

# SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL

L O S A N G E L E S

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



Legal Clinic students and staff convinced the District Attorney's Office and the Court to allow a client to withdraw an unjust plea he entered as a teenager. After serving 28 years of a life sentence in prison, the client was resentenced to time served and was released.

**300+**  
EXTERNSHIPS/YR

**50+** EXPERIENTIAL  
LEARNING  
COURSES

**9 CLINICS\***  
WORK ON REAL CASES  
WITH ACTUAL CLIENTS

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Experiential learning has been a huge part of my law school experience. In total, I have participated in three legal clinics. My fascination with the legal clinic is due to its hands-on ability. I was able to sit down with clients, perform intakes, and handle cases by myself but with the guidance of a supervising attorney. It also allowed me to engage with the community by providing me a platform to educate people in my community with the knowledge I have gained in law school.”

### CHIZITERE NNADI

'20, Full-Time Day Program  
Black Law Students Association Co-President



\*The Small Claims Court Clinic and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Clinic do not include a classroom component.





**SMALL CLAIMS CLINIC**

**IMMIGRATION APPEALS PRACTICUM**

**SWLW STUDENTS**

**EXTERNSHIP OPEN FORUM**

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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, public interest opportunities, practica, and externships. For our part-time students who work, we offer a variety of externship opportunities, including remote externships.

## CLINICAL PROGRAMS

The legal clinics offer law students multiple opportunities to gain practical lawyering skills while providing quality legal representation to under-represented individuals and organizations. Clinic students work on cases for academic credit under the close supervision and guidance of faculty who are practicing attorneys. The students take on the heavy responsibility for the strategy and execution of an array of legal matters. They must adhere to professional responsibility requirements such as client confidentiality, civility, and duty to the court. Students develop as professionals and learn first-hand the importance of access to justice.

## PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

Students are encouraged to perform at least 25 hours of pro bono or public service each academic year. Students may earn their hours through service or pro bono initiatives including Teen Court, Small Claims Clinic, Homelessness Prevention Law Project, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Students volunteering at least 75 hours receive recognition at graduation and a notation on their transcript.

## PRACTICA

Southwestern offers practica that provide real-world training in legal research, brief writing, client relations, negotiation and oral argument—including litigating a pro bono appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

## EXTERNSHIPS

Southwestern's Externship Program, one of the largest in the country, provides students an opportunity to apply what they learn in the classroom and directly experience the attorney's role through a variety of on-site placements in the following settings: Judicial, Government, Entertainment, In-house Legal Counsel, Public Interest, and select law firms. Externships include:

### JUDICIAL

California Court of Appeal  
California Superior Court  
EEOC – Administrative  
Judicial  
United States Bankruptcy  
Court  
United States Court of  
Appeals  
United States District Court

### GOVERNMENT

California Attorney General  
City Attorney's Office  
District Attorney's Office  
Equal Employment  
Opportunity Commission  
Federal Public Defender  
Federal Trade Commission  
Financial Industry  
Regulatory Authority  
Public Defender's Office  
Securities and Exchange  
Commission  
United States Attorney's  
Office  
United States Department  
of Homeland Security,  
Immigration and  
Customs Enforcement

### ENTERTAINMENT

CBS Corporation  
CMG Worldwide  
Escape Artists  
Motion Picture Association  
of America  
Paramount Pictures  
Rhino Entertainment  
Warner Bros.  
Warner Music Group

### IN-HOUSE CORPORATE COUNSEL

Anthem, Inc.  
AT&T Ent. Group & Directv  
CA Association of Realtors  
LeadsMarket.com, LLC  
Ralphs Grocery Company  
TechStyle Fashion Group  
Ticketmaster

### PUBLIC INTEREST

ACLU of Southern  
California  
Alliance for Children's  
Rights  
Asian Americans  
Advancing Justice  
Bet Tzedek Legal Services  
California Women's  
Law Center  
Central American  
Resource Center  
Children's Law Center of  
Los Angeles  
Harriett Buhai Center for  
Family Law  
Inner City Law Center  
LA LGBT Center  
Learning Rights  
Law Center  
Legal Aid Foundation of  
Los Angeles  
Levitt & Quinn Family  
Law Center  
Los Angeles County Bar  
Association,  
Immigration Legal  
Assistance Project  
National Health Law  
Program  
Neighborhood Legal  
Services  
Public Counsel



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