

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 learning opportunities, 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, the rigors of law school, and 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. Be sure to visit our amazing urban campus.

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



OUR BE PART OF HISTORY

When you embark on the law school journey, 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:

A CUSTOMIZABLE CURRICULUM

Choose from 4 J.D. programs—full-time day, part-time day or evening, or two-year full-time accelerated. Or pursue any of these as a J.D./M.B.A. student and benefit from a shorter timeline for achieving both degrees.

A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Southwestern is a close-knit community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni, all supportive of your success.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Southwestern is located in Los Angeles and is home to the Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute. The extraordinary campus environment in Los Angeles is one of the most influential and exciting business, economic, cultural, and political centers of the world.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Southwestern has enriching partnerships. There are opportunities through affiliations with prominent academic institutions, community organizations, professional associations, government agencies, corporations, and entertainment studios. These unlimited experiential learning opportunities include externships, clinics, practicums, and pro bono service.



FEMALE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
APPELLATE JUSTICE
IN THE NATION

LATINA TRIAL COURT
JUDGE
IN THE NATION

NATIVE-AMERICAN
JUDGE
IN CALIFORNIA

FEMALE PUBLIC
DEFENDER
IN THE NATION

CHINESE-AMERICAN FEDERAL
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
IN THE CONTINENTAL U.S.

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Moot court circa 1925



TOP 10 ENTERTAINMENT
LAW SCHOOL IN THE
NATION



CALIFORNIA'S THIRD
HIGHEST RANKED
PART-TIME PROGRAM

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:

- **Full-Time Day J.D. (3 years)**
- **Accelerated Two-Year J.D. (SCALE®)**, the first ABA-approved program of its kind in the U.S., featuring small classes, practical skills training, and real-world experience since 1975
- **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

3+3 B.A./J.D. DEGREE PROGRAM

Southwestern offers a unique 3+3 program with California State University, Northridge in which students' first year of law school counts as their fourth undergraduate year.

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

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)**
- **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)**



Southwestern students at the rooftop of the Bullocks Wilshire building

PART-TIME PROGRAMS:

J.D.s that accommodate your life.

Syrita Morgan '21 says the part-time program is created for busy professionals. This program provides an opportunity to attend law school while working full-time.



FOUR-YEAR PART-TIME J.D. PROGRAMS

Southwestern's part-time programs allow students to attend law school while maintaining work schedules or attending to family obligations.

- All part-time students take the designated curriculum for the first two years of their program. During the third and fourth years, students take a combination of required courses and electives.
- Part-time students are eligible to participate in externships, clinics, practicum, and honors programs.
- Students take 8 to 11 units each semester and two summer sessions to complete the 87 units needed to earn a J.D. in 4 years.

Part-Time Evening Program

Designed for Working Professionals

Evening students bring the unique and varied perspectives of their work experience into the classroom, enriching the law school experience for everyone.

First-year evening students attend classes only three nights a week on campus and one night a week online. Second-year evening required courses can be taken over three nights unless a student enrolls in an elective that meets on a fourth night or weekend day.

What Sets Southwestern's Evening Program Apart:

- Students have access to the same services and resources as traditional day students
- All core courses are taught by full-time faculty
- Experiential learning opportunities



Southwestern exceeds my expectations. I feel supported and encouraged to thrive. I'm living a balanced life and having the law school experience of my dreams. I have co-taught a mock law class to minority students at a local high school and encouraged students to consider pursuing a legal career path one day. I'm inspired by the many accomplished alumni and the school's positive impact on the community."

SYRITA MORGAN

'21, Part-Time Evening Program Chair, ABA Law Student Division Mental Health Caucus

Part-Time Day Programs:

Standard Part-Time Day

Designed for students with evening employment or who prefer to attend a four-year J.D. program during the day.

PLEAS (Part-Time Legal Education Alternative)

Created for students with child- or elder-care responsibilities.

Southwestern's PLEAS program was established in 1981 and is one of the few programs of its kind. For the first two academic years, PLEAS students attend morning classes and have their afternoons free to care for children/family members.



TRADITIONAL THREE-YEAR J.D. PROGRAM

Southwestern's traditional full-time program is ideal for students who are able to focus on pursuing their law degree. Traditional Day students take 32 units during their first two semesters and then 10 to 16 units each semester thereafter. A minimum of 87 units is required to graduate.

Many students enrich their law school experience by participating in student organizations, honors programs, public interest activities and clinics, and alumni-student networking events.

SCALE: Get your J.D. faster, to do what you *love*, sooner.

Michael Alfera '18 earned the Butterworth Prize for attaining the highest GPA in his first year of SCALE.

Want to earn your J.D. in two years rather the traditional three?

Southwestern is one of a handful of programs across the country offering a two-year accelerated J.D.

This nationally recognized program, called SCALE, is the oldest in the nation and features the same amazing law professors and legal resources as Southwestern's traditional J.D. program.

LONGEST-RUNNING
2-YEAR J.D. PROGRAM
IN THE COUNTRY

ACCELERATED TWO-YEAR J.D. PROGRAM (SCALE®)

Southwestern's SCALE program is the first ABA-approved two-year J.D. curriculum in the country. SCALE offers a select group of bright, diverse, and highly-motivated students a skills-centered curriculum teaching core legal doctrine and essential lawyering skills. SCALE starts in June and operates on the quarter system with a mandatory summer session between the first and second years.

SCALE features include:

- smaller class size
- a guaranteed externship
- flexibility to create a focus area (entertainment, advocacy, public interest).

The SCALE two-year Entertainment and Media Law Program combines the strengths of our Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute with the appeal of an accelerated curriculum.

Note: Visit www.swlaw.edu/scale for detailed information on curricular requirements and focus area requirements.

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The SCALE professors are the best in the business, and the program, with its ten-week periods, is based on sound pedagogy and works well with many learning styles. I feel ready to go out into Los Angeles and practice law thanks to the SCALE program. I recommend SCALE to any driven student who is ready to gain a solid, thorough foundation in the law that will sustain them throughout their legal career.”

MICHAEL O. ALFERA

'18, SCALE 2-Year Program
1st Place Champion at the Robert F. Wagner
National Labor and Employment Law
Moot Court Competition

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, and technology. 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 4.5 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. jointly can cross-apply certain units earned at each school, reducing the time and expense required to earn both degrees.

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.

COURSES AT A GLANCE

Full-Time Day Program - Required Courses

FIRST YEAR	FALL	SPRING
Courses	Units	
Civil Procedure I and II	2	3
Contracts I and II	3	2
Criminal Law	3	-
Elective ¹	-	3
LAWS I and II ²	3	3
Torts or Property	4	4
TOTAL	15	15
SECOND YEAR	FALL	SPRING
Business Associations	4 or 4	
Constitutional Law I and II	3	3
Evidence	4 or 4	
FIRST ³ , SECOND, OR THIRD YEAR	FALL	SPRING
Constitutional Criminal Procedure ⁴	3 or 3	
Experiential Requirement ⁵	TOTAL OF 6	
Legal Profession ⁴	2 or 3 or 2 or 3	
Upper Division Writing Requirement	2 or 3 or 2 or 3	

- 1 Elective choices include such courses as Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Copyright Law, and Legal Profession
- 2 Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills
- 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 coursework that has been specifically approved and designated as meeting the Experiential Requirement

Bar Readiness Curriculum

The Bar Readiness Curriculum helps students build a strong foundation in the law and develop the skills necessary to be successful in their legal studies and on the bar exam. All students are required to complete the Bar Readiness Curriculum prior to their graduation.¹

SECOND OR THIRD YEAR DAY ² AND SECOND, THIRD, OR FOURTH YEAR PART-TIME DAY OR EVENING ³	FALL	SPRING
Courses	Units	
Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies	3 or 3	
Community Property	2 or 2	
MBE: Skills and Strategies	3 or 3	
Remedies	2 or 3 or 2 or 3	
Wills and Trusts	4 or 4	

- 1 At the end of their second year, students with a GPA of at least 3.33 in subjects tested on the bar exam may opt out
- 2 For full-time students the required bar-subject courses include: Contracts I/II, Criminal Law, Civil Procedure I/II, Torts, Property, Constitutional Law I/II, Evidence, and Business Associations
- 3 For part-time students the required bar-subject courses include: Contracts I/II, Criminal Law, Civil Procedure I/II, Torts, Property, and Constitutional Law I/II

Note: Requirements can be modified from year to year based on course offerings. Course selection is subject to change.

Part-Time Programs - Required Courses*

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

- * **Note:** Part-Time Day/PLEAS 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
 - 3 Part-Time Day/PLEAS Program students 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 coursework that has been specifically approved and designated as meeting the Experiential Requirement

SCALE Two-Year Accelerated Program

SCALE I	Units
PERIOD 1 (11 weeks)	
Contracts I	3
Introduction to Lawyering	-
LAWS I ¹	3
Torts	4
PERIOD 2 (12 weeks)	
Contracts II	2
Criminal Law	3
Evidence Law and Practice I	3
Legal Profession	3
PERIOD 3 (12 weeks)	
Civil Litigation	3
Evidence Law and Practice II	3
LAWS II ¹	2
Property	4
PERIOD 4 (11 weeks)	
Agency and Partnership, Copyright, or Negotiation and Dispute Resolution	2 or 3
Criminal Procedure	3
Jurisdiction	3
Lecture Series on the Profession ²	-
Remedies with Exam-writing course	2
SCALE SUMMER SESSION (10 weeks)	
Independent Study on the Profession	2
Options:	4 to 6
Summer Abroad Program	
Summer Elective Course(s)	
Summer Externship	
SCALE II	Units
PERIOD 5 (10 weeks)	
Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies	3
Community Property	2
Constitutional Law I	3
Legislation or Traditional Elective	2 to 3
PERIOD 6 (10 weeks)	
Business Associations	4
Constitutional Law II	3
MBE Course	1
Required Traditional Fall Elective in lieu of Legislation	2
Traditional Fall Elective	2
PERIOD 7 (10 weeks)	
Intersession Course ³	1 to 2
MBE Course	1
Representing Entrepreneurs or Elective	2 to 3
Required Spring Elective	2 to 3
Wills and Trusts	4
PERIOD 8 (10 weeks)	
Mandatory 8-week Externship	5
MBE Course	1
Required Spring Elective	2 to 3
Trial Advocacy or Spring Elective	2 to 3

- 1 Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills
- 2 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
- 3 2 units, if needed to meet the 87 unit requirement

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



Writing Fellow Matthew Singer and Evening Student Monica Truong

ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND BAR PREPARATION

This department offers academic readiness programs and courses centered around developing learning strategies to maximize a student's 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. In the spring, first-year students will then build upon their skills and deepen their mastery in the Academic Skills Lab II course. Second-year students continue to refine their legal thinking and writing in their Remedies course. Graduating students participate in an MBE course and a Cal Bar Writing course in their final year to develop and refine the skills tested on the California Bar Exam and review the most frequently bar exam tested topics. The department also offers extensive support with bar preparation through specialized programming, workshops, and one-on-one counseling.

THE WRITING CENTER

The Writing Center welcomes students to visit at any stage of their writing—from brainstorming to polishing. The 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.



The Writing Center is one of the most valuable resources made available to all Southwestern students. Writing is a constant in the legal landscape. The Writing Center provides a judgment-free area where students can improve their grammar and voice, and learn essential writing techniques. We come to Southwestern to grow in all areas of law and writing is an arena that benefits from consistent attention. There's always more to learn and the Writing Center is available to identify areas of improvement and provide the tools necessary to reach each student's highest potential."

MATTHEW SINGER

'19, SCALE 2-Year Program
Writing Fellow

CUSTOMIZE YOUR CURRICULUM

CONCENTRATIONS

One way to customize your J.D. curriculum is by participating in one of five concentrations. Though students are not required to declare a concentration, a concentration is similar to an undergraduate major. There are required courses, a minimum number of applicable units, and a notation on your transcript.

“ 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.”

MICHAEL SCOTT
Professor of Law,
Technology Law &
Entrepreneurship Program
Founding Director Emeritus

	CIVIL LITIGATION & ADVOCACY	CRIMINAL LAW & ADVOCACY	ENTERTAINMENT & MEDIA LAW	PUBLIC INTEREST LAW	TECHNOLOGY LAW & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
SELECTION OF CORE COURSES	Advanced Legal Writing Appellate Process and Brief Drafting Art of Persuasion Capstone: Employment Law Capstone: Mass Tort Litigation Civil Pretrial Practice Courtroom Procedure 101 eDiscovery Evidence Law and Practice I and II (SCALE) Moot Court Honors Program Select Problems in Evidence Lab Trial Advocacy	Advanced Legal Writing Appellate Process and Brief Drafting Art of Persuasion Art of Storytelling Capstone: Complex Criminal Litigation Courtroom Procedure 101 Criminal Law in Action Criminal Litigation in Practice Evidence Law and Practice I and II (SCALE) Evolution of Cannabis Law Interviewing, Counseling, & Negotiating Select Problems in Evidence Lab Trial Advocacy	Capstone: Entertainment Law Drafting Entertainment Industry Contracts Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation Entertainment Law Intellectual Property Licensing: Law and Practice Mass Media Law Trademark Law Video Game Agreements	Alternative Dispute Resolution Administrative Law Employment Discrimination Law Environmental Law Family Law Immigration Law Interviewing, Counseling, & Negotiating Public International Law Public Interest Law Practice	Copyright Law Cyberlaw Cybersecurity Law Developing Web-Based Startups: Merging Law, Business, and Technology Drafting Technology Agreements Intellectual Property Licensing: Law and Practice Patent Law Trademark Law Video Game Agreements
EXTERNSHIP EXAMPLES	American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) California Attorney General's Office Federal and State Courts Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles Los Angeles City Attorney's Office U.S. Attorney's Office Select law firms	California Court of Appeal California Superior Court Federal Public Defender Inner City Law Center Los Angeles County District Attorney U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement	CBS Corporation Directors Guild of America RKO Pictures Slingshot Global Media The Screen Actors Guild Warner Brothers William Morris Endeavor	Bet Tzedek Legal Services Children's Law Center Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law Inner City Law Center Natural Resources Defense Counsel Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers Public Counsel	Activision Blizzard Forever 21 GDC Technology Idealab LeadsMarket Prodege, LLC TechStyle Fashion Group
CLINIC OPPORTUNITIES	Appellate Litigation Clinic	Appellate Litigation Clinic Children's Rights Clinic Street Law Clinic	Entertainment & the Arts Legal Clinic I & II	Appellate Litigation Clinic Children's Rights Clinic Community Lawyering Clinic Entertainment & the Arts Legal Clinic I & II Family Law Clinic Immigration Law Clinic Street Law Clinic	
PRACTICUM	Amicus Project Practicum	Amicus Project Practicum		Amicus Project Practicum Immigration Appeals Practicum	
HONORS PROGRAMS	Moot Court Honors Program Negotiation Honors Program Trial Advocacy Honors Program	Moot Court Honors Program Negotiation Honors Program Trial Advocacy Honors Program	Negotiation Honors Program	Moot Court Honors Program Negotiation Honors Program Trial Advocacy Honors Program	
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES	Consumer Law Society Intellectual Property and Arts Society Labor and Employment Law Society	Criminal Law Society Teen Court	Entertainment Law Society Intellectual Property and Arts Society Music Law Society	Homelessness Prevention Law Project Immigration Law Student Association OneJustice and Justice Bus™ Public Interest Law Committee Tax Law Society's VITA Program	Entertainment Law Society Intellectual Property & Arts Society Music Law Society Students for Technology Law and Entrepreneurship (STyLE)

Note: Course selection is subject to change.

CUSTOMIZE YOUR CURRICULUM

FOCUS AREAS

At Southwestern, students can focus on a practice area by combining courses, externships, and clinical experiences with co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Students can explore different areas of law and career options, network with alumni and students, and develop a specialized skill set. The focus areas include Business Organization and Practice, Criminal Law and Practice, Entertainment and Media Law, International and Comparative Law Courses, and Public Interest Law. Two are highlighted below.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION & PRACTICE

Southwestern offers over 25 courses, seminars and practicums, as well as a large selection of externships, co-curricular programs, and extracurricular activities in Business Organization and Practice.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:

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 be prepared for leadership within this fast-growing industry and will be able to apply their specialized training within the legal field. 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.



INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW COURSES

Southwestern offers over 60 courses and seminars on International and Comparative Law taught by faculty who are nationally recognized authorities in their fields.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:

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 can apply to serve as Student Editors and can assist with the publication of journal issues covering topics such as online privacy, criminal defamation, judicial interpretations of art, and drone use in the news and entertainment industry.



Professor Robert Lutz and guest speaker Bruce Rashkow discussing career opportunities in the field of international law.



It was an excellent opportunity in my first year to edit another author's work and gain further experience with Bluebook citations. I became more comfortable with different legal sources and realized we have extensive access as law students. Becoming a student editor was a great way to learn more about trending topics in international media and entertainment."

JENNIFER COVARRUBIAS

'20, Full-Time Day Program
Student Editor, *Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law*

AWARD-WINNING BIEDERMAN BLOG where entertainment meets the law.



Jennifer Covarrubias '20 received her Legal Research Certification and says her biggest advice for students is to take advantage of all the legal writing resources on campus



FIRST PLACE IN THE
TOP 20 ENTERTAINMENT
LAW BLOGS BY FEEDSPOT



TOP 50 COPYRIGHT BLOG
BY FEEDSPOT



THE EXPERT INSTITUTE'S
LEGAL BLOG'S TOP 3

EXPERIENTIAL

LEARNING IN A REAL-WORLD CONTEXT



Rosio Flores '18 is a mother who attended law school full-time and provided pro bono legal services to give back to her community.



**NATIONAL JURIST'S
TOP 20 LAW STUDENT
IN THE NATION**

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 Los Angeles' "Public Interest Corridor," Southwestern provides students with opportunities to serve the community that few law schools can match.

Southwestern's Public Service Policy is designed to encourage students to perform at least 25 hours of pro bono legal services each 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 facilitates student participation in various volunteer opportunities in the legal community.

The Summer Public Interest Law Grant Program, Dean Susan Westerberg Prager Endowment Fund, Dean Leigh H. Taylor Public Interest Law Fund, 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 such as the George and Katrina Woolverton Public Service Award, the Woolverton Family Public Interest Award, and the Southwestern Public Interest Law Service Award are presented to selected graduating students in recognition of their 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.



I am a first generation Mexican-American and the first in my family to pursue a higher education. Southwestern has been my second home for the past three years, and it has gone above and beyond to support me through my law school journey. My legal advocacy journey began when I translated victims' statements at a public interest law firm. I wanted to give back to the community as I was learning how to be an attorney."

ROSIO FLORES

'18, Full-Time Day Program
Editor-in-Chief, *Law Review*

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.



Elizabeth Cirelli and Adam Kevorkian engaging in Public Interest work

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 externships, practicums, clinics, and public interest opportunities.

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 300 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 can extern 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

ENTERTAINMENT

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

GOVERNMENT

California Attorney General
City Attorney's Office
District Attorney's Office
Federal Trade Commission
Los Angeles Unified School District
Public Defender's Office
Securities and Exchange Commission
U.S. Attorney's Office

IN-HOUSE CORPORATE COUNSEL

AARP Foundation Litigation
Anthem Blue Cross, Inc.
California Association of Realtors
TechStyle Fashion Group

JUDICIAL

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

LAW FIRM

Select Law Firms Available

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
Inner City Law Center
LevittQuinn Family Law Center
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Neighborhood Legal Services
Public Counsel

PRACTICUM PROGRAMS

Supplementing our expansive externship and clinical programs, Southwestern offers practicum programs that provide real-world training in legal research, litigation, 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.

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.

www.swlaw.edu/practicums



Legal Clinic Law Clerks Julio Soto-Kim and Monica Ponce de Leon

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 first-hand 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

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The clinic is my safe place, allowing me to envision what kind of attorney I want to be in the real world. As a first-generation immigrant, I want to be a public interest attorney and part of the movement that gives low-income families access to justice. Southwestern has given me the legal knowledge, and most importantly, the support and encouragement to accomplish my dreams.”

MONICA PONCE DE LEON

'18, Part-Time Day Program
Law Clerk, Community Lawyering Clinic
Vice Chair, Public Interest Law Committee



Professor Julia Vázquez providing residency cards to a family after a complex 8-year immigration case

variety of immigration cases and 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.

HFPA The Hollywood Foreign Press Association generously supports Southwestern Law School's Entertainment and Arts Legal Clinic for the 2018/19 academic year.

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.

FAMILY LAW CLINIC

The Family Law Clinic is a community-based clinic in partnership with the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law. Students help protect victims of domestic violence, improve the well-being of children in poverty, empower people in need, and ensure meaningful access to the Family Law courts.

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. Clinic students step into the roles of teacher, mentor, and advocate to inform teenagers about their rights and provide legal information and resources they need to successfully transition to independent living.



Southwestern students at the Central Hall

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. Students can also 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.

MOOT COURT HONORS PROGRAM

Established in 1974, the Southwestern Moot Court Honors Program is one of the preeminent appellate advocacy programs in the country. The program is designed for students who would like to hone their research, writing, and advocacy skills. Upper division students conduct legal research on hypothetical appeals, draft appellate court briefs, and present oral arguments before panels of justices in competitions around the country.

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.



PRELAW MAGAZINE'S
TOP TRIAL ADVOCACY
SCHOOL

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.

SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW

Students ranked in the top ten percent, as well as students in the top thirty percent who excel in the annual Write-On Competition, are invited to participate in the *Law Review*. 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*-sponsored symposia have explored prosecuting women, class stratification in contemporary global societies, 40 years of LGBT legal activism, and CERCLA and the future of liability-based environmental regulation.

WE ARE THE LAW.



Jasen Talise '18 served as the managing editor of the *Law Review* and delivered the inaugural "Bison Talk" at the 2018 Commencement.



DIVERSITY AT SOUTHWESTERN



LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL'S 2018 DIVERSITY MATTERS JUSTICE AWARD



LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL'S 2017 DIVERSITY MATTERS AWARD



PRELAW MAGAZINE'S BEST LAW SCHOOL FOR HISPANICS



PRELAW MAGAZINE'S BEST LAW SCHOOL FOR ASIANS



NATIONAL JURIST'S HONOR ROLL FOR MOST DIVERSE LAW SCHOOL IN THE U.S.



ABOVE THE LAW'S TOP LAW SCHOOLS WITH THE MOST DIVERSE GRADUATES

A REFLECTION OF THE WORLD AROUND US

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 7 years in a row
- Prelaw Magazine's Top 20 for all 3 categories of best law schools for Asians, Hispanics, and African-Americans
- Top 25 Law Schools by Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education - for Hispanic enrollment and degrees awarded
- California Minority Counsel Law School Racial and Ethnic Diversity Award

Southwestern students at the promenade

A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY



Southwestern students at the U.S. Court of Appeals

www.swlaw.edu/student-life

A VIBRANT AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Maintaining a commitment to our 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 2017 entering class:

- women = 57%
- male = 43%
- diversity = 46%
- average age = 26 (ranging from 21 to over 50)
- 100+ undergraduate schools represented

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Backgrounds, interests, and affiliations of our students are reflected in our extracurricular activities. The student organizations include the Student Bar Association; law fraternity; ethnic, cultural, and political groups; and associations for different areas of the law. These groups offer support and mentoring programs, workshops, volunteer and networking opportunities, community outreach projects, cultural and social events, interscholastic competitions, and speaker presentations.

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.

- **Academic Success Programs** – workshops, courses, programs, and counseling to help you achieve your full academic potential
- **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
- **Diversity Affairs Office** – provides personal counseling and academic advisement to students, offers a series of focused programming, and coordinates mentorship opportunities
- **On-Campus Psychological Counselor** – free and confidential counseling provided on campus by a licensed psychotherapist
- **Wellness Week** – stress management programs and health education events
- **30+ Student Organizations** – opportunities to socialize, develop networking skills, and connect with fellow students

Note: A sampling is provided in the next column.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Armenian Law Students Association
 Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
 BISONG A Capella Group
 Black Law Students Association
 Consumer Law Society
 Criminal Law Society
 Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity
 Entertainment Law Society
 Environmental Law Society
 Golf Society
 Intellectual Property and Arts Society
 International Law Society
 Jewish Law Students Association
 Labor & Employment Law Association
 Latino Law Students Association
 Mindfulness in Law Society
 Music Law Society
 National Lawyers Guild
 OUTLaw
 Persian Law Students Association
 Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
 Public Interest Law Committee
 Sports Law Society
 Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
 Student Bar Association
 Students for Technology Law and Entrepreneurship
 Tax Law Society
 Teen Court
 Women's Law Association

SOUTHWESTERN FACULTY: RECOGNIZED EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS



INSPIRING TEACHERS, CARING MENTORS

At Southwestern, students are given time to get to know their professors. 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 encourage student participation through the Socratic method, lectures, open class discussions, and small group projects.

Southwestern's full-time faculty members are nationally-recognized experts in their respective fields—from criminal law to civil procedure, from antitrust to urban planning. They are so accessible to their students that they have earned Southwestern a reputation for faculty/student interaction that is second to none.



SOUTHWESTERN FACULTY
 IN THE TOP 25 MOST
 INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN
 LEGAL EDUCATION



DEAN SUSAN PRAGER WAS
 THE FIRST FEMALE LAW
 DEAN IN THE UNIVERSITY
 OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM



I take such pride in watching my students make their first argument or appearance as a student lawyer. It is even more rewarding to see their sense of accomplishment as they realize that they have the tools necessary to be a good lawyer."

JULIE WATERSTONE

Associate Dean for Experiential Learning,
 Director of the Children's Rights Clinic, and
 Clinical Professor of Law

A LEGACY OF TRAILBLAZERS

Dean Susan Westerberg Prager is the first woman in the history of Southwestern to serve as Dean and Chief Executive Officer. Dean Prager received the Ernestine Stahlhut Award from the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA) and was named a MetNews' "2017 Person of the Year."



Dean Susan Prager with Dean Emeritus Leigh H. Taylor

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS & CAREERS

RELATIONSHIPS THAT LAST A LIFETIME



AFRICAN-AMERICAN
MAYOR IN LOS ANGELES

ARMENIAN-
AMERICAN DISTRICT
ATTORNEY IN THE U.S.

FEMALE AFRICAN-
AMERICAN JUDGE
IN CALIFORNIA

FEMALE COMMANDER
IN THE L.A. POLICE
DEPARTMENT

GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY &
WOMAN OF COLOR ELECTED
PRESIDENT OF THE C.A. BAR



Southwestern students at Commencement

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

\$4.9 BILLION

The largest personal injury and product liability verdict in U.S. history—the plaintiff’s attorney is a Southwestern graduate

Brian Panish '84, one of the country's leading trial attorneys, obtained a \$4.9 billion verdict in *Anderson v. General Motors*, the largest personal injury verdict ever obtained. He has also obtained more than 75 verdicts in excess of \$10 million, and more than 250 verdicts and settlements in excess of \$1 million in personal injury, car accident, wrongful death, and business litigation cases. Mr. Panish has also obtained three verdicts in excess of \$50 million in personal injury cases—more than any other attorney in California.

Brian Panish '84 at a press conference



www.swlaw.edu/alumni

CAREER PLANNING AND NETWORKING

100%

of Southwestern graduates who passed the bar were employed within 10 months of graduation in 2017.



Students at the Career Services Public Interest and Public Service Employer Fair

www.swlaw.edu/career-services

PANISH CIVIL JUSTICE PROGRAM

Following a generous gift by Mr. Panish, Southwestern recently created the Panish Civil Justice Program. Program goals include providing top litigation training to students, creating a crossroads for judicial bench and bar, and strengthening the foundations of the American civil justice system.

151 Southwestern graduates serving as Deputy District Attorneys in Los Angeles County

110 Southwestern graduates serving as Public Defenders in Los Angeles County

105 Southwestern graduates serving as sitting judges in California

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 in 30 foreign countries. They include leaders in local and national elected offices, 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 Governor of Nevada, Mayor of Los Angeles, Justices on the California Supreme Court and Arizona Supreme Court, 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, California State Treasurer, and federal judges.

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

- individualized career counseling and planning
- informational seminars and skill-building workshops on interviewing techniques and resume and cover letter drafting
- panel presentations on a wide range of practice areas
- various recruitment activities
- events designed to help build a network of contacts and employment prospects

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, Recent Grad Recruitment, and the GAP Associate Program for recent graduates. Students have year-round access to an 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

Innovative career-building programs and resources available to Southwestern students and recent 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 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

LOS ANGELES: HOME TO THE DONALD E. BIEDERMAN ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA LAW INSTITUTE

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 these 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.



TOP LAW SCHOOL FOR
ENTERTAINMENT LAW BY
LAWSTREETMEDIA.COM

Los Angeles is one 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 law students. Southwestern plays an important role and derives tremendous advantages from its position in the center of this stimulating cosmopolitan city.

Los Angeles offers students abundant recreational and cultural activities. 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 Hollywood, and less than a half hour from Beverly Hills and the bustling Venice Beach boardwalk.

In addition to the on-campus Residences at 7th, students can find a wide array of living choices in a variety of distinct neighborhoods within a 30-minute drive from campus. Our location on major bus routes, just two blocks from a multi-line subway station, allows students to conveniently get to and from campus.



**LOCATION,
LOCATION,
LOCATION**

A CAMPUS IN THE CENTER OF LOS ANGELES



www.swlaw.edu/campus

Southwestern has created an oasis for students and scholars encouraging contemplation and study as well as collaborating with the community. Encompassing nearly two city blocks, the law school's campus includes the extraordinary Bullocks Wilshire landmark. This exquisite 1929 art-deco structure has been lovingly repurposed into a unique, multi-faceted facility that has raised the bar for legal-education architecture.

Our award-winning campus features:

- 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 and two additional trial court facilities
- a 10,000-square-foot fitness center
- spacious, client-friendly clinical suites
- tranquil student commons and promenade plazas

Students are eligible to apply for Southwestern's beautiful on-campus student housing complex, The Residences at 7th, which offers:

- studio, one- or two-bedroom apartments
- contemporary furnishings
- floor-to-ceiling windows
- 42" high-definition televisions
- in-unit washer/dryers
- full kitchens
- business center
- enhanced sound proofing
- private study rooms
- rooftop sundeck
- central courtyard and grill area
- secured indoor parking



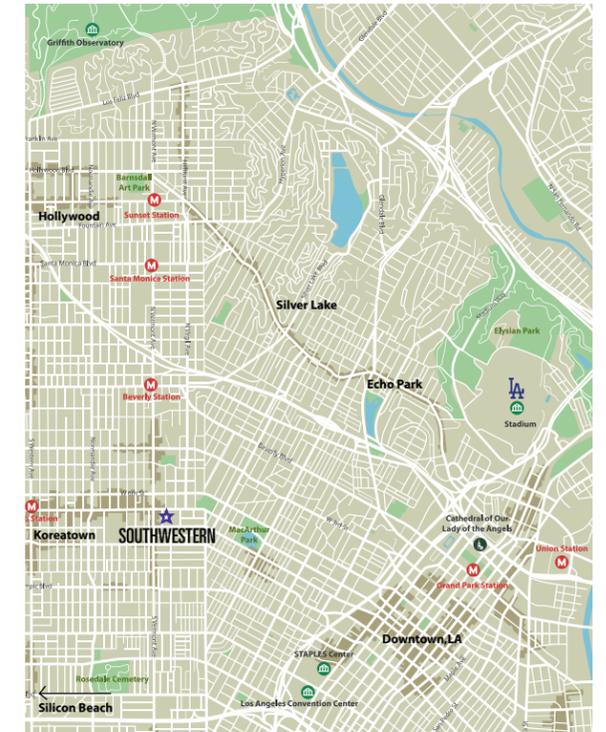
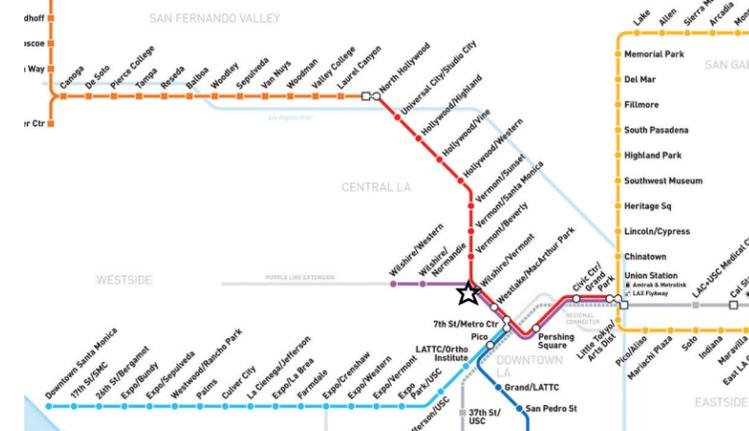
Growing up, my friends and I would either walk or drive past the Bullocks Wilshire building and always wonder what was inside. After many years, I have come to realize that I was just staring into my future, and that my life would be shaped and changed by the inner workings and powerful thoughts this wonderful place fills. Southwestern to me has been more than just a place to study. It has become a family and a second home."

JULIO (JAE) SOTO-KIM

'19, Part-Time Evening Program
Street Law and Community Lawyering Clinics

GETTING AROUND LOS ANGELES

Southwestern sits along two Los Angeles Metro lines and several Local and Rapid bus routes, making students' commutes convenient and connecting them with the greater Los Angeles area. From the Wilshire/Vermont station or a nearby bus stop, Southwestern students can use discounted Metro passes to head to an externship at a downtown courthouse, catch an outdoor movie screening in Hollywood, or take advantage of pro bono activities throughout the city. Easy transfers to other transportation providers such as the Metrolink, Amtrak, and LAX Flyaway Shuttles help students reach where they need to go.



CAMPUS VISITS

The spirit and welcoming atmosphere of Southwestern are best experienced by visiting the school and speaking with students, faculty, and admissions staff. Southwestern encourages applicants to make an appointment to tour the facilities and to sit in on classes.

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

For a calendar of admissions events, visit www.swlaw.edu/admissions-events.



Southwestern students in Koreatown

Southwestern is located in Los Angeles' Wilshire Center district, abutting Koreatown and sitting on Wilshire Boulevard, the city's main thoroughfare. Travel just two miles east to downtown or head west to reach the Pacific Ocean and warm Southern California beaches.

COURSES

Southwestern offers a comprehensive selection of more than 200 courses, 50+ professional skills courses, a January intersession, advanced Capstone courses, floating mini-term courses, and specialized "Windows Into Practice" courses. The required curriculum at Southwestern includes 14 traditional required courses. Additionally, students must satisfy a 6-unit experiential requirement.

The following list provides an overview of courses offered by subject matter and names professors who teach within the field. Because courses often intersect several areas of law, they may appear on the list more than once.

www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/courses

Required Courses¹

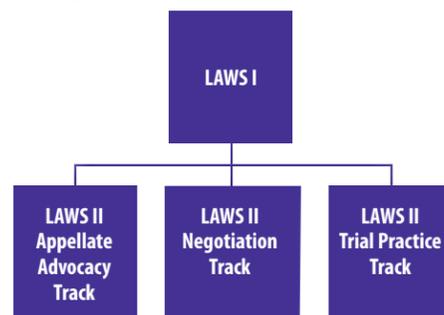
- Business Associations
- Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies*
- Civil Procedure I and II
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Community Property*
- Constitutional Law I and II
- Contracts I and II
- Criminal Law
- Evidence
- Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills (LAWS) I and II
- Legal Profession
- MBE Skills and Strategies*
- Professional Skills or Experiential Requirement
- Property
- Remedies*
- Torts
- Upper Division Writing Requirement
- Wills and Trusts*

¹ Required courses vary depending on the J.D. program. See page 10 for specific program requirements.

* **Note:** At the end of their second year, students with a GPA of at least 3.33 in subjects tested on the bar exam may opt out

Legal Analysis, Writing, & Skills

Southwestern's 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 simply pursue the traditional single appellate track.



www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/laws

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 Associations¹
Business Planning
Cannabis Law
Cyberlaw
Cybersecurity Law
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Technology Agreements
Employment-Based Immigration Law³
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation
Federal Corporate Taxation
Insurance Law
International Business
International Trade Law
Labor Law
Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy, and Finance^D
Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone)
Securities Regulation
Strategic Alliances³
Video Game Agreements

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

Cohen, Frisby, Lofgren, Popovich, Ramos, Rodriguez-Fee, Vázquez, Waisman, Waterstone

Children and the Law
Children's Rights Clinic
Community Lawyering Clinic
Community Property
Disability Law
Family Law
Family Law Clinic
Family Law Procedure and Practice
Immigration Law
Immigration Law Clinic

Special Education Law Seminar
Street Law Clinic
Youth at Risk

CIVIL LITIGATION AND ADVOCACY

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

Administrative Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Amicus Project Practicum
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Art of Persuasion³
Art of Storytelling³
California Civil Procedure
Children's Rights Clinic
Civil Procedure I and II¹
Communication Tools for New Lawyers³
Courtroom Procedure 101³
Employment Law (Capstone)
Evidence¹
Federal Courts
Insurance Law
International Litigation and Arbitration
Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating
Mass Tort Litigation (Capstone)
Products Liability
Remedies
Trial Advocacy

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

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

Constitutional Law I and II¹
Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity
Employment-Based Immigration Law³
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, Scott, Sloan, Waisman

Antitrust Law
Bankruptcy
Commercial Lease Practice³
Contracts I and II¹
Cyberlaw
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Technology Agreements
Insurance Law
International Business Transactions
Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy, and Finance^D
Music Industry Contracts
Sales
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Video Game Agreements

CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE

Caldwell, Cammack, Carpenter, Garland, Grimes, Gunning, Heilman, Ramos, Strader, VanLandingham, Vázquez

Antitrust Law
Cannabis Law
Communication Tools for New Lawyers³
Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)
Constitutional Criminal Procedure¹
Criminal Law¹
Criminal Law in Action³
Criminal Law Seminar: Contemporary Issues
Criminal Litigation in Practice
Defenses in the Law
Evidence¹
Forensic Evidence
Immigration Law
Immigration Law and Crimes³
Immigration Law Clinic
Securities Regulation
Selected Problems in Evidence³
Trial Advocacy
White Collar Crime
Youth at Risk

EMPLOYMENT LAW

Cameron, Ramachandran

Administrative Law
Employment-Based Immigration Law³
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 Negotiations³

ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA LAW

Cameron, Epstein, Gendron, Lind, Scott, Tehranian

Advanced Copyright Law Seminar
Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar
BEMLI Externship
Copyright Law
Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Entertainment Industry Contracts
Entertainment and Media Litigation³
Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I and II
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation
Entertainment Industry Guilds
Entertainment Law (Capstone)
Entertainment Law and Evolving Web
Entertainment Law Blog
Entertainment Litigation
European Union - Understanding Brexit
Fashion Law
Financing and Distributing Independent Films
IP Licensing in the Entertainment Industry
International Art Law²
International Entertainment Law
International Music Law
Law and Literature
Mass Media Law
Media as an International Human Right³
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
Video Game Agreements
Video Game Law
Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiations³

EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENT

Aronovsky, Berger, Cameron, Cammack, Cohen, D'Italia, Dorff, Epstein, Esposito, Garland, Gendron, Gharakhanian, Gunning, Heilman, Knapp, Knolton, Lutz, Ramachandran, Ramos, Rodriguez-Fee, Rolnick, Scott, Seki, Stier, Strader, VanLandingham, Vázquez, Waterstone

Advanced Legal Writing
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Amicus Project Practicum
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Appellate Process and Opinion Drafting³
Big and Medium Law Firm Practice
Business Planning
Children's Rights Clinic
Civil Pretrial Practice
Commercial Lease Practice³
Communication Tools for New Lawyers³
Community Lawyering Clinic
Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)
Construction Law, Drafting, and Negotiation
Courtroom Procedure 101³
Criminal Law in Action³
Criminal Litigation in Practice
Developing Web-Based Startups: Merging Law, Business, and Technology
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Entertainment Industry Contracts
Drafting Technology Agreements
eDiscovery³
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 Procedure and Practice
Immigration Law Clinic
Intellectual Property Licensing: Law and Practice
International Law in Practice
Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating
Mass Tort Litigation (Capstone)
Medical/Legal Aspects of Elder Care³
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 Alliances³
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 Care³

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Calnan, Epstein, Gendron, Lind, Scott, Tehranian

Advanced Copyright Law Seminar
Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar
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 Law²
 International Entertainment Law²
 Intellectual Property Licensing:
 Law and Practice
 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
 Video Game Agreements
 Video Game Law

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

Cameron, Cammack, Gupta, Lutz, Stier
 European Union - Understanding
 Brexit
 Immigration Law
 International Art Law²
 International Business
 Transactions
 International Entertainment Law²
 International Labor and
 Employment Law Seminar
 International Litigation and
 Arbitration
 International Protection of
 Human Rights
 International Sports Law²
 International Trade Law
 Islamic Law
 Latin American Laws and
 Institutions
 Law and International
 Development
 Media as an International Human
 Right³
 Public International Law

JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGAL HISTORY

Cammack, Epstein, Gupta, Krimmel, 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
 Law and Rhetoric
 Law and Society Seminar
 Legal Arguments about Moral
 and Political Issues Seminar

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS/LAWYERING SKILLS/SIMULATION COURSES

Aronovsky, Basick, Bateman, Berger, Caldwell, Cameron, Campbell, Carpenter, Cohen, D'Italia, Dorff, Epstein, Esposito, Frisby, Gendron, Gharakhanian, Graver, Gunning, Knolton, Lofgren, Lutz, Nalbandyan, Ramachandran, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rodriguez-Fee, Rolnick, Rogers, Scott, Seki, Shafiroff, Strader, Taylor, Turner, VanLandingham, Waterstone, Woolley, Yokoyama
 Academic Skills Lab I and II
 Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Amicus Project Practicum
 Appellate Litigation Clinic
 Art of Persuasion³
 Big and Medium Law Firm
 Practice
 Business Planning
 Cal Bar Writing: Skills and
 Strategies
 Children and the Law
 Children's Rights Clinic
 Communication Tools
 for New Lawyers³
 Community Lawyering Clinic
 Complex Criminal Litigation
 (Capstone)
 Construction Law, Drafting, and
 Negotiation
 Courtroom Procedure 101³
 Criminal Law in Action³
 Criminal Litigation in Practice
 Defenses in the Law
 Developing Web-Based Startups:
 Merging Law, Business, and
 Technology
 Drafting Business Contracts
 Drafting Entertainment Industry
 Contracts
 Drafting Technology Agreements
 eDiscovery³
 Employment Law (Capstone)
 Entertainment and Media
 Litigation³

Entertainment and the Arts Legal
 Clinic
 Entertainment Business Affairs
 Negotiation
 Entertainment Law (Capstone)
 Estate Planning and Drafting
 Externships
 Family Law Clinic
 Family Law Procedure and
 Practice
 Immigration Appeals Practicum
 Immigration Law Clinic
 Intellectual Property in the
 Technology Industry
 International Law in Practice
 International Litigation and
 Arbitration
 Interviewing, Counseling, and
 Negotiating
 Intellectual Property Licensing:
 Law and Practice
 Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills
 (LAWS) I and II¹
 Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills
 II: Appellate Advocacy
 Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills
 II: Negotiation
 Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills
 II: Trial Practice
 MBE: Skills and Strategies:
 Medical/Legal Aspects of Elder
 Care³
 Moot Court Honors Program
 Music Industry Contracts
 Patent Preparation and
 Prosecution
 Practical Legal Research
 Public Interest Law Practice
 Refining Your Legal Writing
 Representing Entrepreneurs
 (Capstone)
 Selected Problems in Evidence³
 Small Law Practice Management
 Strategic Alliances³
 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

PUBLIC INTEREST/CIVIL RIGHTS/CIVIL LIBERTIES

Aronovsky, Caldwell, Calnan, Cameron, Carpenter, Cohen, D'Italia, Epstein, Gunning, Gupta, Hart, Hoyos, Knipprath, Miller, Ramachandran, Ramos, Rodriguez-Fee, Scott, Sloan, Vázquez, Waterstone, Wood
 Amicus Project Practicum
 Appellate Litigation Clinic
 Cannabis Law
 Children and the Law
 Children's Rights Clinic
 Community Lawyering Clinic
 Constitutional Law I and II¹
 Critical Race Theory Seminar
 Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity
 Disability Law
 Employment Discrimination Law
 Employment Law Survey
 Environmental Law
 Externships
 Family Law Clinic
 Federal Indian Law
 Immigration Appeals Practicum
 Immigration Law
 Immigration Law and Crimes³
 Immigration Law Clinic
 Information Privacy Law
 International Protection of
 Human Rights
 Labor Law
 Land Use Regulation
 Prison Law and Mass
 Incarceration
 Public Interest Law Practice
 Race and the Law Seminar
 Street Law Clinic
 Youth at Risk

REAL PROPERTY/ENVIRONMENTAL LAW/LAND USE

Aronovsky, Gupta, Heilman, Hoyos, Shafiroff, Waisman, Wood
 Commercial Lease Practice³
 Community Property
 Construction Law, Drafting, and
 Negotiation
 Environmental Law
 Federal Indian Law
 Land Use Regulation
 Property¹
 Real Estate Transactions
 Water Law

TAXATION

Berger, Krimmel, Popovich, 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, Scott, Tehranian
 Antitrust Law
 Business Planning
 Copyright Law
 Cyberlaw
 Cybersecurity Law
 Developing Web-Based Startups:
 Merging Law, Business, and
 Technology
 Drafting Business Contracts
 Drafting/Negotiating Video
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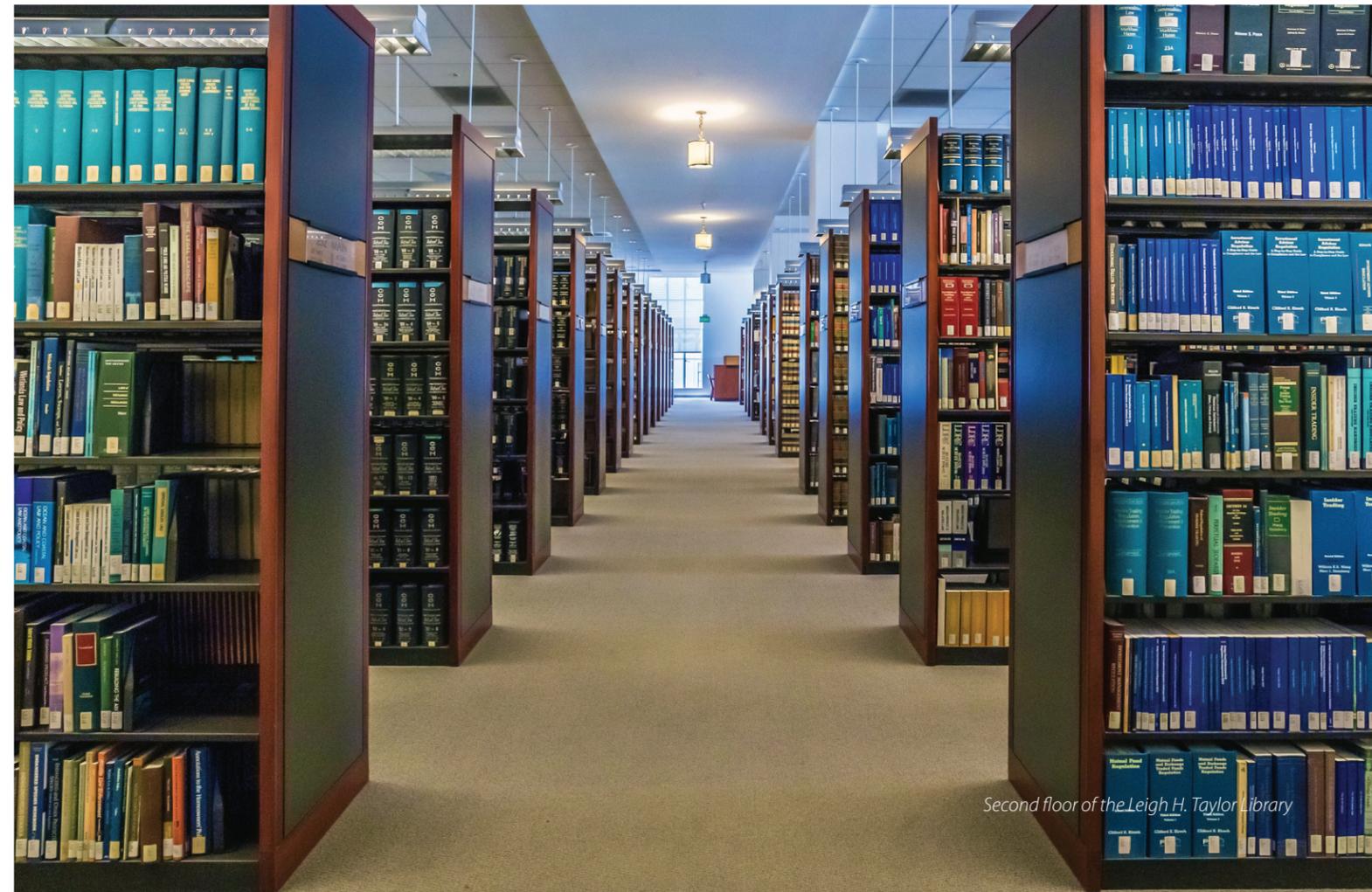
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 Information Privacy Law
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 International Business
 Transactions
 Interviewing, Counseling, and
 Negotiating
 Intellectual Property Licensing:
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 Mass Media Law
 Mergers and Acquisitions: Law,
 Strategy, and Finance
 Negotiation and Dispute
 Resolution
 Patent Law
 Patent Preparation and
 Prosecution
 Representing Entrepreneurs
 (Capstone)
 Strategic Alliances³
 Technologies of
 Telecommunications Law and
 Policy
 Trademark Law
 Video Game Agreements
 Video Game Law

TORTS AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS

Aronovsky, Calnan, D'Italia, Fischer, Graver, Gunning, Nalbandyan, Rolnick, Stark, Stier, Yokoyama
 Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity
 Insurance Law
 Mass Tort Litigation (Capstone)
 Medical Malpractice
 Products Liability
 Remedies
 Torts¹
 Tort Litigation Seminar
 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: This list reflects courses offered during 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. An overview of the SCALE[®] curriculum is available on page 10 and online at www.swlaw.edu/scale.

BAR-SPECIFIC COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

MBE: Skills and Strategies: This course will provide you an overview in the highly tested topics for all seven of the multistate bar exam subjects, as well as extensive practice on how these topics are tested in the multiple choice section on the bar exam.
Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies: This course will focus on essay writing and writing for the Performance Test. Using frequently tested topics, students will leave this course with a clear understanding of how to write successfully for the bar exam.



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J.D. PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

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

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

The same application form is used for the Day, Evening, Part-time Day/PLEAS, and SCALE® programs. A separate application is available for the J.D./M.B.A. Concurrent-Degree program (traditional or SCALE). The application is available in electronic form at LSAC.org (find direct links at www.swlaw.edu/applyonline). 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 Credential Assembly Service and Law School Admissions Test

Applicants must register for the Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). LSAT scores earned within the past five-year period and a summary of undergraduate work are reported to Southwestern via the CAS. Southwestern will consider any LSAT exam scores earned on or after September 2013 through June 2019, but applicants are encouraged to take an exam

that will allow them to complete their application by the April 1, 2019 application deadline. More information about the CAS and the LSAT, including the 2018-2019 exam dates, can be found at www.LSAC.org.

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 2019 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 Recommendation Letter Service to be included in the applicant's CAS Report (preferred), or sent directly to Southwestern's Admissions Office by the recommender.

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.

Diversity Statement

Southwestern values the uniqueness of each applicant. Accordingly, 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 or call (213) 738-6721. Applicants must also conform to the following requirements, in addition to those listed for regular J.D. 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 Part-Time Day/PLEAS 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 U.S. or Canada must fulfill additional requirements (see 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

Even if not seeking to enter as a transfer or visiting student, applicants who have attended any law school, regardless of accreditation status, must provide:

- A letter of standing from the previous law school
- An official transcript from the previous law school
- An enrollment verification form, downloadable from Southwestern's application on www.LSAC.org

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 state bar of the state in which they intend to practice law to ensure that: 1) they fully understand the steps required for admission to that bar, 2) determine whether anything in their background may affect their eligibility for admission to that bar, and 3) they complete any steps needed to register with that bar when they begin law school. Visit the graduation and bar requirements section on www.swlaw.edu for more information.

Apply electronically at www.swlaw.edu/applyonline or send the completed application and supporting materials to:

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

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

FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

FLAT RATE TUITION – TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

	FALL	SPRING	TOTAL TUITION
Full-time	\$26,983	\$26,983	\$53,966
Part-time	\$17,997	\$17,997	\$35,994

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. 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 merit scholarships to entering J.D. and Concurrent-Degree students who have demonstrated exceptional academic promise. These include book scholarships, housing scholarships, and tuition scholarships, and the total amount awarded can reach up to the full cost of tuition. 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.

TUITION

The charges are effective as of June 2018. Tuition is due and payable each semester or period¹; 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 2018-2019, is listed above by program.² 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 2018 was \$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.

FLAT RATE TUITION – SCALE PROGRAM

	PER PERIOD	PERIODS PER YEAR	SUMMER	TOTAL TUITION
Year 1	\$18,954	4	n/a	\$75,816
Year 2	\$18,954	4	\$6,916	\$82,732

Please note that our Summer Abroad Programs' costs are determined by the program and charged 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 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.

Note: Tuition and fees are subject to change. Visit 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.³ Once 60%

of the semester, Summer Session, or SCALE period is completed, the student will be charged 100% of tuition.

Summer Abroad 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.

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.

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

TEN TIPS FOR NAVIGATING THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS AT SOUTHWESTERN

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

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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.

Southwestern Law School is approved by the American Bar Association¹ (1970) and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (1972).

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

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

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

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

Southwestern's *Viewbook*, *Student Handbook*, and website have been designed to answer frequently asked questions concerning the admission process; the academic, financial aid, and placement programs; and the general policies and regulations of Southwestern Law School. These publications have been prepared with the best data available as of 2018 regarding these matters as well as course offerings, tuition, fees, faculty, and administration. Information about grading, scholastic requirements, incompletes, attendance requirements, the honor code, and all rules, regulations, and procedures of the law school is published in the annual *Student Handbook*. Students should make sure they receive a copy of the *Handbook* when they commence their studies at Southwestern and familiarize themselves with its contents.

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

¹ 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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Career Services

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Dean of Students and Diversity Affairs Office

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Externship Program

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Financial Aid

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Interdisciplinary Programs

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