

**SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL**  
**L O S A N G E L E S**



## Message from the Dean

Dear Future Attorney,

We appreciate your interest in Southwestern Law School.

Southwestern is the second oldest law school in Los Angeles with over a hundred years of inclusion, thought leadership, and public service to its credit. We proudly cultivate practice-ready lawyers and encourage entrepreneurship and innovation. Our graduates are fierce litigators, creative problem-solvers, and hard workers known for rolling up their sleeves and getting the job done right the first time.

Choosing a law school is such an individual process. Finding a school with a supportive and student-centered culture is just as important as finding one with customized programs, experiential programs, and practical skills courses. Southwestern offers all those things.

Southwestern's devoted faculty and knowledgeable staff, along with our extensive network of alumni, are available to help you through the application process and the rigors of law school into the profession.

I find Southwestern to be a very special law school and I think you will too. Visit us through technology and in person. Ask us the hard questions, so that you can be the best judge of whether Southwestern is right for you.

The heightened communication and analytical skills you develop through your legal education will enable you to be a more effective person, in a broad range of realms. And no matter where you choose to attend law school, you will also contribute to protecting and sustaining our democratic values over the years to come.

Warm wishes as you pursue your future,



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 co-curricular 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 co-curricular 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 the 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

At Southwestern, you have choices and flexibility unlike anywhere else. Southwestern provides a variety of options that promote a truly **individualized approach to legal education**.

No matter which program you choose, there are resources, opportunities, and services designed to help you be a successful and well-rounded law student.

## 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 1975

## 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. or Executive 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. or Executive M.B.A. (4 .5 years)**



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

Southwestern offers an accelerated 3+3 program with **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.					

## 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 entertainment, technology law and entrepreneurship, business, criminal, international, or public interest law.

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 32 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
<b>Courses</b>	<b>Units</b>	
Civil Procedure I and II	2	3
Contracts I and II	3	2
Criminal Law	3	-
Academic Skills Lab I and II	1	1
LAWS I and II <sup>1</sup>	3	3
Torts or Property	4	4
Elective <sup>2</sup>	-	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
SECOND YEAR	FALL	SPRING
Business Associations	4 or	4
Constitutional Law I and 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
Experiential Requirement <sup>5</sup>	TOTAL OF 6	
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)

5 Students must take a minimum of six credit hours of course work that has been specifically approved and designated as meeting the experiential requirement



“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

### 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. **The first year of the program now offers an online component, allowing students to come to campus only three nights per week for much of the fall and spring semesters. The fourth night of class will be online, allowing students to participate from the comfort of home or any other location with an internet connection.**

**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 support and other events to help part-time students adjust to law school.

### PLEAS/Part-Time Day Program

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 in the morning for the first two years. There is a faculty advisor dedicated to the PLEAS program.

**\*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.

All PLEAS, 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 students are also able to take advantage of externships, clinics, practicums, and honors programs. Students 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
<b>Courses</b>	<b>Units</b>	
Contracts I and II	3	2
Criminal Law	3	-
Academic Skills Lab I and II	1	1
LAWS I and II <sup>1</sup>	3	3
Torts	-	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
FIRST YEAR EVENING	FALL	SPRING
Contracts I and II	3	2
Criminal Law	3	-
LAWS I and II <sup>1</sup>	3	3
Torts	-	4
Academic Skills Lab I and II	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
SECOND YEAR PLEAS, PART-TIME DAY, OR EVENING	FALL	SPRING
Civil Procedure I and II	2	3
Constitutional Law I and II	3	3
Property	4	-
Electives <sup>2</sup>	2	2 to 5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9 to 11</b>	<b>8 to 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
Experiential Requirement <sup>5</sup>	TOTAL OF 6	
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)
- 5 Students must take a minimum of six credit hours of course work that has been specifically approved and designated as meeting the experiential requirement

# 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 a unique opportunity to complete your J.D. at an accelerated pace with a small group of bright, diverse, and highly-motivated students.

SCALE students have special opportunities including:

- smaller class size
- professors highly invested in the SCALE approach
- a guaranteed full-time externship or Executive M.B.A
- 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
- eligibility to participate in co-curricular programs such as the Moot Court, Negotiation, and Trial Advocacy Honors Programs; Southwestern Law Review; and Journal of International Law
- a flexible second-year curriculum created through a choice of summer session electives, second-year elective choices, and particular externship placements allowing a focus on the student's area of interest

The two-year SCALE academic calendar is based on the quarter system. Students participate in a mandatory summer session between the first and second year, offering courses, externships, or a summer abroad program. The last quarter of SCALE includes a guaranteed externship. SCALE students may now choose to specialize in an entertainment and media law curriculum or develop an alternative focus area.

**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.

longest-running  
2-Year JD  
in the country  
(SCALE, est. 1975)

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

4 2 units, if needed to meet the 87 unit requirement.

**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 focus their studies in media and entertainment, non-profit management/public interest law, or transnational corporate governance. Other areas of curricular focus offered through Drucker include strategy, finance, marketing, leadership, and global management.

Both degrees can be earned within 3 to 4½ years. A **J.D./ Executive M.B.A.** option is available for students with extensive professional or management experience.

Southwestern students who pursue the J.D./M.B.A. degree can apply 16 units earned at Southwestern to the M.B.A. at the Drucker School; in addition, Southwestern students will also be able to apply 16 of the units earned at Drucker toward the J.D. degree. Students who wish to earn the Executive M.B.A. degree will be able to cross-apply 10 units from each program.



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



**“** When I applied for the job, I had just completed my first semester at Drucker. I hadn't taken any finance classes yet, but my boss was willing to entertain me as a candidate because of my law degree. Once I got in, my passion, energy, and drive set me apart from the other candidates.”

– Phil Leathers '15, J.D./M.B.A. Program  
Senior Director, Crest Point LLC

# Innovation in the Classroom

Southwestern has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for leading law school curricular innovation and as an original or founding 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 American Legal History
- 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
- advanced Capstone courses
- floating mini-term courses
- specialized "Windows Into Practice" courses
- semester abroad options: North American Consortium on Legal Education, The Hague Law School in The Netherlands, and Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Argentina

## Interdisciplinary Program

Further expanding curriculum options beyond the traditional semesters, Southwestern offers an interdisciplinary study opportunity in:

- **Bioscience Industry Law and Practice** with



For the complete listing of courses and a description of the Certificate in Bioscience Industry Law and Practice, see pages 37-41.





Trial Advocacy Practice



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

Southwestern class



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

# Customize Your Curriculum

By combining a selection of courses, externships, and clinical experiences with co-curricular 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 and connections.

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 technology law and entrepreneurship, entertainment, business, criminal, international, and public interest law.

Southwestern offers a new concentration in Technology Law and Entrepreneurship (see below).

## Concentration in Technology Law and Entrepreneurship

### Legal Journal

The Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law

### Core Courses

Copyright Law,  
Cyberlaw,  
Drafting Business Contracts,  
Drafting Technology Agreements,  
Drafting/Negotiating Video Game Agreements,  
Entertainment Law,  
Entertainment Law and the Evolving Web,  
Information Privacy Law,  
IP Licensing: Law and Practice or IP Licensing in the Technology Industry,  
Mass Media Law,  
Developing Web-Based Startups:  
Merging Law, Business, and Technology (formerly Mobile App Challenge),  
Patent Law,  
Representing Entrepreneurs,  
Trademark Law

"Los Angeles is rapidly becoming a world-class technology hub. Our Technology Law and Entrepreneurship Concentration and related services will allow students to custom-tailor their curriculum to meet the legal needs of the myriad tech companies establishing themselves in Southern California."



- Professor Michael Scott

### Student Organizations & Activities

Entertainment Law Society,  
Intellectual Property Law Society,  
Labor and Employment Law Association,  
Music Law Society,  
Tax Law Society,  
Visual Arts Law  
Student Association

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

## A Focus on Entertainment and Media Law

The rapidly expanding and converging realms of film, television, music, theater, advertising, sports, 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. The lists below are highlights, please see the website for full offerings.



"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,  
Co-Director of the Donald E. Biederman  
Entertainment and Media Law Institute

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

**45+ Courses & Seminars**

Copyright Law,  
Entertainment Business  
Affairs Negotiation,  
Financing and Distributing  
Independent Films,  
Mass Media Law,  
Music Industry Contracts,  
Television Production Law,  
Video Game Law

**Student Organizations & Activities**

Entertainment Law Society,  
Intellectual Property Law Society,  
Music Law Society,  
Sports Law Society

**50+ Externship Opportunities**

CBS Corporation,  
CMG Worldwide,  
DMG Entertainment,  
Escape Artists,  
Motion Picture  
Association of America,  
Rhino Entertainment,  
RKO Pictures,  
Warner Music Group

**Clinic**

Entertainment and  
the Arts Legal Clinic

For current lists of practicum, seminars, summer, and other special programs, please go to [www.swlaw.edu/curriculum](http://www.swlaw.edu/curriculum).

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

# Customize Your Curriculum

## A Focus on Public Interest Law

### Student Organizations & Activities

Environmental Law Society, Homelessness Prevention Law Project, Hoover Elementary Mock Trial and ADR Project, Immigration Law Students Association, OneJustice and Justice Bus™, Public Interest Law Committee, Small Claims Court Project, Teen Court, Tax Law Society's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

### 35+ Courses & Seminars

Animal Law, Employment Discrimination Law, Environmental Law, Federal Indian Law, Public Interest Law Practice

### Clinics

Appellate Litigation, Children's Rights, Entertainment and the Arts, Immigration Law, Street Law

### Practicums

Amicus Project, Immigration Appeals

### Externship Opportunities

ACLU of So Cal, Alliance for Children's Rights, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Bet Tzedek, LA LGBT Center, Public Counsel

"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

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

## A Focus on Business Organization and Practice

### Certificate

Certificate Program in Bioscience Industry Law and Practice with the Keck Graduate Institute

### Student Organizations & Activities

Intellectual Property Law Society, Labor and Employment Law Association, Tax Law Society

### 25+ Courses & Seminars

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

### Externship Opportunities

Federal Trade Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Securities and Exchange Commission, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

"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

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



## A Focus on International and Comparative Law



**“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

### Student Organizations & Activities

Immigration Law Students Association, International Law Society

### Externship Opportunities

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) Immigration Legal Assistance Project, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement

### Clinic

Immigration Law

### Courses & Seminars

Comparative Constitutional Law, International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law, International Litigation and Arbitration, International Protection of Human Rights, International Trade Law, Islamic Law

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

## A Focus on Criminal Law and Practice

### 20+ Courses & Seminars

Antitrust Law, Complex Criminal Litigation Capstone, Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law Seminar: Contemporary Issues, Criminal Law Seminar: Sex Crimes, Criminal Litigation in Practice, Evidence, Securities Regulation, White Collar Crime

### Externship Opportunities

California Court of Appeal, California Superior Court, District Attorney's Office, Federal Public Defender, Inner City Law Center, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement

### Student Organizations

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

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

# 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, 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 structured on-site placements**. Over the past several years, Southwestern students participated in approximately 350 to 400 externships annually. About three-quarters 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 externships** throughout Southern California. During the Summer Session, national and international placements are possible.

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.

### A Sampling of Externship Placement Opportunities

#### Government

California Attorney General,  
City Attorney's Office,  
District Attorney's Office,  
Federal Public Defender,  
Federal Trade Commission,  
Public Defender's Office,  
Securities and Exchange  
Commission,  
U.S. Attorney's Office

#### Public Interest

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

#### Entertainment

CBS Corporation,  
CMG Worldwide,  
DMG Entertainment,  
Escape Artists,  
Motion Picture  
Association of America,  
Rhino Entertainment,  
RKO Pictures,  
Slingshot Global Media,  
Warner Music Group

#### In-House Corporate Counsel

AARP Foundation  
Litigation,  
Anthem Blue Cross, Inc.,  
California Association of  
Realtors,  
Forever 21, Inc.

#### Judicial

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



“ I wanted to know what it was like day-in and day-out for a private attorney working at a medium-to-large size firm: the stress level, the workload, the personal life, the balance—I wanted to know it all. And I got it.”

– Grace Pak '17, Part-Time Day Program  
Extern at Salisian | Lee LLP

## Clinical Programs

Southwestern's legal clinics offer law students multiple opportunities to gain practical lawyering skills while providing quality legal representation to under-represented individuals and organizations. By participating in a clinic, students can get out of the classroom and work directly with and in the community. Clinic students work on real cases for academic credit under the close supervision and guidance of faculty who are 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. Students develop as professionals and learn firsthand the importance of access to justice.

### 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.

### Community Lawyering Clinic

In this unique collaboration between Southwestern Law School and California State University, Northridge (CSUN), Southwestern law students represent CSUN students in a variety of immigration cases as well as staff the on-campus CSUN Student Legal Clinic. In addition to client representation, law students also conduct legal community outreach and policy advocacy for the CSUN student community.

### 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 juvenile justice 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.



# Experiential Learning



“ 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 2-Year J.D. 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 practicum programs that provide **real-world training in legal research, litigation as well as transactional drafting, client relations, negotiation, oral argument**, and much more.

### 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 co-curricular activities and individual pursuits. Being in the heart of the “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 academic year. Those who volunteer at least 75 hours during their law school experience are formally recognized at graduation and receive notations on their transcripts. In support of this policy, the **Public Service Program** helps students identify and connect to various volunteer opportunities in the legal community.

The **Summer Public Interest Law Grant Program** and **Silbert Public Interest Law Fellowships** provide funding for selected students who participate in public service work during the summer. Public Interest Law Service Awards are presented to selected graduating students in recognition of their extraordinary dedication to public interest law. Students and faculty serve on Public Interest Law Committees to coordinate public interest law awareness and fundraising events through the year.

Southwestern students volunteer with community clinics through the **Small Claims Court Clinic** or the **Justice Bus™** serving rural communities. They also connect to the community through law-related education and diversity pipeline programs, such as the law school’s **Hoover Elementary School Mock Trial** or **Teen Court**. In addition, many student organizations provide community service opportunities collaborating with nonprofit legal agencies through programs such as the **Homelessness Prevention Law Project** or the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program**.

Participating in public interest work during law school is not only a rewarding way for our students to make a difference in the community, it is a key way for students to cultivate and learn lawyering skills that will be valuable in any career.

**17,000+**  
hours of pro bono service  
provided to the local  
community annually by  
Southwestern students



“As part of my summer fellowship duties at Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, I worked directly with victims of domestic violence and helped them with immigration issues, family law problems, and landlord/tenant disputes. I learned that public interest law is not about saving the world; it is about empowering the world.”

– Erik Alexander Ceja '17, SCALE 2-Year J.D. Program  
Public Interest Summer Grant Recipient

# Honors Programs

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 performance, coordinate both the intramural competition and interscholastic team preparation.

## Moot Court Honors Program

The Moot Court Honors Program focuses on appellate advocacy. An appellate court hears appeals from judgments and rulings of trial courts or lower appeals courts. The Moot Court cases are set before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the process of handling an appeal of a hypothetical case, students conduct legal research, draft an appellate court brief, and present oral arguments before a panel of justices.

## Negotiation Honors Program

Southwestern established the Negotiation Honors Program for students interested in both transactional and litigation practice. Through the program, students hone negotiating techniques and other alternative dispute resolution skills that they will use in practice. Learning these skills also helps students develop the confidence necessary to become effective advocates across all practice areas.

## Trial Advocacy Honors Program

Southwestern's Trial Advocacy Honors Program (TAHP) is ideal for students who are interested in developing the trial skills necessary to excel in any practice area involving litigation. Through TAHP, members (or advocates) learn to perform with confidence in a simulated trial atmosphere, including examining witnesses and presenting opening statements and closing arguments, while mastering the rules of evidence.

**36**  
First Place awards  
in team, brief, and oralist  
categories in regional,  
national, and international  
Moot Court, Negotiation,  
and Trial Advocacy  
competitions  
(2011-2017)





## Law Review and Law Journals

Students can earn positions on the *Southwestern Law Review* and the *Southwestern Journal of International Law*, which publish scholarly articles and commentary by prominent jurists, law professors, practitioners, and students on the Law Review or Law 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 Law Journal 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 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***

Law Journal complements the law school's extensive course offerings and faculty expertise in international and comparative law. Students compete in the Write-On Competition to earn a place on the Law 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.



“Participating in Southwestern’s Moot Court and Law Review honors programs boosted my writing and research skills to a level I didn’t think I could ever achieve.”

– Jamison Gilmore '18, Full-Time Day Program  
Moot Court Honors Program, Law Review, and Peer Mentor

### ***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 course selections through individual appointments and Table Day, a lively academic counseling event. In teaching their courses, faculty 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 writing program at Southwestern is really strong. I have benefitted from excellent writing professors who created incredible materials, set high standards, and taught me the art of beautiful and persuasive legal writing. It gave me the confidence and skills necessary to win.”

–Nicole Meyers '17, Part-Time Day Program

Best Brief winner at the 32nd Annual Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Moot Court Competition

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 Art of Persuasion to Video Game Law.

IN THE TOP  
**25**  
Southwestern deans  
and faculty among  
“The Most Influential  
People in Legal Education”  
several 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



**"Even though I love launching off into the stratosphere of theoretical debates, I always feel the need to come back to earth and discuss how this is going to affect the students and their future practices."**

– Associate Dean Byron Stier



**"A huge part of what we do as business litigators involves written advocacy. Strong, clear, persuasive, and concise writing helps you convince the court and your adversary that your position is the right one."**

– Professor N. Kemba Taylor



**"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 2016 entering class:

- women = 53%
- minorities = 49%
- students proficient in 20+ foreign languages
- average age = 27 (ranging from 21 to over 50)
- 101 undergraduate schools represented, 65% outside California

## Diversity Awards

At Southwestern, we deeply 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:

- **The American Bar Association's Law Students Division, Dean Henry J. Ramsey Jr. Diversity Award**
- **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 five 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**

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
place in the Law School  
Admission Council's 2017  
Diversity Matters  
Award



“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 of 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 fraternity; ethnic, cultural, religious, and political groups; and associations for different areas of the law. These groups offer support and mentoring programs, and sponsor workshops, 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  
Criminal Law Society  
Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity  
Entertainment Law Society  
Environmental Law Society  
Family and Dependency Law Society  
Federalist Society  
Homelessness Prevention Law Project  
Immigration Law Students Association  
Intellectual Property Law Society  
International Law Society  
Jewish Law Students Association  
Labor and Employment Law Association  
Latino Law Students Association  
Los Angeles Public Interest Law Journal  
Middle Eastern Law Students Association  
Mindfulness in Law Society  
Music Law Society  
National Lawyers Guild  
OUTlaw (LGBT Students)  
Persian Law Students Association  
Public Interest Law Committee  
South by Southwestern  
Southwestern Golf Society  
Southwestern Law Couples and Families Association  
Sports Law Society  
Student Animal Legal Defense Fund  
Student Bar Association  
Tax Law Society  
Teen Court  
Visual Arts Law Student Association  
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.

- **35+ 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, disability services, and curriculum-planning guidance
- **Academic Success Programs** – workshops, courses, programs, and counseling to help you achieve your full academic potential
- **Diversity Affairs Office** – provides personal counseling and academic advisement to students, offers a series of focused programming and coordinates mentorship opportunities
- **The Writing Center** – writing experts provide individualized assistance and specialized workshops
- **On-Campus Psychological Counselor** – free and confidential counseling is provided on campus by a licensed psychotherapist



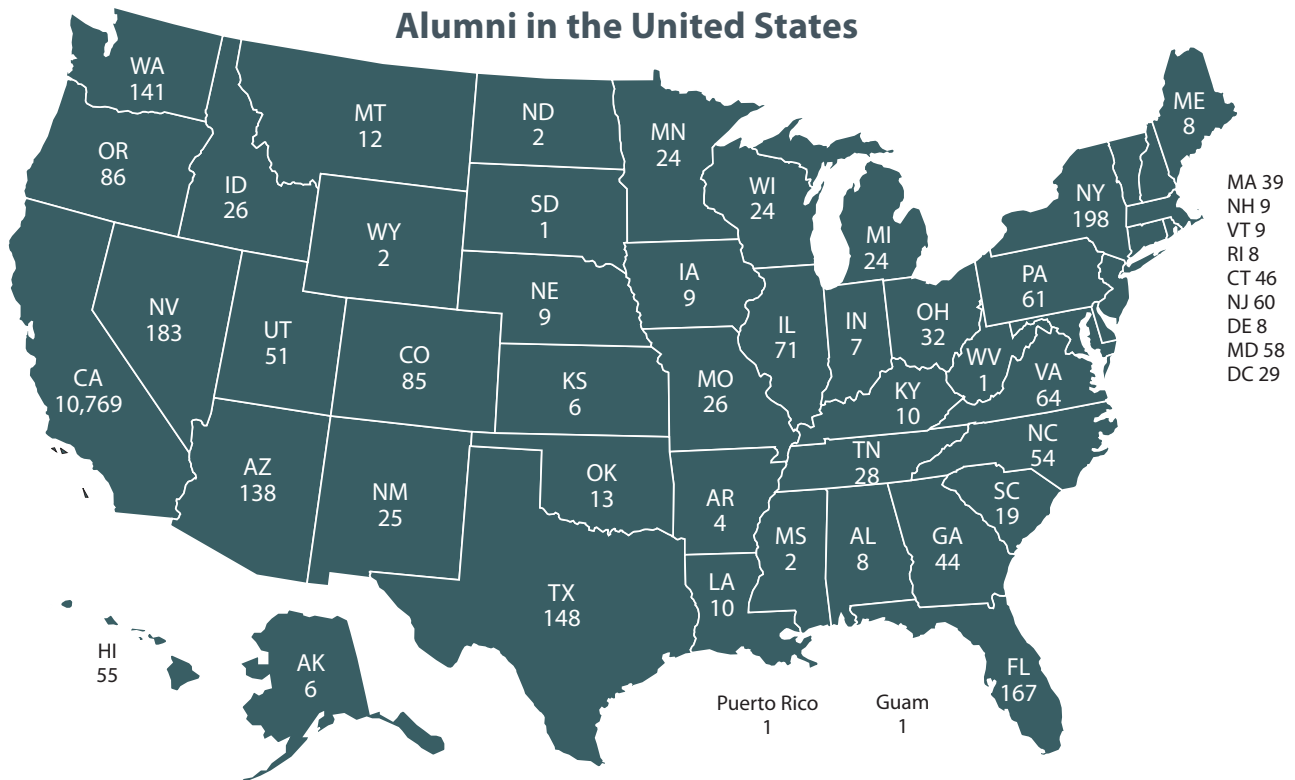
**300+**  
on-campus  
student events  
per year

# 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. From its 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.

**# of Southwestern grads serving as . . .**

- 212** Deputy District Attorneys in Southern California
- 135** Public Defenders in Southern California
- 85** Sitting judges in Southern California



## 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.

## 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
- informational and skill-building **workshops and seminars** on drafting resumes and cover letters, as well as interviewing techniques
- **panel presentations** on a wide range of practice areas
- various **recruitment platforms**
- a number of **events designed to help build a network** of contacts and employment prospects

Our recruitment platforms include on-campus interview programs in the fall and spring, the Fall Firm Reception for small firms, Public Interest/Public Sector Career Day, the Summer Law Clerk Program with Alumni, and the GAP Associate Program for recent graduates. We also maintain a year-round extensive listing of current job openings within the legal profession via Symplicity, a web-based career management platform. Active employers range from large, mid-size, and boutique private sector law firms; local, state, and federal government agencies; local and national public interest organizations; local, state, and federal judiciaries; and corporations/corporate counsel.

Additional unique career-building programs and resources for Southwestern students and new graduates include:

- **Public Service Graduate Program** — providing selected new graduates with a paid, part-time employment experience in public service while awaiting bar results
- **Los Angeles 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
- **LawCareerLab** — providing selected students a six-session cost-free workshop and a coach focused on professional development and network building
- **ABA Judicial Clerkship Program** — a three-day retreat to introduce judicial clerkship opportunities to selected diverse law students
- **How to Start & Build a Law Practice** — providing selected students a seven-session cost-free summer series to help launch and grow a solo or small firm practice

- **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
- **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



“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





# 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:

- multimedia technology in the classrooms, courtrooms, and clinics
- 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 with embedded document cameras and remote viewing of the alternative dispute resolution suite
- two additional trial court facilities
- on-campus student residences

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awards for historic preservation of the Bullocks Wilshire Building



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



# 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.

[www.swlaw.edu/campus/student-residences](http://www.swlaw.edu/campus/student-residences)

The **fully furnished, state-of-the-art apartments range up to studios to two bedrooms**, and can accommodate 152 or more students, depending on occupancy. 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.

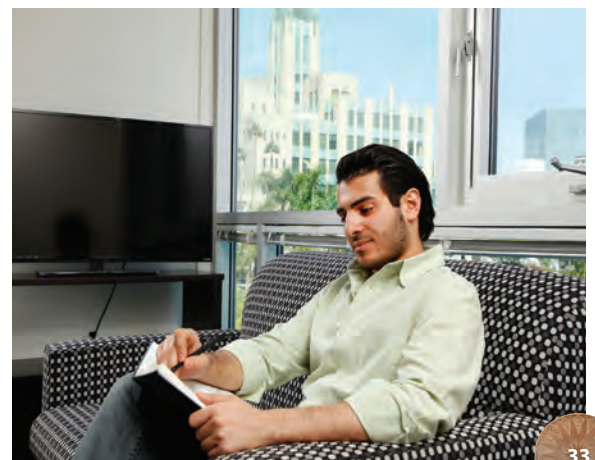
The units are priced below comparably appointed apartment buildings in the downtown-adjacent area. Entering students will be given priority for a large percentage of these unique on-campus student residences on a first-come, first-served basis.

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.

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. 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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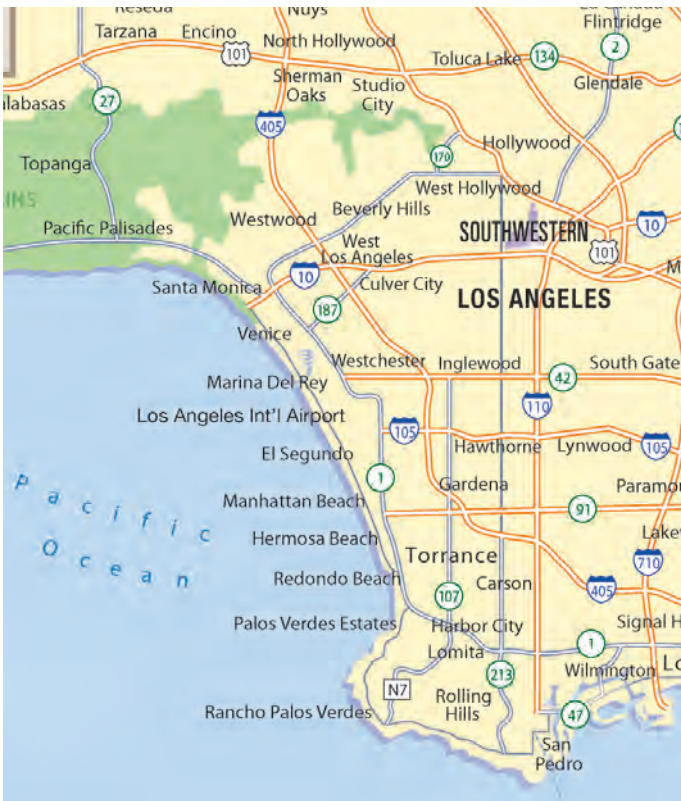
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# An Inspiring Place

## A Campus in the Center of Los Angeles

Southwestern is **located in the Wilshire Center of Los Angeles**, adjacent to thriving Koreatown, about two miles west of downtown and within 30 minutes from the Pacific Ocean. The campus is located 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 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 [www.swlaw.edu/admissions-events](http://www.swlaw.edu/admissions-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 16 traditional required courses. In addition, students must satisfy a professional skills or experiential requirement. Students who matriculated after August 1, 2016 must take a total of 6 units of coursework that satisfies the experiential requirement.

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.

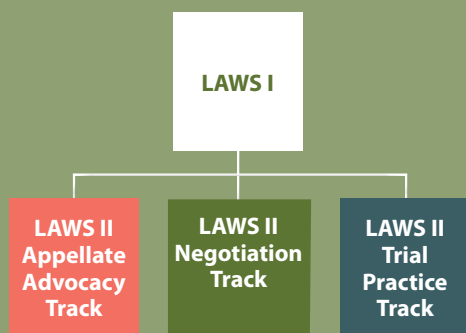
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## Required Courses\*

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

## 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 spring semester, rather than the traditional single appellate track.



[www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/laws](http://www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/laws)

\*For SCALE required courses, see page 8

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

*Aronovsky, Gunning, Lutz, Waterstone*

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

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

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

Advanced Children's Rights Clinic  
Advanced Community Lawyering Clinic  
Advanced Immigration Law Clinic  
Advanced Street Law Clinic  
Children and the Law  
Children's Rights Clinic  
Community Lawyering Clinic  
Community Property

Family Law  
Family Law Procedure and Practice  
Immigration Law  
Immigration Law Clinic  
Special Education Law Seminar  
Street Law Clinic

## CIVIL LITIGATION AND ADVOCACY

*Aronovsky, Bassett, Cameron, Cammack, Epstein, Fee, Fischer, Garland, Gunning, Heilman, Lutz, Ramachandran, Stier, Waterstone, Wood, Yokoyama*

Administrative Law  
Alternate Dispute Resolution  
Amicus Project Practicum  
Appellate Litigation Clinic  
Art of Persuasion<sup>3</sup>  
Art of Storytelling<sup>3</sup>  
California Civil Procedure  
Children's Rights Clinic  
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>  
Federal Courts  
International Litigation and Arbitration  
Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating  
Mass Tort Litigation (Capstone)  
Remedies  
Trial Advocacy

## CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

*Bassett, Epstein, Gupta, Knipprath, Krimmel, Miller, Ramachandran, Tehranian, Waterstone, Wood*

Constitutional Law I and II<sup>1</sup>  
Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity  
Employment-Based Immigration Law<sup>3</sup>  
Federal Courts  
Federal Indian Law  
Immigration Law  
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

*Dorff, Fischer, Hart, Heilman, Keren, Lutz, Popovich, Scott, Sloan, Waisman*

Antitrust Law  
Bankruptcy  
Commercial Lease Practice<sup>3</sup>  
Contracts I and II<sup>1</sup>  
Cyberlaw  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting Technology Agreements  
Insurance Law  
International Business Transactions  
Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy and Finance<sup>D</sup>  
Music Industry Contracts  
Sales  
Secured Transactions  
Securities Regulation  
Video Game Agreements

## CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE

*Caldwell, Cammack, Carpenter, Garland, Grimes, Gunning, Heilman, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rogers, Simon, Strader, VanLandingham, Vázquez*

Academic Skills Lab I and II  
Antitrust Law  
Cannabis 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 in Action<sup>3</sup>  
Criminal Law Seminar: Contemporary Issues  
Criminal Litigation in Practice  
Defenses in the Law  
Evidence<sup>1</sup>  
Forensic Evidence  
Immigration Law  
Immigration Law and Crimes<sup>3</sup>  
Immigration Law Clinic  
Securities Regulation  
Selected Problems in Evidence<sup>3</sup>  
Trial Advocacy  
White Collar Crime  
Youth Offender Parole Hearing Clinic  
Youth at Risk

## EMPLOYMENT LAW

*Cameron, Ramachandran*

Administrative Law  
Employment-Based Immigration Law<sup>3</sup>  
Employment Discrimination Law  
Employment Law (Capstone)  
Employment Law Survey  
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, Gendron, Lind, Lutz, Olliviera, Scott, Tehranian*

Advanced Copyright Law Seminar  
Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar  
Art Law  
BEMLI Entertainment Law Firm Practicum  
BEMLI Externship  
Chain of Title  
Copyright Law  
Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting Entertainment Industry Contracts  
Emerging Issues in Entertainment  
Entertainment and Media Litigation<sup>3</sup>  
Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I and II  
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation  
Entertainment Industry Guilds  
Entertainment Law  
Entertainment Law (Capstone)  
Entertainment Law and Web 2.0  
Entertainment Law Blog  
Entertainment Litigation  
European Union Law  
Fashion Law  
Financing and Distributing Independent Films  
IP Licensing in the Entertainment Industry  
International Art Law<sup>2</sup>  
International Entertainment Law



International Music Law  
Law and Literature  
Mass Media Law  
Media as an International Human Right<sup>3</sup>  
Motion Picture Delivery Requirements  
Motion Picture Marketing and Distribution  
Motion Picture Production Law  
Music for Film and Television  
Music Industry Contracts  
Music Publishing Industry  
Music Touring Law  
Non-Scripted Television Production Law  
Telecommunications Law and Policy  
Television Production Law  
Trademark Law  
Trial Advocacy (IP)  
Video Game Agreements  
Video Game Law  
Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiations<sup>3</sup>

## EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENT

*Aronovsky, Berger, Cameron, Cammack, Cohen, D'Italia, Dorff, Epstein, Esposito, Fee, Garland, Gendron, Gharakhanian, Gunning, Heilman, Knapp, Knolton, Lutz, Ramachandran, Ramos, Rolnick, Scott, Seki, Stier, Strader, VanLandingham, Vázquez, Waterstone*  
Advanced Community Lawyering Clinic  
Advanced Legal Writing  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Amicus Project Practicum  
Animal Law  
Appellate Litigation Clinic  
Appellate Process and Opinion Drafting<sup>3</sup>

Art of Storytelling<sup>3</sup>  
Big and Medium Law Firm Practice  
Business Planning  
Children's Rights Clinic  
Civil Pretrial Practice  
Commercial Lease Practice<sup>3</sup>  
Communication Tools for New Lawyers<sup>3</sup>  
Community Lawyering Clinic  
Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)  
Construction Law, Drafting and Negotiation  
Courtroom Procedure 101<sup>3</sup>  
Criminal Law in Action<sup>3</sup>  
Criminal Litigation in Practice  
Developing Web-Based Startups: Merging Law, Business, and Technology (formerly Mobile App Challenge)  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting Entertainment Industry Contracts  
Drafting Technology Agreements  
eDiscovery<sup>3</sup>  
Employment Law (Capstone)  
Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic  
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation  
Entertainment Law (Capstone)  
Estate Planning and Drafting  
Evidence (blended course)  
Externships  
Family Law Practice and Procedure  
Immigration Law Clinic  
IP Licensing: Law and Practice  
International Law in Practice  
Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating  
Mass Tort Litigation (Capstone)  
Medical/Legal Aspects of Elder Care<sup>3</sup>



Moot Court Honors Program  
 Negotiation Honors Program  
 Patent Preparation and Prosecution  
 Public Interest Law Practice  
 Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone)  
 Selected Problems in Evidence Lab  
 Small Law Practice Management  
 Strategic Alliances<sup>3</sup>  
 Street Law Clinic  
 Trial Advocacy  
 Trial Advocacy Honors Program (TAHP)  
 Video Game Agreements

### HEALTH LAW

*Fischer, Grimes, Stark*

Administrative Law  
 Cannabis Law  
 Health Care Regulation and Practice  
 Insurance Law  
 Medical Malpractice  
 Medical/Legal Aspects of Elder Care<sup>3</sup>

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

Advanced Copyright Law Seminar  
 Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar  
 Art Law  
 BEMLI Entertainment Law Firm Practicum  
 Chain of Title  
 Copyright Law  
 Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity  
 Drafting Technology Agreements  
 Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I and II  
 Entertainment and Media Litigation  
 Entertainment Law  
 Entertainment Law (Capstone)  
 Entertainment Litigation  
 Fashion Law  
 Intellectual Property Law  
 International Art Law<sup>2</sup>  
 International Entertainment Law<sup>2</sup>  
 IP Licensing: Law and Practice  
 IP Licensing in the Technology Industry  
 Motion Picture Production Law  
 Music Publishing Industry  
 Music Industry Contracts  
 Non-Scripted Television  
 Production Law

Patent Law  
 Patent Preparation and Prosecution  
 Television Production Law  
 Trademark Law  
 Trial Advocacy (IP)  
 Video Game Agreements  
 Video Game Law

### INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

*Cameron, Cammack, Gupta, Lutz, Stier*

Immigration Law  
 International Art Law<sup>2</sup>  
 International Business Transactions  
 International Entertainment Law<sup>2</sup>  
 International Labor and Employment Law Seminar  
 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  
 Law and International Development  
 Media as an International Human Right<sup>3</sup>  
 Public International Law

### JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGAL HISTORY

*Cammack, Epstein, Frost, Gupta, Krimmel, McEvoy, Wood*

American Legal History  
 Federal Indian Law  
 Islamic Law  
 Law and International Development  
 Law and Literature  
 Law and Literature Seminar  
 Law and Religious Institutions Seminar



## Resources for Ensuring Student Success

The **Academic Success and Bar Preparation** department offers academic readiness programs and courses centered around developing personalized learning strategies to maximize intrinsic motivation for achieving a student's desired full academic potential. During their fall semester, first-year students will learn foundational skills necessary to succeed in law school in the Academic Skills Lab I course. First-year students will then be able to build upon their skills and deepen their practice abilities in the Academic Skills Lab II course offered in spring. Upper-division students can take advantage of the Practical Lawyering Skills and Defenses courses to enhance critical thinking and writing skills. Graduating students participate in the MBE course to review the most frequently tested topics for the California Bar Exam. The department also offers additional support through specialized workshops and one-on-one counseling throughout the year.

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.

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

Law and Rhetoric  
 Law and Society Seminar  
 Legal Arguments about Moral and Political Issues Seminar

### PROFESSIONAL SKILLS/ LAWYERING SKILLS/ SIMULATION COURSES

*Aronovsky, Basick, Bassett, Bateman, Berger, Caldwell, Cameron, Campbell, Carpenter, Cohen, D'Italia, Dorff, Epstein, Esposito, Fee, Gendron,*

*Gharakhanian, Graver, Gunning, Knolton, Lutz, Ramachandran, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rolnick, Rogers, Scott, Seki, Shafiroff, Simon, Strader, Taylor, Turner, VanLandingham, Waterstone, Woolley, Yokoyama*

Academic Skills Lab I and II  
 Advanced Children's Rights Clinic  
 Advanced Community Lawyering Clinic  
 Advanced Immigration Law Clinic  
 Advanced Legal Writing  
 Advanced Street Law Clinic  
 Alternative Dispute Resolution  
 Amicus Project Practicum  
 Appellate Litigation Clinic  
 Art of Persuasion<sup>3</sup>  
 Art of Storytelling<sup>3</sup>  
 Big and Medium Law Firm Practice  
 Business Planning  
 Children and the Law  
 Children's Rights Clinic  
 Communication Tools for New Lawyers<sup>3</sup>

## 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
- Public Interest Law Practice
- Small Law Practice Management

Community Lawyering Clinic  
 Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)  
 Construction Law, Drafting, and Negotiation  
 Courtroom Procedure 101<sup>3</sup>  
 Criminal Law in Action<sup>3</sup>  
 Criminal Litigation in Practice  
 Defenses in the Law  
 Developing Web-Based Startups: Merging Law, Business, and Technology (formerly Mobile App Challenge)  
 Drafting Business Contracts  
 Drafting Entertainment Industry Contracts  
 Drafting Technology Agreements  
 eDiscovery<sup>3</sup>  
 Emerging Issues in Entertainment  
 Employment Law (Capstone)  
 Entertainment and Media Litigation<sup>3</sup>  
 Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic

Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation  
 Entertainment Law (Capstone)  
 Estate Planning and Drafting Externships  
 Family Law Procedure and Practice  
 Forensic Evidence  
 Immigration Appeals Practicum  
 Immigration Law Clinic  
 Intellectual Property in the Technology Industry  
 International Law in Practice  
 International Litigation and Arbitration  
 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, and Skills II: Appellate Advocacy  
 Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills II: Negotiation

Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills II: Trial Practice  
 Medical/Legal Aspects of Elder Care<sup>3</sup>  
 Moot Court Honors Program  
 Music Industry Contracts  
 Patent Preparation and Prosecution  
 Practical Lawyering Skills  
 Practical Legal Research  
 Public Interest Law Practice  
 Refining Your Legal Writing  
 Remedies & Community Property: Cal Bar Preparation  
 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  
 Trial Advocacy  
 Trial Advocacy Honors Program (TAHP)  
 Video Game Agreements  
 Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiation  
 Youth Offender Parole Hearing Clinic

### **PUBLIC INTEREST/CIVIL RIGHTS/CIVIL LIBERTIES**

*Aronovsky, Caldwell, Calnan, Cameron, Carpenter, Cohen,*

*D'Italia, Epstein, Fee, Gunning, Gupta, Hart, Hoyos, Knipprath, Miller, Ramachandran, Ramos, Scott, Sloan, Vázquez, Waterstone, Wood*

Advanced Children's Rights Clinic  
 Advanced Community Lawyering Clinic  
 Advanced Immigration Law Clinic  
 Advanced Street Law Clinic  
 The American Justice System Seminar  
 Amicus Project Practicum  
 Appellate Litigation Clinic  
 Cannabis Law  
 Children and the Law  
 Children's Rights Clinic  
 Community Lawyering Clinic  
 Constitutional Law I and II<sup>1</sup>  
 Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity  
 Employment Discrimination Law  
 Employment Law Survey  
 Environmental Law  
 Externship: Public Interest  
 Federal Indian Law  
 Immigration Appeals Practicum  
 Immigration Law  
 Immigration Law and Crimes<sup>3</sup>  
 Immigration Law Clinic  
 Information Privacy Law  
 International Protection of Human Rights  
 Labor Law  
 Land Use Regulation  
 Latin American Laws and Institutions



Prison Law and Mass  
Incarceration  
Public Interest Law Practice  
Race and Law Seminar  
Street Law Clinic  
Youth Offender Parole Hearing  
Clinic

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

*Aronovsky, Gupta, Heilman, Hoyos,  
McEvoy, Shafiroff, Waisman, Wood*

Commercial Lease Practice<sup>3</sup>  
Community Property  
Construction Law, Drafting, and  
Negotiation  
Environmental Law  
Federal Indian Law  
Land Use Regulation  
Property<sup>1</sup>  
Real Estate Transactions  
Water Law

**TAXATION**

*Berger, Krimmel, Wood*

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

**TECHNOLOGY LAW AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

*Dorff, Epstein, Gendron, Grimes,  
Lind, Lutz, Olliviera, Scott, Tehranian*

Antitrust Law  
Business Planning  
Copyright Law  
Cyberlaw  
Developing Web-Based Startups:  
Merging Law, Business, and  
Technology (formerly Mobile  
App Challenge)  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting/Negotiating Video  
Game Agreements  
Drafting Technology Agreements  
Entertainment Law  
Entertainment Law and the  
Evolving Web  
Entertainment Law Blog  
Externships

Information Privacy Law  
International and Comparative  
IP Law  
International Business  
Transactions  
Interviewing, Counseling, and  
Negotiating  
IP Licensing in the Technology  
Industry  
IP Licensing: Law and Practice  
Mass Media Law  
Mergers and Acquisitions: Law,  
Strategy, and Finance  
Negotiation and Dispute  
Resolution  
Patent Law  
Patent Preparation and  
Prosecution  
Representing Entrepreneurs  
Strategic Alliances<sup>3</sup>  
Telecommunications Law and  
Policy  
Trademark Law  
Trial Advocacy (IP)  
Video Game Agreements  
Video Game Law

**TORTS AND COMPENSATION  
SYSTEMS**

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

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

*1 – Required courses*

*2 – Offered in Summer Abroad Program*

*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/curriculum/courses](http://www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/courses).

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

**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 curricula and focusing on industry projects and collaborations.



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

# J.D. Program Application Process

Applicants should review the detailed application information at [www.swlaw.edu/application-process](http://www.swlaw.edu/application-process) before completing the following requirements. To see your prospects for admission, visit [www.swlaw.edu/adm-prospects](http://www.swlaw.edu/adm-prospects).

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

The same application form is used for the Day, Evening, PLEAS/Part-time Day, 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

Southwestern's non-refundable application fee is \$60. When applying online through LSAC, applicants will be guided through the payment process during the final stages of application submission. Applicants utilizing a paper application may pay the fee by check or money order payable to Southwestern Law School. The application fee will be waived for those who have received a fee waiver from either Southwestern Law School or 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 2017-18 LSAT test dates that will allow applicants

to complete their files by Southwestern's deadlines for the Fall 2018 entering class are:  
June 12, 2017  
September 16, 2017  
December 2, 2017  
February 10, 2018

**Note:** For the 2018 entering class, only scores earned on or after September 2012 will be considered. See [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org) for alternative dates for Sabbath observers.

### • Final Transcripts

Applicants must submit transcripts detailing all undergraduate work undertaken by the time of application submission. Transcripts must be submitted to LSAC and transmitted to Southwestern via the CAS. Transcripts must evidence that the applicant has been conferred a Bachelor's degree, or that a Bachelor's degree will be conferred prior to Fall 2018 Orientation (typically held in mid-August).

### • 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/application-process](http://www.swlaw.edu/application-process).

### • Diversity Statement

Southwestern values the uniqueness of each applicant. Therefore, applicants may submit a statement that discusses specific issues related to their diverse background and personal experiences not mentioned

in the required personal statement.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

### • SCALE

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

### • Concurrent-Degree Program

Applicants to the Concurrent-Degree Program with The Drucker School must apply using the J.D./M.B.A. Concurrent-Degree application. Applicants with questions regarding this program may email [interdisciplinary@swlaw.edu](mailto:interdisciplinary@swlaw.edu) or call (213) 738-6721. Applicants must also conform to the following requirements, in addition to those listed for regular JD applicants:

- Official GMAT Score(s) must be submitted. (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.
- The personal statement should address why the applicant is seeking a concurrent degree.
- The applicant must complete 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) of the first semester at Southwestern. Concurrent-degree students whose GPA falls 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/Part-Time Day programs may be selected to participate in an interview with a faculty member, alumnus, or admissions officer. If contacted for an interview, the applicant must respond promptly. Failure to respond within a timely manner can adversely affect the application-review or scholarship-awarding process. Applicants who wish to submit additional information not originally included with the application must 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/foreign-applicants](http://www.swlaw.edu/foreign-applicants).)

Foreign students who intend to seek an F1 visa to attend Southwestern will be able to contact the appropriate Southwestern staff member 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 1**. Students who submit their applications by this date will receive priority consideration for financial aid.

## BAR INFORMATION

Applicants should consult the rules and regulations of the Committee of Bar Examiners in 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/graduation-bar-requirements](http://www.swlaw.edu/graduation-bar-requirements).

Apply electronically at [www.swlaw.edu/applyonline](http://www.swlaw.edu/applyonline) 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/financial-aid](http://www.swlaw.edu/financial-aid). **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 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. Merit scholarships may be 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/enteringscholarships](http://www.swlaw.edu/enteringscholarships).

## TUITION

The following charges are effective as of June 2017. Tuition is due and payable each semester or period<sup>1</sup>; 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 are charged tuition based on their program, regardless of the number of units taken. That tuition amount, for 2017-2018, is listed below by program.<sup>2</sup> 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 2017 is \$1,729 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/tuition](http://www.swlaw.edu/tuition).

Please note that our Summer Abroad Programs' costs are determined

## 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.

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/tuition](http://www.swlaw.edu/tuition).

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

## 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-life](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-life).

**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 Charged/dispensed over four periods.
- 2 Students must pay the flat rate tuition based on their particular classification, even if they have been granted approval to underload or overload.
- 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 – TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

	FALL	SPRING	TOTAL TUITION
<b>Full-time</b>	\$25,945	\$25,945	\$51,890
<b>Part-time</b>	\$17,305	\$17,305	\$34,610

## FLAT RATE TUITION – SCALE PROGRAM

	PER PERIOD	PERIODS PER YEAR	SUMMER	TOTAL TUITION
<b>Year 1</b>	\$18,225	4	n/a	\$72,900
<b>Year 2</b>	\$18,225	4	\$6,916	\$79,816

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 and staff committed to promoting the highest level of professionalism, Southwestern seeks to create a vibrant and diverse academic community with a student-centered approach to legal education.

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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.

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<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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