

SOUTHWESTERN

LAW SCHOOL
Los Angeles, CA

At-a-Glance

From the Mayor's Office to the courtroom to major entertainment studios and top law firms, Southwestern Law School has produced profession-ready lawyers for more than 110 years.

See how...



Leaders

1ST

- **Female public defender** in the nation
- **Female Black appellate justice** in the nation
- **Latina trial court judge** in the nation
- **Chinese-American federal district court judge** in the continental U.S.
- **Female Black judge** in California
- **Native-American judge** in California

11

Number of years Southwestern alumni have served as the **Los Angeles County District Attorney**.

37
YEARS

The longest-serving California Supreme Court justice in history, Stanley Mosk, graduated from Southwestern.

40
YEARS

Number of years Southwestern alumni have served as the **Mayor of Los Angeles** (1953–1993).

L.A.'s first and longest-serving **Black mayor**, Tom Bradley, was a Southwestern graduate.

15+

Graduates have served as **mayors** of Agoura Hills, Arcadia, Bell Gardens, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, Culver City, Cypress, Goleta, Lancaster, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Shamong Township, Temple City, Thousand Oaks, Tustin, and West Hollywood.

Lawyers

#1

Over the past several years, Southwestern has had the most new graduates of any L.A. law school chosen for prestigious **ABOTA trial fellowships**.



Southwestern graduates have been honored as a

- **Top 10 Southern California Super Lawyer**
- **Top 50 Women Southern California Super Lawyer**
- **Top 50 Orange County Southern California Super Lawyer**
- **California Consumer Attorney of the Year**
- **California Lawyer Personal Injury Attorney of the Year**
- **Hispanic National Bar Association Top Lawyer Under 40**
- **Best Lawyer in America**

126

Southwestern graduates serving as **sitting judges** in California.

121

Southwestern graduates serving as **Public Defenders** in Los Angeles County.

132

Southwestern graduates serving as **Deputy District Attorneys** in Los Angeles County.

TOP
5

A Southwestern graduate secured one of the Top 5 **largest personal injury settlements in U.S. history**.

Community

#1

More **Mexican American Bar Foundation Scholarship winners** than any other L.A. law school.



2022 **Bernard E. Witkin Medal** awarded to Susan Westerberg Prager, Dean Emerita at Southwestern. Presented annually to a member of the legal community who has helped shape the legal landscape through an extraordinary body of work.



Named to *preLaw's* 2023 **Most Diverse Law Schools** (one of our many equity, inclusion, and belonging accolades).



Southwestern has received the National **Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award** for 8 years (2012–2017, 2021–2022). (*INSIGHT Into Diversity*)

1ST

- **ABA Student Bar Association Award** (2021–2022)
- **ABA Judy M. Weightman Memorial Public Interest Award** (2021–2022)
- **ABA Dean Henry J. Ramsey, Jr. Diversity Award** (2021)

500+

Number of **externship, clinical, and practicum placements** annually.

21,000+

Number of **volunteer pro bono hours** performed by Southwestern students in the local community during 2021–2022.

Innovation



- First ABA-approved two-year J.D. curriculum in the country
- First-year electives
- Robust public-service program
- London summer program with tracks in entertainment and human-rights law
- Entertainment Institute

5

J.D. Programs

- 2-year Accelerated J.D. Program (SCALE)
- 3-year Full-Time Day
- 4-year Part-Time Day
- 4-year Part-Time Day Caregiver (PLEAS)
- 4-year Part-Time Hybrid Evening

TOP 10

Southwestern Law School is consistently included in *The Hollywood Reporter's* roster of **America's Top Entertainment Law Schools**.

billboard

Ten alumni featured in *Billboard's* 2022 **Top Music Lawyers**.



Named to *preLaw's* 2023 **Best Schools for Practical Training**. Southwestern earned the recognition in the Practical Training category for 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.



Named to *preLaw's* 2021–2022 **Most Innovative Law Schools**. Southwestern has a legacy of innovative teachers, brilliant scholars, and trailblazing alumni.



The Writing Center's Storytelling Project is a speaker series based on the concept that all lawyers must tell stories.

Support

Bison Boot Camp

Non-credit course bridging the gap between undergraduate and legal studies. Free for entering students.

Bison Bridge

Programming to equip all students, including first-generation students, with tools essential for navigating and thriving in the law school environment.

Bison Wellness Project

Available services include a 24/7 mental-health support line, the Headspace app, unlimited in-person or virtual counseling options, a food pantry, and a professional clothes closet.

Fitness Center

Ten thousand square-foot fitness center with a range of exercise equipment; free for students.

Professional Development Fund

Financial support for students to attend professional conferences.

Writing Center

Writing experts who provide individualized assistance and specialized workshops for students.

Comprehensive Bar Prep

Programming to support students' success in preparing for and taking the bar examination.

40+

Student Organizations, plus Peer Mentors and Dean's Fellows who guide new students through their first year.