlights

As they progress through their studies, upper-division students can pursue either a broad-based or a more focused personalized curriculum from

- a **comprehensive selection of more than 200 courses**, seminars and clinical experiences
- more than 50 professional skills courses
- an innovative January intersession
- six advanced Capstone courses
- a Floating Mini-Term program
- six specialized "Windows Into Practice" courses
- Student Exchange Programs: North American Consortium on Legal Education (NACLE), The Hague Law School in The Netherlands, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Argentina
- Summer Abroad Programs: Argentina, the U.K., Mexico

## Certificate Programs

Further expanding opportunities beyond the traditional semesters, Southwestern offers certificate programs in:

- **Law and Public Policy** with the



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- **Bioscience Industry Law and Practice** with



KECK GRADUATE INSTITUTE  
of Applied Life Sciences



**3**  
**advocacy tracks**  
**in the first-year**  
**(appellate, negotiation**  
**or trial practice)**

For the complete listing of courses and descriptions of the Certificates, see pages 37-41.



Trial Advocacy Practice



SCALE class



L to R: Professors Debra Bassett, Michael Dorff, Rachel VanLandingham, Robert Lind

# Customize Your Curriculum

By combining a selection of courses, externships and clinical experiences with cocurricular and extracurricular activities, you can explore different areas of law and career options, network with alumni and students, and develop a wide variety of skills.

Southwestern's history, location, faculty expertise and alumni presence in the profession have enabled the law school to develop a reputation as a leader, particularly in the areas of entertainment, business, criminal, international and public interest law, as well as advocacy and litigation.

The following focus areas represent just a few of the ways that you can customize your curriculum at Southwestern to fit your individual needs and interests:

- Criminal Law and Practice
- Entertainment and Media Law
- Public Interest Law
- Business Organization and Practice
- International and Comparative Law
- Advocacy and Lawyering Skills

**200+**  
courses  
and  
seminars

## A Focus on Criminal Law and Practice

### 20+ Courses and Seminars such as:

- Antitrust Law
- Complex Criminal Litigation Capstone
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Law Seminar: Contemporary Issues
- Criminal Law Seminar: Sex Crimes
- Criminal Litigation in Practice
- Effective Communication in Criminal Practice
- Evidence
- Prison Law and Mass Incarcerations
- Securities Regulation
- White Collar Crime

### Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

- Externship placements such as: California Court of Appeal; California Superior Court; Federal Public Defender; Inner City Law Center; Los Angeles County District Attorney; U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- On-campus clinic: Youth Offender Parole Hearings
- Trial Advocacy Honors Program
- Student organizations and activities: Criminal Law Society, Teen Court



"In challenging economic times, the government tries to use criminal law to address broader social and economic problems. Sometimes it does this by attacking activity that may not appear to merit criminal punishment. It is these 'gray areas' between criminal law and civil law that I particularly enjoy exploring with my students."

- Professor J. Kelly Strader

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## A Focus on Entertainment and Media Law

The rapidly expanding and converging realms of film, television, music, theater, advertising, sports, the news media and the internet open endless possibilities for future lawyers on a global scale. Taking full advantage of our location at the heart of the global entertainment industry, Southwestern established the **Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute** in 2000, to help make such opportunities more accessible for our students who aspire to practice law in these fields. Offering the most comprehensive entertainment, media and intellectual property curriculum in the United States, we are proud that Southwestern has been recognized for many years by the legal and entertainment communities for excellence in entertainment law.

IN THE TOP  
**10**  
of "America's Top  
Entertainment Law  
Schools"  
4 years in a row  
*-The Hollywood  
Reporter*



**"The move from an industrial society to an information society is having a tremendous impact on copyright law. It is interesting to teach a subject when its fundamental underpinnings are being questioned."**

- Professor Robert Lind  
Director Emeritus of the Donald E. Biederman  
Entertainment and Media Law Institute

### Prominent Faculty, Advisors and Partners:

- Full-time professors with extensive industry experience, who have produced many of the leading treatises and casebooks in these fields
- A prominent roster of adjunct faculty that reads like a "Who's Who" of the entertainment and media law bar
- A prestigious executive board and network of alumni in leadership positions throughout the industry
- Prominent speakers' series and conferences in collaboration with the Entertainment and Intellectual Property Law sections of several bar associations, the Media Law Resource Center and other organizations

### 45+ Courses and Seminars such as:

- Copyright Law
- Financing and Distributing Independent Films
- Mass Media Law
- Music Industry Contracts
- Sports Law
- Television Production Law
- Video Game Law

### Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

- 50+ externship settings such as: CBS, Miramax, Motion Picture Association of America, PBS, Warner Music Group
- On-campus clinic: Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic
- Practicum: Entertainment Law Firm Practicum
- *Journal of International Media & Entertainment Law* published in association with the ABA Forums on Communications Law and the Entertainment and Sports Industries
- Moot Court Honors Program teams fielded to entertainment, information technology and privacy, and telecommunications competitions
- Negotiation Honors Program teams fielded to entertainment law and sports law competitions
- Summer programs in Los Angeles and London focused on Entertainment and Media Law
- Student organizations and activities: Entertainment Law Society, Intellectual Property Law Society, Media Law Forum, Music Law Society, Sports Law Society
- Biederman Scholars who participate in Institute initiatives and an exclusive mentorship program, and receive priority placement in entertainment and media law externships
- Biederman Blog, an award-winning, student-edited blog
- The first LL.M. in Entertainment and Media Law in the country

# Customize Your Curriculum

## A Focus on Public Interest Law

### 35+ Courses and Seminars such as:

- Animal Law
- Employment Discrimination Law
- Environmental Law
- Federal Indian Law
- Public Interest Law Practice
- Youth at Risk

### Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

- On-campus clinics: Appellate Litigation, Children's Rights, Entertainment and the Arts, Immigration Law, Street Law, Youth Offender Parole Hearings
- Externship placements such as: Alliance for Children's Rights, Bet Tzedek, Constitutional Rights Foundation, Disability Rights Legal Center, LA LGBT Center, Public Counsel
- Practicums: Amicus Project, Immigration Appeals
- Year-long Externship Programs
- Public Interest Law Summer Grants
- Silbert Public Interest Law Fellowships
- Public Service Program
- Public Interest Law Service Awards
- Public Interest Law Event Series
- Student organizations and activities: Animal Law Society, Environmental Law Society, Homelessness Prevention Law Project, Hoover Elementary Mock Trial and ADR Project, Immigration Law Student Association, International Justice Mission, OneJustice and Justice Bus™, Public Interest Law Committee, Small Claims Court Project, Teen Court, Tax Law Society's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program



**"Our clinics provide students with a wonderful opportunity to learn lawyering skills while offering high-quality legal assistance to some of the community's most vulnerable children and families. Students learn to navigate complicated bureaucracies and to support clients who are often intimidated by the legal process."**

- Professor Andrea Ramos  
Director of the Immigration Law Clinic

## A Focus on Business Organization and Practice

### 25+ Courses and Seminars such as:

- Agency and Partnership
- Antitrust Law
- Bankruptcy
- Business Planning
- Cyberlaw
- Drafting Business Contracts
- Drafting Technology Agreements
- Federal Corporate Taxation
- Insurance Law
- International Business Transactions
- Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy and Finance
- Products Liability
- Representing Entrepreneurs
- Strategic Alliances

### Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

- Concurrent J.D./M.B.A. programs with The Drucker Graduate School of Management
- Certificate Program in Bioscience Industry Law and Practice with the Keck Graduate Institute (KGI)
- Externship placements such as: Federal Trade Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Securities and Exchange Commission, U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- Negotiation Honors Program
- Strategic Alliance Scholars Program
- Student organizations and activities: Business Law Society; Intellectual Property Law Society; Labor and Employment Law Association; Real Estate Association; Tax Law Society



**"In an environment where the tremendous volatility in securities and other corporate regulations impacts business on a daily basis, corporate counsel are crucial to the health and growth of companies around the world."**

- Professor Michael B. Dorff



## A Focus on International and Comparative Law

### A wide range of Courses and Seminars such as:

- Comparative Constitutional Law
- International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law
- International Litigation and Arbitration
- International Protection of Human Rights
- International Trade Law
- Islamic Law
- National Security Law

### Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

- On-campus clinic: Immigration Law
- Externship placements such as: Central American Resource Center; Clinical Programmes Initiative of Rural Governance (India); LACBA Immigration Legal Assistance Project; U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Certificate Program in Law and Public Policy with the Pardee RAND Graduate School
- Student Exchange Programs: North American Consortium on Legal Education (NACLE), The Hague Law School in The Netherlands, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Argentina
- Summer study-abroad programs and externships in Argentina and the United Kingdom
- *Southwestern Journal of International Law*
- *Journal of International Media & Entertainment Law*
- Moot Court Honors Program teams fielded to international law competitions
- Student organizations and activities: International Justice Mission, Immigration Law Student Association, International Law Society, International Students Association



**"The legal profession is dramatically changing as a consequence of new technologies and globalization that in turn are challenging students to develop greater understanding and knowledge about transnational law and other legal cultures."**

- Professor Robert E. Lutz

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## A Focus on Advocacy and Lawyering Skills

### 25+ Courses and Seminars such as:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Civil Pretrial Practice
- Estate Planning and Drafting
- Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating
- The Art of Persuasion
- Trial Advocacy
- Windows into Law Practice courses

### Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

- On-campus clinics: Appellate Litigation, Children's Rights, Entertainment and the Arts, Immigration Law, Street Law, and Youth Offender Parole Hearings
- Externship placements such as: ACLU of Southern California, El Rescate Legal Services, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office, California Attorney General's Office, Worker's Compensation Appeals Board
- Year-long Externship Programs with Children's Law Center, Ventura County Public Defender's Office, and the Central American Resource Center
- Practicums: Amicus Project, Entertainment Law Firm, Immigration Appeals, Law Firm
- Intramural Competitions: Appellate, Negotiation and Trial Practice
- Honors Programs: Moot Court, Negotiation and Trial Advocacy
- Student organizations and activities: Contract Law Society, Estate Planning Society, Homelessness Prevention Law Project, Hoover Elementary Mock Trial and ADR Project, Labor and Employment Law Association, OneJustice and Justice Bus™, Student Mediation Association, Small Claims Court Project, Teen Court



**"Outstanding written and oral advocacy skills are essential for a successful career in the law. Southwestern's comprehensive selection of courses, clinics, practicums, externships and honors programs provide tremendous opportunities for students to develop and hone their advocacy skills."**

- Professor Isabelle R. Gunning

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# Experiential Learning In a Real-World Context

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. These valuable and practical hands-on experiences are provided through an abundant variety of **clinics, externships, practicums, honors programs and public interest opportunities.**



“ My judicial externship at L.A. Superior Court was an incredible learning experience. Being able to see the law in action from a judge’s vantage point taught me a great deal about the need for strong writing, good oral presentation skills and attention to detail.”

– Harout Dimijian '13, Full-Time Day Program  
Attorney at Law, O'Melveny & Myers





**530+**

externship, clinical and  
practicum placements  
annually

# Experiential Learning

## Externship Program

Southwestern's Externship Program, one of the largest in the country, provides students with an opportunity to apply what they learn in the classroom and **directly experience the attorney's role through a variety of on-site placements.**

Approximately 400 students participate in externships each year. Well over two thirds of our students complete at least one externship, and more than a quarter take two externships as part of their J.D. curriculum.

The program offers a diversified selection of **part-time and full-time externships** throughout Southern California. During the Summer Session, placements are also possible nationally as well as internationally.

Southwestern offers an externship as early as the summer after the first year for full-time students, and the summer after the second year for part-time students. Evening students can take advantage of "limited commitment" or "remote" externships to accommodate their work schedules.

**Specialized externship workshops** help prepare students to take full advantage of their field-placement experience.

The variety of legal settings available range from the California Attorney General's Office to Warner Bros., from the Alliance for Children's Rights to the Workers Compensation Appeals Board, and from the California Supreme Court to the United States Court of Appeals.

### A Sampling of Externship Placement Opportunities

#### ■ JUDICIAL

- California Court of Appeal
- California Superior Court
- California Supreme Court
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court
- Workers' Compensation Appeals Board

#### ■ GOVERNMENT

- California Attorney General
- City Attorney's Office
- District Attorney's Office
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Federal Public Defender
- Federal Trade Commission
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
- Public Defender's Office
- Securities and Exchange Commission
- U.S. Attorney's Office
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Ventura County Public Defender's Office\*

#### ■ ENTERTAINMENT

- Alcon Television Group
- Atlas Entertainment
- BMG Chrysalis
- CBS Corporation
- Concord Music Group
- Gaumont International Television
- GDC Technology
- Hyde Park Entertainment
- Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios
- Motion Picture Association of America
- PBS
- Rhino Entertainment
- RKO Pictures
- Warner/Chappell Music
- Warner Music Group

#### ■ IN-HOUSE CORPORATE COUNSEL

- AARP
- Anthem
- California Association of Realtors
- Caesars Entertainment Corp.
- Children's Hospital of Los Angeles
- Guidance Software
- Sunrider International
- Ticketmaster

#### ■ PUBLIC INTEREST

- ACLU of Southern California
- Alliance for Children's Rights
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice
- Bet Tzedek Legal Services
- California Rural Legal Assistance
- California Women's Law Center
- Central American Resource Center\*
- Children's Law Center of Los Angeles\*
- Constitutional Rights Foundation
- Disability Rights Legal Center
- El Rescate Legal Services
- Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law
- Inner City Law Center
- LA Center for Law and Justice
- LA LGBT Center
- LA Waterkeeper
- Learning Rights Law Center
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- Legal Aid Society of Orange County
- Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Immigration Legal Assistance Project
- Mental Health Advocacy Services
- National Health Law Program
- Neighborhood Legal Services
- Public Counsel
- Public Law Center of Orange County

\* Year-long externship available



## Clinical Programs

Southwestern's legal clinics enable law students to gain greater practical skills and get an invaluable real-context view of the law in action as they represent and assist some of the community's most abused, neglected and injured children and families. Clinic students work on real cases for academic credit under close supervision of faculty who are licensed, practicing attorneys.

The **students take on heavy responsibility for strategy and execution of an array of legal matters** and often are involved in cases from beginning to end. They must adhere to professional responsibility requirements such as client confidentiality, civility and duty to the court, and learn how to exhibit empathy and professionalism when counseling clients.

### Appellate Litigation Clinic

Students work with a professor in litigating a pro bono appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, up to and including oral argument before the court.

### Children's Rights Clinic

Students represent low-income children in school discipline proceedings or children with disabilities in special education proceedings, and work with community groups to advocate for better and more equitable educational opportunities.

### Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic

Students who have demonstrated exceptional competency and interest in media and entertainment law are selected for this clinic. Students provide production business and legal affairs services for independent documentary and feature films under the supervision of faculty.

### Immigration Law Clinic

Students represent children and adults in immigration matters such as Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Violence Against Women Act and U-Visa cases where clients have been abused, neglected or abandoned, or have been victims of a crime.



### Street Law Clinic

Students teach law-related critical life skills to high school students, most of whom are involved in the dependency or delinquency system. The clinic students step into the roles of teacher, mentor and advocate to inform the teenagers about their rights and provide legal information and resources they need to successfully transition to independent living.

### Youth Offender Parole Hearing Clinic

Students in this new clinic work with a professor in preparing a case and representing inmates sentenced to life in prison (who were youth offenders) in special parole hearings. <

**Note:** Advanced clinic opportunities are also available in the Children's Rights, Immigration Law, and Street Law Clinics.

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“I really enjoy brief writing and appellate advocacy. I couldn't pass up the opportunity to apply the legal research and writing skills I cultivated in law school to a real-world case—particularly before the U.S. Supreme Court!”

– Bernadette Bolan '15, SCALE Program  
Participant in the Amicus Project Practicum who successfully contributed a friend-of-the-court brief to the U.S. Supreme Court, earning the honor of a seat in the courtroom to observe oral arguments in Washington, D.C.

## Practicum Programs

Supplementing our expansive externship and clinical programs, Southwestern offers practicums that provide **real-world training in legal research, brief writing, client relations, negotiation and oral argument**—from litigating a pro bono appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to conducting field work at selected law firms.

### Amicus Project Practicum

This practicum enables students to work one-on-one with a faculty supervisor in drafting an amicus (“friend of the court”) brief for a case pending in the U.S. Supreme Court or other jurisdictions. Case selection is based on a variety of considerations, including legal or social significance, inquiry by an interested party (including the student), jurisdiction, and service to the profession, as well as faculty interest and expertise.

### Entertainment Law Firm Practicum

Through this practicum, students are exposed to transactional or litigation practice within selected placements at media and entertainment law firms.

### Immigration Appeals Practicum

Students in the Immigration Appeals Practicum represent pro bono clients under the supervision of an attorney from Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP in appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the highest U.S. administrative body for interpreting and applying immigration laws.

### Law Firm Practicum

Helping soon-to-be attorneys bridge the gap between law school and law practice, students in this practicum have the opportunity to conduct field work with selected firms, where they further develop their legal skills and professionalism, as well as learn about the business and management side of practice. <

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Amicus Project  
of its kind in a  
U.S. law school

## Public Interest Programs

In addition to courses, clinics, externships and practicums that involve public interest law, our students participate in **public service through a rich selection of cocurricular activities and individual pursuits**. Being in the heart of Los Angeles’ “Public Interest Corridor,” Southwestern provides students with opportunities to serve the community that few law schools can match.

Southwestern’s Public Service Policy is designed to encourage students to perform at least 25 hours of pro bono legal services each year. Those who serve at least 75 hours by graduation are formally recognized on their records, and Public Interest Law Service Awards are presented to graduating students in recognition of extraordinary dedication to public interest law. In support of this policy, Southwestern created a **Public Service Program** to develop volunteer opportunities in the community. Students and faculty serving on the Public Interest Law Committee coordinate public interest law awareness and fundraising programs throughout the year, and the annual Public Interest Law Event Series.

The **Public Interest Summer Grant Program** and **Silbert Public Interest Law Fellowships** provide funding for selected students who participate in public interest work during the summer.

Southwestern students also volunteer with law-related education and diversity pipeline programs, such as the law school’s **Hoover Elementary School Mock Trial, Teen Court and Small Claims Court programs**. In addition, students engage in public service under the auspices of student organizations and nonprofit agencies through programs such as the Homelessness Prevention Law Project, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program and the Justice Bus™ serving rural communities. <

**20,000+**  
hours of pro bono service  
provided to the local  
community annually by  
Southwestern students



“Southwestern’s Public Interest Program is deeply woven into the fabric of the law school so that all students who want to use their emerging legal knowledge to serve marginalized communities have every chance to do so.”

– Peter Greyshock ’14,  
Attorney at Law, Office of Alan R. Diamante

# Experiential Learning

## Honors Programs

### Interscholastic Teams

Students who excel during the annual LAWS Intramural Competitions are invited to interview for Southwestern's Moot Court, Negotiation or Trial Advocacy honors programs, which provide opportunities to develop their **oral and written advocacy skills** and represent the law school in competitions around the country. Members of the Board of Governors for each program, who are selected based on outstanding scholarship and performance, coordinate both the intramural finals and interscholastic team preparation.

### Moot Court Honors Program

Southwestern teams regularly win major awards for appellate brief writing, oral advocacy and overall team excellence. Recognized for having one of the most active and successful moot court programs in the country, the law school participates in more than a dozen competitions covering such topics as civil procedure, constitutional, corporate, employment, entertainment, environmental, information technology, international, products liability, sports and telecommunications law.

### Negotiation Honors Program

Students demonstrate their legal research, writing, advocacy and client counseling skills through the American Bar Association's Negotiation, Client Counseling and Mediation competitions, among others. Even prior to formally establishing an honors program in this area, independent Southwestern teams were winning first-place awards in several national competitions.

### Trial Advocacy Honors Program

Students conduct direct- and cross-examinations, and present opening statements and closing arguments during the Bonelli Intramural Mock Trial Competition and five or more interscholastic competitions each year. Recent national mock trials have involved criminal justice as well as environmental law, labor law, medical malpractice, products liability and other areas of civil practice. <

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**First Place awards**  
in team, brief and oralist  
categories in regional,  
national and international  
Moot Court, Negotiation  
and Trial Advocacy  
competitions  
(2011-2016)





## Honors Programs

### Law Review and Journals

Students can earn positions on the *Southwestern Law Review*, *Southwestern Journal of International Law*, and the *Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law*, which publish scholarly articles and commentary by prominent jurists, law professors, practitioners and students on the Law Review or Journal staffs. Student members develop their **legal writing and research skills** along with their substantive knowledge of featured topics. Members who are recognized for outstanding contributions to the Law Review or Journals are selected to serve on the Editorial Boards during the subsequent year.

#### **Southwestern Law Review**

Students ranked in the top ten percent, as well as students who excel in the annual Summer Write-On Competition, are invited to participate in the Law Review. The latest volumes have examined the preemption of generic drug claims, a socio-legal view of the wrongful conviction process, defending religious liberty in a secular age, civil discovery and social networks, and the role of science in environmental litigation. Law Review also sponsors scholarly symposia, which recently examined prosecuting women, class stratification in contemporary global societies, 40 years of LGBT legal activism, and CERCLA and the future of liability-based environmental regulation.

#### **Southwestern Journal of International Law**

The Journal complements the law school's extensive course offerings and faculty expertise in international and comparative law. Students compete in the Summer Write-On Competition to earn a place on the Journal staff. Recent volumes have examined future trends in international law, capital punishment in the U.S. and Canada, expanding insider trading liability in the digital age, immigration and human rights, international crime and a host of other comparative law issues. Journal-sponsored symposia have explored such subjects as the future of children in international law, transnational litigation and civil procedure, the global struggle for women's equality, the future of the exclusionary rule, and Arctic sovereignty.



“While classes are by far the most important priority in law school, my involvement with Law Review, TAHP, Dean’s Fellows and the Peer Mentor Program helped me learn hands-on skills, challenged me intellectually and provided me with an opportunity to give back to the school and help other students succeed.”

– Sherin Parikh '14, Full-Time Day Program  
Attorney at Law, O’Melveny & Myers

#### **The Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law (JIMEL)**

This journal is published by Southwestern’s Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute in association with the American Bar Association’s Forums on Communications Law and the Entertainment and Sports Industries. The *JIMEL* Board of Editors includes prominent legal practitioners and scholars. Students are selected to serve as Student Editors. Recent issues have explored such issues as children's privacy online, criminal defamation in Africa, the use of drones in the news and entertainment industries, distribution of pay TV, and international judicial interpretations of art. <

# Inspiring Teachers, Caring Mentors

At Southwestern, students are given time to get to know their professors. The members of our faculty are dedicated to enhancing the quality of the classroom experience and providing personal attention to each student. That translates into time after class, open and welcoming offices, email discussions, special workshops and informal lunchtime gatherings. Faculty are always available to help students make appropriate course selections through individual appointments and Table Days, a lively academic counseling event. In teaching their courses, they employ **a variety of instructional approaches** to engage students. Professors may encourage student participation through the Socratic method, lectures, open class discussions, small group projects or interactive wireless response systems.



“The accessibility of the faculty is one of the things I love most about Southwestern. They are always easy to approach and willing to spend as much time as you need to make sure you truly understand a concept.”

– Stephanie Peatman '14, Full-Time Day Program  
Attorney at Law, Bonne Bridges Mueller O'Keefe & Nichols

Southwestern faculty are passionate educators, eminent scholars and caring mentors. Outstanding students themselves, they all excelled in law school, many clerked for leading members of the judiciary at the state and federal level, and most gained concrete legal experience by practicing law in the private, governmental or nonprofit spheres.

Southwestern's **full-time faculty members include internationally recognized experts** in antitrust, civil rights, criminal justice, entertainment and media, environmental, human rights, intellectual property, international, technology, and trial and appellate advocacy, among other areas of the law. They hold key posts in scholarly, professional and civic organizations and have addressed Presidential commissions, Senate hearings and world forums.

Our faculty are authors of textbooks, treatises and scholarly articles that have influenced legislation and court decisions and are used in law classrooms across the country. They lead key national studies on legal education and the profession, and are called upon frequently by national and international print, electronic and broadcast media for their commentary on legal issues in the news.

Southwestern's **adjunct faculty includes distinguished judges, partners in major law firms, general counsel, top federal and local prosecutors and studio executives** who share their real-world knowledge with students in cutting-edge elective courses, from Asylum Law to Video Game Law. <

IN THE TOP  
**25**  
Southwestern deans  
and faculty among  
“The Most Influential  
People in Legal Education”  
3 years in a row  
(National Jurist)

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# Faculty Voices

**"It is incredibly rewarding to see I have sparked some interest in our clinic students to represent children, whether as a career or pro bono, and that they have seen the benefit of their legal education and how to put the tools they have developed into practice."**

– Associate Dean  
Julie Waterstone



**"In Intellectual Property, I love being able to contemplate with students the copyrightability of tattoos and yoga sequences, the competing rights of recording artists and politicians in the use of pop music in campaigns, or the clash between the copyright interests of celebrity photographers and the First Amendment rights of bloggers."**

– Professor John Tehranian



**"It is exciting and awe-inspiring in law practice to watch the law change people's lives. But helping students explore the legal landscape and develop into confident professionals is also a form of law-driven change that is immensely satisfying."**

– Associate Dean Byron Stier



**"LAWS teaches students how to think about a legal problem, research it and communicate about it effectively. A crucial theme throughout is professionalism—doing the best job possible and establishing a solid reputation."**

– Professor Anahid  
Gharakhanian



**"I like witnessing students falling in love with the law and helping them see its importance, its beauty and its flaws."**

– Professor Hila Keren



**"I want my students to remember that the law evolves and that it is a great privilege of lawyers, from time to time, to have some influence over its direction and import."**

– Professor Gowri  
Ramachandran



# A Welcoming Student-Centered Environment

At Southwestern, you will find that it is difficult to get lost in the crowd. This is a manifestation of the personal, intimate experience Southwestern offers our students. It is a **nurturing, supportive environment where diversity is celebrated** and students find future colleagues, caring mentors and inspiring role models.

## A Vibrant and Diverse Community

Maintaining a commitment to its rich legacy of multiculturalism and access, Southwestern is one of the most diverse law schools in the country. There is a strong sense of community among the students who come to Southwestern from **virtually every state and a dozen foreign countries**. In recent years, Southwestern's enrollment has included the first- or second-highest representation of African-American students and Latino/Hispanic students of any California law school.

In the most recent entering class:

- women = 57%
- minorities = 43%
- students proficient in 20+ foreign languages
- average age = 26 (ranging from 21 to over 50)
- 113 undergraduate schools represented, 65% outside CA

## Diversity Awards

At Southwestern, we truly value diversity, and we have the trailblazers, the student community and the external recognition to prove it. The law school has received numerous awards for its emphasis on diversity from a variety of organizations. Among the most recent are:

- **California State Bar Organizational Diversity Award** - only law school to receive the honor
- **Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity** - only law school to receive the award all four years
- **Top 25 Law Schools by Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education** - for Hispanic enrollment and degrees awarded
- **National Jurist "Diversity Honor Roll"** - #11 on the list of the most diverse law schools in the country
- **California Minority Counsel Law School Racial and Ethnic Diversity Award**

**300+**  
on-campus  
student events  
per year



“Southwestern’s commitment to diversity is very important to me. Being in an environment where people have different views enables you to be more aware of how the people on the other side of the table feel, and helps you become a better person.”

– Manolo Maddela '16, Evening Program  
Senior Consultant, Farmers Insurance

## Extracurricular Activities

The extraordinary backgrounds, interests and affiliations of our students are reflected in our myriad extracurricular activities, where they can hone their skills and stay connected to the community.

The wide spectrum of student organizations includes the Student Bar Association, **law fraternities; ethnic, cultural, religious and political groups; and associations for different areas of the law.**

These groups offer support and mentoring programs, and sponsor workshops, tutorials, volunteer and networking opportunities, community outreach projects, cultural and social events, interscholastic competitions and hundreds of speaker presentations.

### Student Organizations

American Constitution Society  
Armed Forces Law Society  
Armenian Law Students Association  
Asian-Pacific-American Law Students Association  
BISONG A Capella Group  
Black Law Students Association  
Business Law Society  
Criminal Law Society  
Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity  
Entertainment Law Society  
Environmental Law Society  
Estate Planning Society  
Federal Bar Association  
Federalist Society  
Homelessness Prevention Law Project  
Immigration Law Student Association  
Intellectual Property Law Society  
International Law Society  
Jewish Law Students Association  
Labor and Employment Law Association  
Latino Law Students Association  
Law and Medicine Society  
*Law Commentator* Newsmagazine  
Law Students for Reproductive Justice  
Los Angeles Public Interest Law Journal  
Media Law Forum  
Middle Eastern Law Students Association  
Mindfulness Club  
Music Law Society  
National Lawyers Guild  
OUTlaw (LGBT Students)  
Parents Attending Law School (PALS)  
Public Interest Law Committee  
Real Estate Association  
South Asian Law Students Association  
Sports Law Society  
Student Bar Association  
Tax Law Society  
Teen Court  
Tort Litigation Society  
Visual Arts Law Student Advocates  
Women's Law Association

*List includes recent active groups.*

## A Network of Support

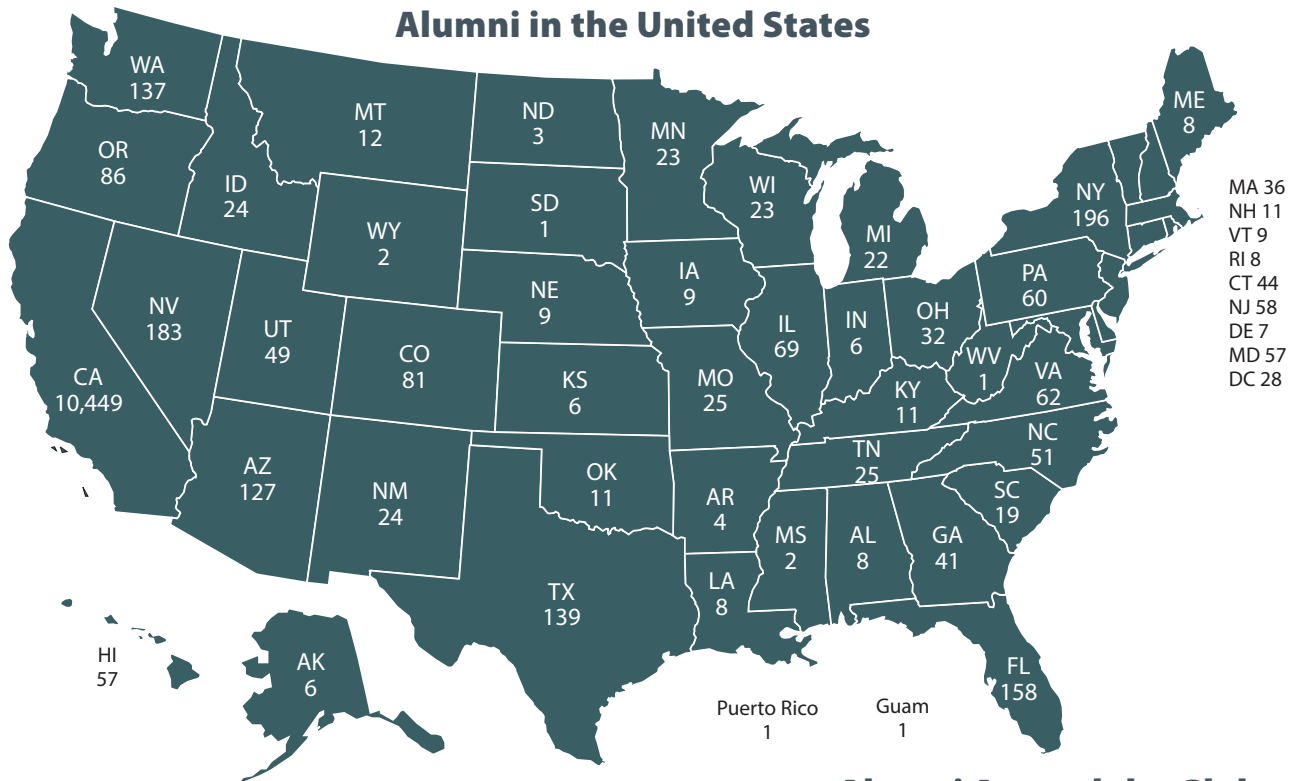
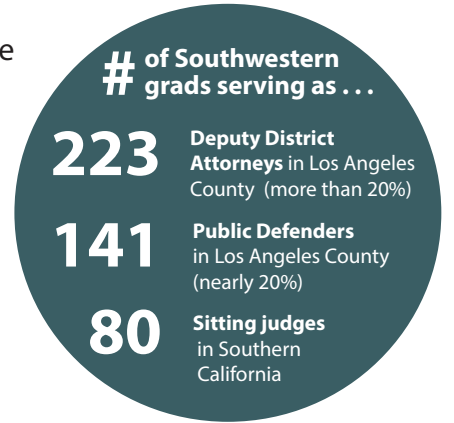
From the moment you begin as a student at Southwestern, you will have the people and resources available to help you succeed academically, while enhancing your overall law-school experience.

- **40+ Student Organizations** - opportunities to socialize, develop networking skills and connect with fellow students
- **Peer Mentors and Dean's Fellows** – student guides to help you navigate and succeed in your new environment
- **The Counseling Center** – a welcoming place for personal counseling and curriculum-planning guidance
- **Academic Success Programs** – workshops, courses, programs and counseling to help you achieve your full academic potential
- **The Writing Center** – writing experts provide individualized assistance and specialized workshops.



# Alumni Connections and Careers

Southwestern was one of the first law schools in the country to encourage the enrollment of women and minorities when it was established more than 100 years ago. As a result, from the very first graduate, Southwestern-trained lawyers quickly became **trailblazers in the profession and the greater community**—from the courthouse to the Mayor’s office. Today, Southwestern alumni live and work throughout the United States and 30 foreign countries. They include **leaders in local and national elected office, founders of major and boutique law firms, general counsel of multinational corporations, and top public interest lawyers**. They have served in such diverse positions as general counsel of Lionsgate Entertainment, president of the Mormon Church, members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the Los Angeles County District Attorney, CEO of the American Red Cross, and California State Treasurer.



## Alumni include the FIRST

- Female public defender in U.S.
- Female African-American judge in California
- Female African-American appellate justice in U.S.
- Latina trial court judge in U.S.
- Native American judge appointed in California
- African-American Mayor of Los Angeles
- Chinese-American federal district court judge in continental U.S.

## Alumni Around the Globe

Argentina	1	Mexico	10
Australia	4	Netherlands	1
Brazil	2	New Zealand	1
Canada	18	Nicaragua	1
England	5	Peoples' Republic of China	3
France	2	Singapore	1
Germany	2	Slovak Republic	1
Greece	1	South Africa	2
Hong Kong	3	Spain	1
Indonesia	1	Sweden	2
Ireland	1	Taiwan	2
Israel	3	United Arab Emirates	1
Italy	2	Uruguay	1
Japan	2	Virgin Islands	3
Kenya	1		
Korea	4		



“Southwestern has an expansive network of alumni who are employed in every area of law imaginable and remain closely connected to the school and its current students. I was attracted to the fact that I could gain marketable legal skills and a great support network to help me land a job—and I did!”

– Whitney Nonnette '13, Evening Program  
Attorney at Law, Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp

## In recent years, Southwestern graduates were honored as:

- LACBA Defense Lawyer of the Year (2)
- LACBA Prosecutor of the Year (3)
- California Lawyer Criminal Attorney of the Year
- California Lawyer Personal Injury Attorney of the Year
- California State Bar Public Lawyer of the Year

## Career Planning and Networking

Students are introduced to the Career Services Office in their first semester and subsequently participate in:

- individualized **career counseling** and planning
- **workshops and seminars** on résumé writing and interviewing techniques
- **panel presentations** on a wide range of practice areas
- **career days** and bar association fair
- **mock interviews**
- Symplicity online **job listings** and résumé database system

**Our on-campus interview programs** have featured large law firms, such as O'Melveny & Myers, Sheppard Mullin, Lewis Brisbois, and Sedgwick; government entities, such as the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office and the Ventura County District Attorney's Office; public interest organizations, such as Bet Tzedek Legal Services and Children's Law Center of Los Angeles; and medium and small law firms, such as Lynberg & Watkins, Girardi Keese, Prindle Amaro, Wood Smith, and Bonne Bridges.

Some examples of additional **unique career-building programs and resources** for Southwestern students and new graduates include:

- **Alumni Resource Network** – a dedicated contingent of more than 400 alumni who offer individualized advice to students on career strategies and expertise in 75+ practice areas
- **Graduate Advancement Program (GAP)** - a ten-week cost-free program for new graduates to help build substantive and soft skills required to succeed in their first legal position
- **Public Interest Interim Clerkship Program** – providing selected new graduates with a paid, part-time employment experience in public service while awaiting bar results
- **Law Firm Incubator Consortium** – providing selected new Southwestern attorneys with office space, mentorships and training geared toward effective solo practice management, with a pro bono component representing modest means clients
- **Nickel Club** – a special division of the Alumni Association for recent graduates to network beyond the workplace, hone their legal skills and promote connections with current students and community service projects





# An Inspiring Place to Study and Collaborate

In the heart of Los Angeles, Southwestern has created an oasis for students and scholars that encourages contemplation and study as well as collaboration and community. Encompassing nearly two city blocks, the law school's campus includes the extraordinary **Bullocks Wilshire landmark** that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This exquisite 1929-era art-deco structure has been transformed into a unique, multi-faceted facility that has raised the bar for legal-education architecture.

Our award-winning campus features:

- state-of-the-art multimedia technology in the classrooms, courtrooms and clinics
- wireless internet access
- elegant dining facilities and student lounges in restored historic areas
- large terraces with panoramic city views
- tranquil student commons and promenade plazas
- a 10,000-square-foot fitness center
- spacious, client-friendly clinical suites
- the Leigh H. Taylor Law Library, the second largest academic law library facility in California with a collection of more than a half million volumes
- the Julian C. Dixon Courtroom and Advocacy Center, one of the most technologically sophisticated centers of its kind in the country
- two additional state-of-the-art trial court facilities
- on-campus, award-winning student residences

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awards for historic preservation of the Bullocks Wilshire Building



Views of The Residences at 7th including exterior of The Pearl Lounge, the garden patio, the BBQ grill, the basketball court, the rooftop sundeck, and room interiors (right).



# An Inspiring Place

## A Living-Learning Village

The Residences at 7th, Southwestern's **award-winning, on-campus student residence complex** has further transformed a model urban law school campus into an even more inviting environment reminiscent of an inspiring, small liberal-arts college setting. The architectural and interior design reflect the richness of the law school's historic Bullocks Wilshire Building while incorporating contemporary finishes and environmentally sustainable materials. The "living-learning village" created by on-campus housing is a natural extension of the student-centered approach that is the hallmark of Southwestern.

The **fully furnished, state-of-the-art apartments range from studios to two bedrooms**, and can accommodate 153 or more students. The average size of the 60 studio units is over 425 square feet, just under 500 square feet for the 53 one-bedroom units, and 800 square feet for the 20 two-bedroom units.

The units are priced below comparably appointed apartment buildings in the downtown-adjacent area. Entering students will be given priority for a large percentage of these unique on-campus student residences on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Residences at 7th opened in Fall 2013 and offer:

- studio, one- or two-bedroom apartments
- furnishings with contemporary finishes
- floor-to-ceiling windows
- wireless internet access
- 42" high-definition television sets
- in-unit washers/dryers
- full "Energy Star" kitchens
- business center
- private study rooms
- spacious two-story lobby lounge
- large central courtyard
- secure indoor parking for residents
- state-of-the-art security system



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- 1 Malibu Shoreline
- 2 Staples Center
- 3 Griffith Observatory
- 4 Venice Beach
- 5 L.A. City Hall and U.S. District Court
- 6 Downtown L.A.
- 7 Hollywood Walk of Fame
- 8 The Southwestern Campus and Downtown L.A. skyline
- 9 TCL Chinese Theatre
- 10 Walt Disney Concert Hall
- 11 Runyon Canyon Park
- 12 Museum of Contemporary Art



# An Inspiring Place

## Los Angeles: The Best of All Worlds

The city of Los Angeles is among the most exciting places in the world to study law. A thriving and colorful metropolis, it offers the distinctive Southern California lifestyle and a wealth of opportunities for aspiring lawyers. Southwestern plays an important role and derives tremendous advantages from its position in the center of this stimulating cosmopolitan city.

Of course, Los Angeles also offers **abundant recreational and cultural diversions**. Southwestern's campus is minutes from the Staples Center sports arena and the Walt Disney Concert Hall, a short drive from the buzzing nightlife of the Sunset Strip and West Hollywood, and less than a half hour from the bustling Venice boardwalk, to name a few destinations. From the beaches and mountains to world cuisine and the club scene, the activities and attractions are endless. Students find the laid-back yet adventurous spirit of the area to be a nice balance for the rigors of academic life. <



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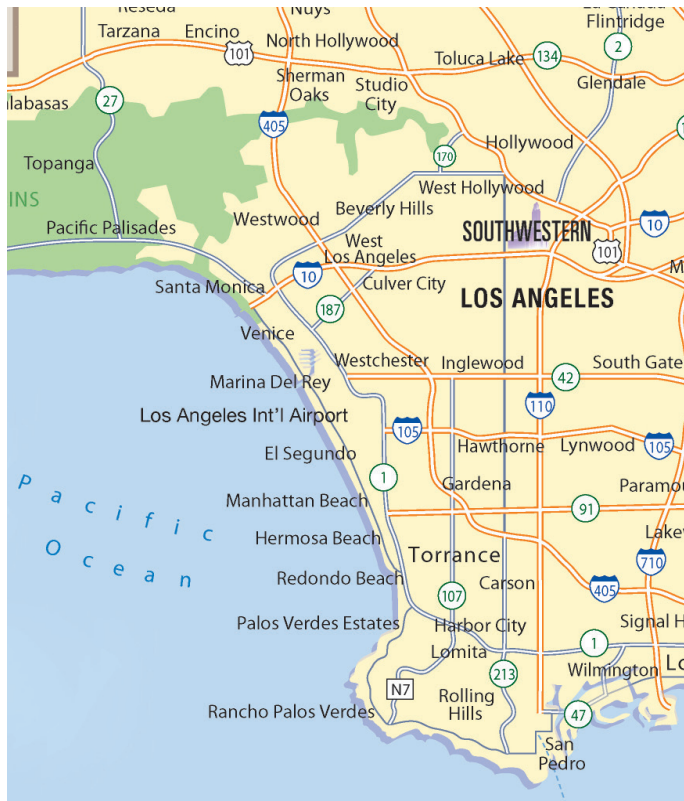


# An Inspiring Place

## A Campus in the Center of Los Angeles

Southwestern is **centrally located in the Wilshire Center district of Los Angeles**, adjacent to thriving Koreatown, about two miles west of downtown and within 30 minutes of the Pacific Ocean. The campus fronts on Wilshire Boulevard, the city's main thoroughfare.

Southwestern students choose to live on campus or in a variety of neighborhoods—urban settings close to campus or the more suburban valley and beach communities that are within a half-hour commute by car or public transportation. The law school facilitates roommate and ridesharing connections and provides information about neighborhoods around the greater L.A. area. <



Karen Minot illustration

## Campus Visits

The spirit and welcoming atmosphere of Southwestern are best experienced by visiting the school and talking with students, faculty and admissions staff. Southwestern encourages applicants to make an appointment to tour the facilities and to sit in on classes. Special informational open house receptions and application workshops for prospective students are held throughout the Fall and Spring semesters.

To arrange a personalized visit to the campus or for further information regarding admissions, contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@swlaw.edu](mailto:admissions@swlaw.edu) or (213) 738-6834.

For a calendar of admissions events, visit [admissions.swlaw.edu/events](http://admissions.swlaw.edu/events).



## Subway, Light Rail, Buses and Shuttles

The Los Angeles Metro is **one of the largest public transit systems in the U.S.** and provides services covering over 1,400 square miles with more than 180 bus routes and eight rail lines. The **Wilshire/Vermont Metro Rail station is less than two blocks from campus**, and provides easy access to the downtown district, Hollywood, the Westside, Santa Monica, and the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys. Special Rapid Line buses run along Wilshire in front of the law school, and discount Metro passes are available for Southwestern students. <



# Courses

The required curriculum at Southwestern includes 18 traditional required courses. The rich variety of elective offerings enables students to focus on or sample such areas as business, criminal, entertainment, employment, family and juvenile, health, international, public interest or other fields of law.

Although courses often intersect several areas of law, the following list suggests groupings by subject matter, as well as full-time faculty who teach those courses.

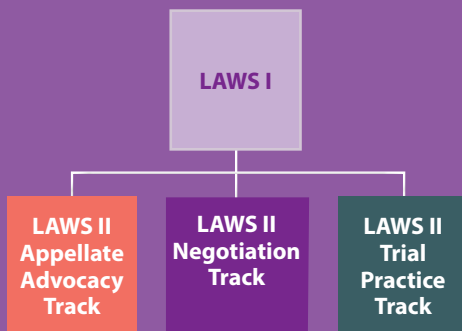
**Note:** Courses may be listed under more than one category.

## Required Courses\*

- Business Associations
- Civil Procedure I & II
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Constitutional Law I & II
- Contracts I and II
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Law Skills Lab (day)
- Evidence
- Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills (LAWS) I and II
- Legal Profession
- Property
- Torts
- Upper Division Writing Requirement
- Professional Skills Requirement
- Torts Skills Lab (evening)

## Legal Analysis, Writing & Skills

Southwestern's groundbreaking three-track approach to the Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills (LAWS) course allows first-year students to choose an Appellate Advocacy, Negotiation or Trial Practice focus in the second semester, rather than the traditional single appellate track.



[www.swlaw.edu/academics/courseinfo/firstyear](http://www.swlaw.edu/academics/courseinfo/firstyear)

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

*Aronovsky, Gunning, Knolton, Lutz*

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
International Litigation and Arbitration  
Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating

## BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND PRACTICE

*Calnan, Dorff, Epstein, Fischer, Gendron, Grimes, Keren, Knipprath, Krimmel, Lutz, Scott, Sloan, Stier*

Accounting for Lawyers  
Agency & Partnership  
Antitrust Law  
Bankruptcy  
Business Associations<sup>1</sup>  
Business Planning  
Cutting Edge: Emerging Issues in Entertainment Law  
Cyberlaw  
Drafting and Negotiating Video  
Game Law Agreements  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting Technology Agreements  
Employment-Based Immigration Law<sup>3</sup>  
Entertainment Business Affairs  
Negotiation  
Externships  
Federal Corporate Taxation  
Insurance Law  
International Business Transactions  
International Trade Law  
Labor Law  
Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy and Finance  
Products Liability  
Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone)  
Securities Regulation  
Strategic Alliances<sup>3</sup>

## CIVIL LITIGATION AND ADVOCACY

*Aronovsky, Bassett, Cameron, Epstein, Gunning, Stier, Wood, Yokoyama*

Administrative Law  
Alternate Dispute Resolution  
Amicus Project Practicum

Appellate Litigation Clinic  
Appellate Process and Opinion Drafting<sup>3</sup>  
The Art of Persuasion<sup>3</sup>  
The Art of Storytelling  
California Civil Litigation  
California Civil Procedure  
Civil Pretrial Practice  
Civil Procedure I and II<sup>1</sup>  
Communication Tools for New Lawyers<sup>3</sup>  
Courtroom Procedure 101<sup>3</sup>  
Employment Law (Capstone)  
Evidence<sup>1</sup>  
Externships  
Federal Courts  
International Litigation and Arbitration  
Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating  
Mass Tort Litigation (Capstone)  
Remedies  
Trial Advocacy

## CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

*Calnan, Epstein, Grimes, Gunning, Gupta, Hoyos, Knipprath, Krimmel, Lind, Miller, Ramachandran, Tehranian, Wood*  
Constitutional Law I and II<sup>1</sup>  
Defamation, Privacy, Publicity and Celebrity  
Employment-Based Immigration Law<sup>3</sup>  
Federal Courts  
Federal Indian Law  
Immigration Law  
Informal Systems of Order Seminar  
Law and Religious Institutions Seminar  
Mass Media Law  
Prison Law and Mass Incarceration  
Race and the Law Seminar  
Special Education Law Seminar

## CONTRACTS AND COMMERCIAL LAW

*Calnan, Dorff, Hart, Keren, Knipprath, Sloan, Waisman*  
Antitrust Law  
Bankruptcy  
Commercial Lease Practice  
Contracts I and II<sup>1</sup>  
Cyberlaw

\*For SCALE required courses, see page 8

Drafting and Negotiating Video Game Agreements  
 Drafting Business Contracts  
 Drafting Technology Agreements  
 Externships  
 Insurance Law  
 International Business Transactions<sup>2</sup>  
 Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy and Finance  
 Music Industry Contracts  
 Sales  
 Secured Transactions  
 Securities Regulation

**CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE**

*Cammack, Carpenter, Garland, Grimes, Gunning, Heilman, Pugsley, Strader, VanLandingham*

Antitrust Law  
 Communication Tools for New Lawyers<sup>3</sup>  
 Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)  
 Constitutional Criminal Procedure<sup>1</sup>  
 Criminal Law<sup>1</sup>  
 Criminal Law Academic Skills Lab  
 Criminal Law in Action  
 Criminal Law Seminar: Contemporary Issues  
 Criminal Law Seminar: Sex Crimes  
 Criminal Litigation in Practice  
 Defenses in the Law  
 Effective Communication in Criminal Practice<sup>3</sup>  
 Evidence<sup>1</sup>  
 Externships  
 Forensic Evidence  
 Immigration Law

Immigration Law and Crimes<sup>3</sup>  
 Securities Regulation  
 Selected Problems in Evidence (Evidence Lab)<sup>3</sup>  
 Trial Advocacy  
 White Collar Crime  
 Youth Offender Parole Hearing Clinic

**EMPLOYMENT LAW**

*Cameron, Ramachandran*

Administrative Law  
 Employment-Based Immigration Law<sup>3</sup>  
 Employment Discrimination Law  
 Employment Law (Capstone)  
 Employment Law Survey  
 Externships  
 Immigration Law  
 International Labor and Employment Law Seminar  
 Labor Law  
 Workers' Compensation Law and Practice  
 Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiations<sup>3</sup>

**ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA LAW**

*Cameron, Epstein, Faerman, Gendron, Lind, Scott, Tehranian*

Advanced Copyright Law Seminar  
 Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar  
 Amateur Sports Law  
 BEMLI Externship  
 Comparative Media Law<sup>2</sup>  
 Copyright Law  
 Cutting Edge: Emerging Issues in Entertainment Law  
 Cyberlaw



Defamation, Privacy, Publicity and Celebrity  
 Drafting and Negotiating Video Game Agreements  
 Drafting Business Contracts  
 Drafting Entertainment Industry Contracts  
 Drafting Technology Agreements  
 Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I & II  
 Entertainment and Media Litigation<sup>3</sup>  
 Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation  
 Entertainment Industry Guilds  
 Entertainment Law  
 Entertainment Law (Capstone)  
 Entertainment Law and Web 2.0  
 Entertainment Law Blog  
 Entertainment Law Firm Practicum  
 Externships  
 Financing and Distributing Independent Films  
 Information Privacy Law  
 Intellectual Property Law  
 International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law  
 International Art Law<sup>2</sup>  
 International Business Transactions  
 International Corporate Finance and Acquisitions  
 International Entertainment Law  
 International Music Law  
 International Sports Law<sup>2</sup>  
 IP Licensing: Entertainment Law and Practice<sup>2</sup>  
 IP Licensing: Law and Practice  
 Law and Literature  
 Mass Media Law  
 Media as an International Human Right<sup>3</sup>  
 Motion Picture Marketing and Distribution

Motion Picture Production Law  
 Music Industry Contracts  
 The Music Publishing Industry  
 Sports Law  
 Telecommunications Law and Policy  
 Television Production Law  
 Trademark Law  
 Video Game Law  
 Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiations<sup>3</sup>

**FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW**

*Cohen, Fee, Ramos, Vázquez, Waisman, Waterstone*

Advanced Children's Rights Clinic  
 Advanced Immigration Law Clinic  
 Advanced Street Law Clinic  
 Children and the Law  
 Children's Rights Clinic  
 Community Property  
 Externships  
 Family Law  
 Family Law Procedure and Practice  
 Immigration Law  
 Immigration Law Clinic  
 Special Education Law Seminar  
 Street Law Clinic  
 Youth at Risk

**HEALTH LAW**

*Grimes*

Administrative Law  
 Externships  
 Health Care Regulation and Practice  
 Insurance Law  
 Medical Malpractice  
 Medical/Legal Aspects of Older Adults—Capacity, Undue Influence, and Abuse<sup>3</sup>





## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

*Calnan, Epstein, Faerman,  
Gendron, Lind, Scott, Tehranian*

Advanced Copyright Law Seminar  
Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar  
Copyright Law  
Defamation, Privacy, Publicity and Celebrity  
Drafting and Negotiating Video Game Agreements  
Drafting Technology Agreements  
Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I  
Entertainment Law  
Entertainment Law (Capstone)  
Entertainment Law Firm Practicum  
Externships  
Fashion Law  
Intellectual Property Law  
International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law  
International Art Law<sup>2</sup>  
International Entertainment Law<sup>2</sup>  
IP Licensing: Law and Practice  
Motion Picture Production Law  
Music Industry Contracts  
The Music Publishing Industry  
Patent Law  
Patent Preparation and Prosecution  
Television Production Law  
Trademark Law  
Video Game Law

## INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

*Cameron, Cammack, Epstein,  
Faerman, Grimes, Gunning,  
Gupta, Lutz, Miller, Scott, Stier,  
VanLandingham*

Comparative Constitutional Law  
Comparative Media Law<sup>2</sup>  
Corruption and Government<sup>2</sup>  
European Union<sup>3</sup>  
Externships  
Global Tort Litigation  
Immigration Law  
International and Comparative Copyright Law  
International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law  
International Art Law<sup>2</sup>  
International Business Transactions  
International Corporate Finance and Acquisitions

International Debt Financing<sup>3</sup>  
International Entertainment Law<sup>2</sup>  
International Labor and Employment Law Seminar  
International Law in Practice  
International Litigation and Arbitration  
International Protection of Human Rights  
International Sports Law<sup>2</sup>  
International Trade Law  
Islamic Law  
Latin American Laws and Institutions<sup>2</sup>  
Law and International Development  
Law Journal  
Media as an International Human Right<sup>3</sup>  
National Security Law  
Public International Law  
U.S. Immigration Law and Mexico in the Age of Reform<sup>2</sup>

## JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGAL HISTORY

*Calnan, Cammack, Epstein, Frost,  
Gunning, Gupta, Hart, Hoyos,  
Knippprath, Krimmel, McEvoy,  
Pugsley, Shafiroff, Sloan, Wood*

American Legal History  
Federal Indian Law  
Islamic Law  
Jurisprudence Seminar  
Law and International Development  
Law and Literature  
Law and Literature Seminar  
Law and Religious Institutions Seminar  
Law and Rhetoric  
Law and Society Seminar  
Legal Arguments about Moral and Political Issues Seminar  
Race and the Law Seminar  
Trial of Jesus Seminar



## Resources for Ensuring Student Success

The Office of **Academic Success and Bar-Related Programs** coordinates activities, courses and services to help students develop effective study techniques and other essential strategies for achieving academic success. In addition to individualized tutoring and study skills and exam writing workshops, several specially structured academic courses provide more interactive study and exam skills instruction: Defenses in the Law and Practical Lawyering Skills reinforce organizational, critical thinking, writing, listening and exam-taking skills; and Selected Topics in American Law introduces students to the expectations of the California Bar Exam.<sup>1</sup>

In Southwestern's **Writing Center**, students are welcome to visit at any stage of their writing—from brainstorming to polishing. The Writing Center faculty are available to provide individualized feedback and advice and present group workshops on writing composition, citation and grammar issues. The Center assists any law student seeking help with such writing assignments as legal memos, briefs, seminar papers, clinical work, externship assignments, law review or journal notes, cover letters, and writing samples.

1 - Some of these courses have limited enrollment

[www.swlaw.edu/student-services/academic-success](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/academic-success)

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS/ LAWYERING SKILLS/ SIMULATION COURSES

*Aronovsky, Bassett, Bateman,  
Berger, Caldwell, Cameron,  
Carpenter, Cohen, D'Italia,  
Esposito, Fee, Frost, Garland,  
Gendron, Gharakhanian,  
Gunning, Knolton, Montz, Ramos,  
Rodriguez, Rolnick, Seki, Shafiroff,  
Stier, Strader, Taylor, Turner,  
VanLandingham, Vázquez,  
Waterstone, Whisman, Yokoyama*  
Advanced Children's Rights Clinic  
Advanced Immigration Law Clinic

Advanced Legal Writing  
Advanced Street Law Clinic  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Amicus Project Practicum  
Appellate Litigation Clinic  
Appellate Process and Opinion Drafting<sup>3</sup>  
The Art of Persuasion<sup>3</sup>  
The Art of Storytelling  
BEMLI Externship  
Big and Medium Law Firm Practice  
Business Planning  
California Civil Litigation (Capstone)  
Children and the Law  
Children's Rights Clinic  
Civil Pretrial Practice  
Communication Tools for New Lawyers<sup>3</sup>  
Commercial Lease Practice  
Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)  
Construction Law, Drafting and Negotiation  
Courtroom Procedure 101<sup>3</sup>  
Criminal Law Academic Skills Lab  
Criminal Law in Action

## Windows Into Practice

These specialized 2-unit Windows Into Practice courses are designed to prepare students for specific practice areas. The enrollment is limited to facilitate individual and group exercises.

- Big and Medium Law Firm Practice
- Criminal Litigation in Practice
- Family Law Procedure and Practice
- International Law in Practice
- Public Interest Law Practice
- Small Law Practice Management

Criminal Litigation in Practice  
 Cutting Edge: Emerging Issues in Entertainment Law  
 Drafting and Negotiating Video Game Agreements  
 Drafting Business Contracts  
 Drafting Entertainment Industry Contracts  
 Drafting Technology Agreements eDiscovery<sup>3</sup>  
 Effective Communication in Criminal Practice<sup>3</sup>  
 Employment Law (Capstone)  
 Entertainment and Media Litigation<sup>3</sup>  
 Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic  
 Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation  
 Entertainment Law (Capstone)  
 Entertainment Law Firm Practicum  
 Estate Planning and Drafting

Externships  
 Family Law Procedure and Practice  
 Forensic Evidence  
 Immigration Appeals Practicum  
 Immigration Law Clinic  
 International Law in Practice  
 Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating  
 IP Licensing: Law and Practice Law Firm Practicum  
 Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills (LAWS) I and II<sup>1</sup>  
 Legal Analysis, Writing & Skills II: Appellate Advocacy  
 Legal Analysis, Writing & Skills II: Negotiation  
 Legal Analysis, Writing & Skills II: Trial Practice  
 Medical/Legal Aspects of Older Adults—Capacity, Undue Influence, and Abuse<sup>3</sup>  
 Moot Court Honors Program

Music Industry Contracts  
 Patent Preparation and Prosecution  
 Practical Lawyering Skills  
 Practical Legal Research  
 Principles of Legal Analysis  
 Property Transactions Practice  
 Public Interest Law Practice  
 Refining Your Legal Writing  
 Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone)  
 Selected Problems in Evidence<sup>3</sup>  
 Selected Topics in American Law  
 Small Law Practice Management  
 Strategic Alliances<sup>3</sup>  
 Street Law Clinic  
 TAHP Advanced Trial Advocacy  
 Television Production Law  
 Torts Academic Skills Lab  
 Trial Advocacy  
 Trial Advocacy Honors Program (TAHP)  
 Youth Offender Parole Hearing Clinic

### PUBLIC INTEREST/CIVIL RIGHTS/CIVIL LIBERTIES

*Aronovsky, Caldwell, Calnan, Cameron, Carpenter, Cohen, D'Italia, Epstein, Fee, Gunning, Hart, Knipprath, Miller, Ramachandran, Ramos, Scott, Sloan, Vázquez, Waterstone, Wood*

Advanced Children's Rights Clinic  
 Advanced Immigration Law Clinic  
 Advanced Street Law Clinic

The American Justice System Seminar: What the Public Wants and Expects  
 Amicus Project Practicum  
 Appellate Litigation Clinic  
 Children and the Law  
 Children's Rights Clinic  
 Constitutional Law I and II<sup>1</sup>  
 Defamation, Privacy, Publicity and Celebrity  
 DFEH Civil Rights Clinic  
 Education Law  
 Employment Discrimination Law  
 Employment Law Survey  
 Environmental Law  
 Externships  
 Federal Indian Law  
 Immigration Appeals Practicum  
 Immigration Law  
 Immigration Law and Crimes<sup>3</sup>  
 Immigration Law Clinic  
 Information Privacy Law  
 International Human Rights Research and Advocacy  
 International Protection of Human Rights  
 Labor Law  
 Land Use Regulation  
 Latin American Laws and Institutions<sup>2</sup>  
 Prison Law and Mass Incarceration  
 Public Interest Law Practice  
 Race and Law Seminar  
 Street Law Clinic  
 Women and the Law Seminar  
 Youth at Risk  
 Youth Offender Parole Hearing Clinic



**REAL PROPERTY/  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW/  
LAND USE**

*Aronovsky, Gupta, Hoyos,  
Krimmel, Lutz, McEvoy, Montz,  
Scott, Shafiroff, Waisman, Wood*

Commercial Lease Practice  
Community Property  
Construction Law, Drafting and  
Negotiation  
Environmental Law  
Externships  
Federal Indian Law  
Land Use Regulation  
Property<sup>1</sup>  
Property Transactions Practice  
Real Estate Transactions  
Water Law

**TAXATION**

*Berger, Krimmel, Shafiroff, Wood*

Accounting for Lawyers  
Business Planning  
Estate and Gift Taxation  
Estate Planning and Drafting  
Externships  
Federal Corporate Taxation  
Survey of Federal Income Tax  
Wills and Trusts

**TORTS AND COMPENSATION  
SYSTEMS**

*Aronovsky, Calnan, Fischer,  
Gunning, McEvoy, Rolnick, Scott,  
Stier, Yokoyama*

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Defamation, Privacy, Publicity  
and Celebrity  
Externships  
Foundations of Tort Law Seminar  
Global Tort Litigation<sup>2</sup>  
Insurance Law  
Mass Tort Litigation (Capstone)  
Medical Malpractice  
Products Liability  
Remedies  
Torts<sup>1</sup>  
Torts Academic Skills Lab  
Workers' Compensation Law and  
Practice

1 – Required courses

2 – Offered in Summer Abroad Programs

3 – Offered in the January Intersession

D – Offered with The Drucker School

**Note:** The list reflects courses in the current academic year and the past two years. Course selection is subject to change. Some elective courses are not offered every year, and seminar topics vary from year to year. Course descriptions are available online at [www.swlaw.edu/academics/course\\_listings](http://www.swlaw.edu/academics/course_listings).

An overview of the SCALE® curriculum is available on page 8 and online at [admissions.swlaw.edu/scale](http://admissions.swlaw.edu/scale).

**Certificate in Law and Public Policy**

Southwestern established a unique partnership with the **Pardee RAND Graduate School** to offer a Certificate in Public Policy. The program helps prepare students for leadership roles in policymaking and legal organizations in the public and private sectors. Law students selected for this competitive program complete 6 units at Pardee RAND, 3 of which may also count toward the J.D. degree, including the required courses History of Contemporary Law and Public Policy, and Perspectives on Public Policy. Founded in 1970, Pardee RAND is one of eight original graduate programs in public policy and the only one based at a think tank—the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, CA. Pardee RAND is unique in focusing its core curriculum on analytic tools and methodologies including economics, statistics, operations research, and social and behavioral science research methods.



PARDEE RAND GRADUATE SCHOOL

[admissions.swlaw.edu/rand-certificates](http://admissions.swlaw.edu/rand-certificates)

**Certificate in Bioscience Industry  
Law and Practice**

Southwestern has partnered with the **Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences (KGI)**, part of the Claremont Colleges, to offer an exciting Certificate in Bioscience Industry Law and Practice. Certificate graduates will acquire some of the essential skills and knowledge necessary for leadership roles in this fast-growing industry as well as in legal organizations, including government agencies, law firms and related private-sector corporations. Southwestern students can take courses at KGI in the areas of technology management, entrepreneurship, and bioscience-related industry dynamics and have an opportunity to work on interdisciplinary team projects sponsored by companies. Students will complete a minimum of 2 units at KGI and 4 units at Southwestern to earn the Certificate (generally two courses at each school). Founded in 1997, KGI educates future leaders of the bioscience industry through distinctive graduate programs offering integrated life science/engineering/business curriculums and focusing on industry projects and collaborations.



KGI

KECK GRADUATE INSTITUTE  
of Applied Life Sciences

[admissions.swlaw.edu/keck-certificate](http://admissions.swlaw.edu/keck-certificate)

# J.D. Program Application Process

Applicants should review the detailed application information at [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/applicants](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/applicants) before completing the following requirements.

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

The same application form is used for the Day, Evening, Part-time Day/PLEAS and SCALE® programs; a separate application is available for the J.D./M.B.A. Concurrent-Degree program (traditional or SCALE). The application is available in electronic form at LSAC.org (find direct links at [www.swlaw.edu/applyonline](http://www.swlaw.edu/applyonline)). Although online applications are preferred, applicants who wish to fill out a paper application may request a copy by contacting the Admissions Office (see contact information below). Paper applications should be available by early October.

Additional documentation not submitted electronically with the application may be sent to the Admissions Office via email, fax or U.S. mail (see contact information below). All materials (including letters of recommendation) must be clearly identified with the applicant's full name and LSAC account number.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### • Application Fee

A nonrefundable \$60 check or money order made payable to Southwestern Law School must be submitted with the application or with your Certification Letter if applying online. The canceled check will serve as a receipt. The application fee may also be paid via the E-app electronic payment option. Southwestern honors the fee waivers assigned by LSAC.

### • LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS)/LSAT

Applicants must register for the Credential Assembly Service and the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC); visit [LSAC.org](http://LSAC.org) for more information. LSAT scores earned within the past five-year period and summaries of undergraduate work are reported to Southwestern by the Credential Assembly Service.

- The 2016-17 LSAT test dates that will allow applicants to complete their files by Southwestern's deadlines for the Fall 2017 entering class are:
  - June 6, 2016
  - September 24, 2016
  - December 3, 2016
  - February 4, 2017

**Note:** For the 2017 entering class, only scores earned on or after September 2011 will be considered. See [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org) for alternative dates for Sabbath observers.

### • Final Transcripts

Final transcripts showing undergraduate degree conferral must be submitted to LSAC no later than September 10, 2017.

### • Letters of Recommendation

At least one letter (maximum of three letters) of recommendation must be submitted on behalf of an applicant by persons (other than relatives) who are familiar with the applicant's intellectual ability and potential to succeed in the study of law. Letters may be submitted through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service (preferred) to be included in the Credential Assembly Service registration, or directly to Southwestern's Admissions Office.

### • Personal Statement

The applicant's personal statement should be two to three pages in length, typed and double-spaced. When applying electronically, applicants may submit the personal statement as an electronic attachment.

### • Optional Essay

In addition to the personal statement, applicants may choose to write one optional essay. See specific requirements at [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/applicants](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/applicants).

### • Diversity Statement

Southwestern values the uniqueness of each applicant. Therefore, a statement may be submitted that includes specific issues related to the diverse background and personal experiences not mentioned in the required personal statement.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

### • SCALE

An interview is also required for candidates to the SCALE Program; appointments are initiated by the law school.

### • Concurrent-Degree Program

Applicants must apply using the J.D. and M.B.A. Concurrent Degree application. Questions may be addressed to the Director of Interdisciplinary Programs at Southwestern via [interdisciplinary@swlaw.edu](mailto:interdisciplinary@swlaw.edu) or (213) 738-6624. The following must also be submitted:

- Official GMAT Score(s) - The GMAT is not required for applicants who score 155 and above on the LSAT or for E.M.B.A. applicants.
- At least one letter of recommendation should address the applicant's business experience
- Personal statement should address why the applicant is seeking a concurrent degree
- Additional requirements as requested by The Drucker School

**Notes:** Offers of admission from The Drucker School of Business are contingent upon successful completion (3.0 or higher GPA) during their first semester at Southwestern. Those concurrent-degree students who fall below 3.0 after the first semester may be subject to additional application requirements or revocation of their admissions offer from The Drucker School.

## ADMISSIONS INTERVIEWS

Some applicants to the Day, Evening or PLEAS programs may be selected to participate in an interview with a faculty member, alum or admissions officer. If contacted for the interview, it is important to respond promptly. Failure to respond within a timely manner could adversely affect the application-review or scholarship-awarding process. Those applicants who wish to further enhance their admissions files with additional information not originally submitted with the application are advised to do so in writing.

## FOREIGN APPLICANTS

Applicants with undergraduate degrees from institutions outside of the US or Canada must fulfill additional requirements. (See [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/foreign](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/foreign).) Foreign students who intend to seek an F1 visa to attend Southwestern will be able to contact the appropriate contact person after admission. Interested applicants may contact the Admissions Office to obtain more information.

## PREVIOUS LAW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Applicants who have previously attended any law school must fulfill additional requirements. Regardless of desire to receive advanced standing, all applicants who have previously attended any law school must provide a letter of standing and official transcript from the law school.

## ADMISSIONS APPLICATION DEADLINE

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 **April 1**. Applications submitted later will be considered on an individual basis. Applicants should note that waiting lists are often established as early as March, and eligibility for certain forms of financial aid most preferred by students (e.g., scholarship programs) may be reduced substantially after March 1.

## CONCURRENT-DEGREE PROGRAM PRIORITY DEADLINE

The Concurrent-Degree Program's priority deadline is **February 15**. Students who submit their applications by this date will receive priority consideration for financial aid.

## BAR INFORMATION

All applicants should consult the rules and regulations of the Committee of Bar Examiners of the state in which they intend to practice to determine if there is anything that might affect their eligibility for admission to the bar, and whether they are required to register with the bar of that state when they commence the study of law. More information is available online at [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/baradmission](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/baradmission).

**Apply electronically or send the completed application and supporting materials to:**

Admissions Office – JD Program  
Southwestern Law School  
3050 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90010-1106

Phone: (213) 738-6834  
Fax: (213) 986-3911  
Email: [admissions@swlaw.edu](mailto:admissions@swlaw.edu)



# Financial Aid Overview

The following information provides a brief overview of Southwestern's financial aid programs and procedures. Applicants should refer to the comprehensive Financial Aid information online at [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid). **Applicants should not wait for an admission decision before applying for financial aid.**

Southwestern seeks to provide or secure financial assistance for all qualified applicants who would be unable to attend law school without such assistance. The law school has developed a comprehensive financial aid program that includes federal loan programs and other loans from a number of other sources, as well as merit and need-based scholarships and Federal Work Study funds.

The law school is also fully approved for veteran's education benefits for students in the J.D. program and is a **Yellow Ribbon Program** participant.

During the past academic year, approximately 90% of Southwestern students received some form of financial aid. The Financial Aid staff is available to provide assistance throughout the financial aid application process.

**Note:** Southwestern's Title IV FAFSA Code is **G01295**.

## LOANS

Student loans are often a key source of financing for law students. Southwestern participates in the Federal Direct Loan Program, whereby the U.S. Department of Education is the lender. A full description of these programs is available online.

## FEDERAL WORK STUDY (FWS)

The Federal Work Study (FWS) program is designed to assist students in meeting their education expenses through part-time employment and to encourage them to participate in community service activities. A student who is eligible for FWS funds must secure a position with a qualified employer (Southwestern or a nonprofit organization or government agency that meets the requirements set forth in federal regulation). Work Study job opportunities are posted online and in the Career Services Office.

## SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS

Southwestern awards a select number of book scholarships, housing scholarships and merit scholarships (up to the full cost of tuition) to entering students in the **J.D. or Concurrent-Degree programs** who have demonstrated exceptional academic promise. Criteria for these scholarships include strong undergraduate grade point average and Law School Admission Test scores, leadership potential and other outstanding personal accomplishments, among other factors. Book scholarships and merit scholarships are renewable for students who meet the continuing academic performance requirements. Additional information on these and other scholarship funds may be obtained from the Admissions Office or online at [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid/typesofaid/grants](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid/typesofaid/grants).

## TUITION

The following charges are effective as of June 2016. Tuition is due and payable each semester or period; however, an installment plan may be arranged, the timing of each payment being determined by the school. For the Fall and Spring terms, all J.D. candidates enrolling after May 1, 2011 are charged tuition based on their program, regardless of the number of units taken. That tuition amount, for 2016-2017, is listed below by program. In subsequent years, the tuition amount will likely increase, but it will always be based on program and not on units taken.

During each Summer Session, students are charged on a per unit basis. The per unit charge for Summer 2016 is \$1,662 with the minimum number of units possible being two. Traditional full-time students can graduate in three years without attending Summer Session. SCALE students must attend Summer Session to graduate in two years. Part-time students will generally need to attend Summer Session to graduate in four years. Please see additional details, such as Residency Units and Summer Attendance Requirements, at [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid/tuition](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid/tuition).

### FLAT RATE TUITION – TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

	FALL	SPRING	TOTAL TUITION
<b>Full-time</b>	\$24,945	\$24,945	\$49,890
<b>Part-time</b>	\$16,635	\$16,636	\$33,270

### Ten Tips for Navigating the Financial Aid Process at Southwestern

- 1 Don't wait to be admitted before you complete the applications – **APPLY NOW**. The official deadline is June 1.
- 2 The FAFSA ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) is the only required application to be completed.
- 3 When filling out the FAFSA, the school code for Southwestern is **G01295** (G zero 1295).
- 4 Submit any requested **follow-up items** and **update your address** as needed to make sure you receive any requests for information.
- 5 Once you have received your award (via email), go to the FA page on the Entering Student Portal and **review the amounts**. Follow the directions given to confirm or change award amount. You may also email [finaid@swlaw.edu](mailto:finaid@swlaw.edu) with any changes or questions.
- 6 Complete a **Master Promissory Note (MPN)** for each Federal loan type you borrow (Stafford & Grad PLUS). You can choose to e-sign your MPN's at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) beginning June 1.
- 7 If you have not done so, complete mandatory **Federal Loan Entrance Counseling** at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) beginning June 1.
- 8 Expecting a refund? Sign-up for **Direct Deposit** via the Entering Student Portal > WebAdvisor.
- 9 **Keep copies of all your paperwork** and expenses for future reference. Contact the Financial Aid Office directly at [finaid@swlaw.edu](mailto:finaid@swlaw.edu) or (213) 738-6719 if you have any questions or would like personal financial aid counseling.
- 10 Make sure you are borrowing **the least amount possible**. You can always contact the Financial Aid Office in the future if necessary.

Please note that our Summer Abroad Programs' costs are determined by the program and charged accordingly and separately from the tuition listed here.

While tuition for future years will likely increase, those rates have yet to be established. To determine the total cost of tuition for each program students should multiply their program's total tuition (below) by the number of years required to graduate, allowing for annual tuition increases and any summer attendance.

## MANDATORY FEES

### Prorated or not refundable

Student Services Fee:

**Traditional Programs:** \$200 per year

**SCALE Program:** \$250 per year

For more information on the Student Services Fee, visit [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/registrar/ssf](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/registrar/ssf).

**Note:** Tuition and fees are subject to change. Visit [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid/tuition](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid/tuition) for complete details and the most recent figures.

## TUITION REFUND POLICY

Students withdrawing before the first day of the semester, Summer Session, or SCALE period receive a 100% credit of charged tuition. Students withdrawing on or after the first day

of classes will incur a prorated non-refundable tuition charge.<sup>3</sup> Once 60% of the semester, Summer Session or SCALE period is completed, the student will be charged 100% of tuition.

Summer Law Programs have their own refund policies, which are printed in the brochure for each program. For more information about the tuition refund policy, refer to the *Student Handbook* at [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/deanofstudents/student\\_handbook](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/deanofstudents/student_handbook).

**Note:** Refunds of prepaid amounts are available only upon notice of discontinuance and application for refund. The amount refundable is determined by the student's last day of attendance in class and not on the date of receipt of this notice in the Registration and Academic Records Office.

- 1 Students must pay the flat rate tuition based on their particular classification, even if they have been granted approval to underload or overload.
- 2 Charged/dispensed over four periods.
- 3 The prorated non-refundable charge is calculated by counting the number of calendar days starting with the first day of the term and ending with the last day of attendance. That result is divided by the number of calendar days in the term. The resulting percentage is then multiplied by the original tuition charged to determine the prorated non-refundable charge.

### FLAT RATE TUITION – SCALE PROGRAM

	PER PERIOD	PERIODS PER YEAR	SUMMER	TOTAL TUITION
<b>Year 1</b>	\$17,520	4	n/a	\$70,080
<b>Year 2</b>	\$17,520	4	\$6,648	\$76,728

The mission of Southwestern Law School is to produce highly skilled graduates who are capable of integrating theory and practice to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century. Through excellent faculty committed to promoting the highest level of professionalism, Southwestern seeks to create a vibrant diverse academic community with a student-centered approach to legal education.

Southwestern Law School is approved by the American Bar Association<sup>1</sup> (1970) and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (1972).

Since 1911, Southwestern Law School has served the public as a nonprofit, nonsectarian educational institution. Southwestern does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, medical condition, pregnancy, marital status, veteran/military status, or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law in connection with admission to the school, or in the administration of any of its educational, employment, housing, financial aid, scholarship, or student activity programs. Nondiscrimination has been the policy of Southwestern since its founding. Southwestern's policy on nondiscrimination is to comply fully with applicable state and federal law.

The law school also requires employers using its placement services and facilities to abide by these standards and to ensure that no such discrimination occurs in hiring, promotion, or compensation for work assignments.

It is the policy and practice of Southwestern Law School to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended by the ADA Amendment Act of 2008, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and state and local requirements regarding students and applicants with disabilities. No qualified individual with a disability shall be denied access to or participation in services, programs and activities of Southwestern Law School. Copies of the complete policy regarding students and applicants with disabilities may be obtained from the Admissions Office.

Southwestern Law School is a qualified exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts to the law school are deductible from state and federal taxes.

Southwestern's *Viewbook*, *Student Handbook* and website have been designed to answer frequently asked questions concerning the admission process; the academic, financial aid, and placement programs; and the general policies and regulations of Southwestern Law School. These publications have been prepared with the best data available as of June 2016 regarding these matters as well as course offerings, tuition, fees, faculty, and administration. Information about grading, scholastic requirements, incompletes, attendance requirements, the honor code, and all rules, regulations, and procedures of the law school is published in the annual *Student Handbook*. Students should make sure they receive a copy of the Handbook when they commence their studies at Southwestern and familiarize themselves with its contents.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Viewbook*, *Application Guide*, *Student Handbook*, or website, the administration, faculty, or Board of Trustees of the law school expressly reserve the right, whenever they deem advisable, to (1) modify the schedule of fees and tuition charges and to make such changes applicable to all students; (2) change instructors or cancel, withdraw, reschedule or modify any course or program of study, or any requirement in connection therewith; and (3) change any regulation affecting the student body.

<sup>1</sup> - Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738

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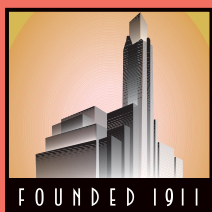
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