

Southwestern's Master of Laws degree program in Entertainment and Media Law is a highly selective and rigorous course of study designed to immerse graduate students in entertainment, media, intellectual property, sports, and art law.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following materials should be sent or transmitted electronically to the Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute at Southwestern's general address listed on the back page. See other application information in the Admissions section of the LL.M. program materials online at www.swlaw.edu/llmentmedia.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

The same application form is used for both full-time and part-time students. The application form is also available in electronic form at www.swlaw.edu/applyonline.

APPLICATION FEE

A nonrefundable \$60 check or money order (in U.S. funds) made payable to Southwestern Law School must be submitted with the admissions application form or with the Certification Letter if applying online. Your canceled check will serve as the receipt. Applicants may pay the fee using a credit card if applying online through LSAC and selecting the Electronic Payment Option.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

The applicant's personal statement should describe the motivation for pursuing an LL.M. degree, as well as relevant life experiences, accomplishments, special interests, personal qualities and career objectives that would be helpful to the Admissions Committee in making its decision. The personal statement should be 2 to 3 pages in length, typed and double-spaced.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

At least two letters of recommendation should be submitted on behalf of the applicant by persons (other than relatives) who are familiar with the applicant's academic and professional abilities and potential. Letters may be submitted directly to the Biederman Institute (address to the right).

CURRENT RESUMÉ/CURRICULUM VITAE

A current resumé that lists all academic and professional credentials and work experience is required.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Official, sealed transcripts are required from all law schools attended (or currently

attending) and all colleges and universities at which a degree was completed. Transcripts should show the degrees earned, dates awarded and class rank. If law school class rank is not included on your transcript, please request that it be sent by the law school registrar.

LAW DEGREE REQUIREMENT

Applicants educated in the United States must have a degree from an ABA-accredited law school. A foreign-educated applicant's degree(s) must be from a university accredited in the country in which it is located or the applicant must be admitted to practice before the highest court in that country.

FOREIGN APPLICANTS

Applicants who completed their undergraduate and/or legal degrees at institutions outside the United States or Canada must fulfill additional requirements:

English Proficiency

Because the program requires a professional level of English language proficiency, applicants whose primary language is not English or whose education has been in a language other than English must demonstrate English proficiency on either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam. Students taking the TOEFL must achieve a minimum score of 90 on the iBT or 577 on the paper-based test. Students taking the IELTS must achieve a minimum score of 6.5. More information on TOEFL is available online at www.TOEFL.org and more information on the IELTS is available online at www.ielts.org.

Credentials Evaluation

The applicant must submit foreign academic transcripts for analysis by a credentials evaluation service (see partial list of providers below). A degree equivalency statement with an assessment of grade point average should be requested.

Global Services Associates, Inc.
409 N. Pacific Coast Highway #393
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
Tel & Fax: (310) 828-5709
www.globaleval.org | info@globaleval.org

International Education Research Foundation
P.O. Box 3665
Culver City, CA 90231-3665
Tel: (310) 258-9451 | Fax: (310) 342-7086
www.ierf.org | info@ierf.org

LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service
662 Penn Street Box 8511
Newtown, PA 18940-8511
Tel: (215) 968-1315 | Fax: (215) 504-1456
www.lsac.org/llm | LLMinfo@LSAC.org

World Education Services
Bowling Green Station
P.O. Box 5087
New York, NY 10274-5087
Tel: (212) 966-6311 | Fax: (212) 739-6100
www.wes.org | info@wes.org

APPLICATION DEADLINES

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 **June 30**, for Spring admission no later than **November 15**, and for Summer admission no later than **April 15**. Applications submitted after those dates will be considered on an individual basis. Waiting lists will be established early.

FINANCIAL AID

Admitted students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents are eligible to apply for federal and private educational loans. Some private educational lenders offer loans to international students who have a creditworthy cosigner who is a U.S. citizen. International students are encouraged to explore financial aid options from sources in their home countries. More detailed information is available online at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/finaid.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

International students who are accepted to Southwestern are required to have sufficient funds to cover travel to and from the United States and tuition, fees, and living expenses while attending Southwestern. Documentation of financial support will be required during the student visa process. More information on the student visa process may be found at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/foreign.

ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING

Southwestern offers 133 fully furnished, state-of-the-art apartments for our students. Learn more about them at www.swlaw.edu/studenthousing.

Contact:
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(213) 738-6602
llmadmissions@swlaw.edu

www.swlaw.edu/llmentmedia
www.swlaw.edu/applyonline

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION - ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA LAW LL.M. PROGRAM

Please include the \$60 nonrefundable application fee (in U.S. funds) made payable to Southwestern Law School. Credit card payments may be accepted from those using the online application through LSAC. Please type or print clearly.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Applying for:

- Fall Semester: 20__ (year)
 Spring Semester: 20__ (year)
 Summer Session: 20__ (year)

Full-time Part-time

LSAC Account # _____
(if available)

HOUSING INTEREST

Please choose your housing preference:
 On Campus Off Campus

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Note: In the event of any name or contact information changes, please notify the Biederman Institute immediately.

1. Full Legal Name: last (surname) _____ / first _____ / middle _____

2. Name used on previous academic records (if different):

last (surname) _____ / first _____ / middle _____

3. Gender: Female Male 4. Birthdate: ____/____/____ 5. Social Security Number (if any): _____
MM DD YYYY

6. Current phone/address information is valid until: ____/____/____
MM DD YYYY

7. Mailing Address: street _____
city _____ / state or country _____ / zip or postal code _____

8a. Home Phone: (____) _____ 8b. Cellphone: (____) _____

8c. E-Mail Address: _____

9a. Business Name: _____

9b. Business Address: street _____
city _____ / state or country _____ / zip or postal code _____

10. Business Phone: (____) _____

11a. Country of citizenship: _____ 11b. Country of legal residence: _____

11c. If you are a foreign national living in the U.S., are you a permanent resident?

Yes, Alien Registration Number: _____ No, Visa Type: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____
MM DD YYYY

12. For applicants whose education has not been in English, please complete the following regarding the TOEFL and/or IELTS:

Date taken: ____/____/____ Score: _____ Date taken: ____/____/____ Score: _____
MM DD YYYY MM DD YYYY

TOEFL IELTS

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13. Are you a veteran? No Yes Rank: _____ Discharge Status: _____

14. The following **optional** information is requested to enable Southwestern to comply with equal opportunity provisions of federal laws and educational accrediting agencies.

a. Are you Hispanic/Latino? Yes No If yes, please indicate: Mexican American Puerto Rican Other: _____

b. Please check all that apply:

American Indian/Alaska Native Black/African American White/Caucasian Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Asian (please specify): _____

Race/Ethnicity Definitions

Hispanic/Latino

A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

American Indian/Alaska Native

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

Black/African American

A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.

White/Caucasian

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.

15. Spouse/Parent/Nearest Relative: Name _____ / Relationship: _____

Address _____ / Phone: _____

CHARACTER AND FITNESS INFORMATION

22. Southwestern requires answers to all questions below. During the licensing process for admission to the Bar, which includes state and federal background checks, you will need to address similar questions. The Bar will compare your disclosures below with their information and any inaccuracies or discrepancies may delay or prevent Bar admission.

If you answer **YES** to any of the questions below, provide a full explanation, including dates, in an attachment to this application. Full disclosure includes but is not limited to the following: all criminal, disciplinary, academic or other charges (both initial and final), convictions/rulings, sentencing terms, dates (month/year), and contextual details of the underlying conduct or incident(s) (including their date(s) and time(s), location(s), factual circumstances, other parties involved, and if applicable, case name, case number, jurisdiction, and copy of any decision, decree, judgment, or order issued, etc). To meet Southwestern's full disclosure requirement, you must include all charges, even if they were later dismissed, or were later reduced as part of plea negotiations, or reduced as part of sentencing terms.

You should also consult the rules and regulations of the Committee of Bar Examiners of the state in which you wish to practice law to determine if there is anything that might affect your eligibility for admission to the Bar. With respect to character and fitness issues, please note that admission to Southwestern does not assure admission to any state Bar. The Bar conducts its own character and fitness examination. **Please note that you are under continuing obligation to notify the Biederman Institute should your response to any of these questions change after the submission of this application.**

a. Have you ever been, as an adult or juvenile, cited, arrested, taken into custody, charged with, indicted, convicted, tried for, or pleaded guilty to, the commission of any felony or misdemeanor or violation of any law, except minor parking or traffic violations, or been the subject of any juvenile delinquency or youthful offender proceedings, or been party to court proceedings involving allegations of child abuse or neglect?

Yes No

Please note that although a conviction may have been expunged from the records by an order of the court, it nevertheless should be disclosed in the answer to this question. Further, Southwestern does not consider a traffic offense to be minor if it involves, in any way, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol or if the applicant's conduct was reckless.

b. Are there criminal charges pending against you or are you presently under investigation by any police department, law enforcement agency, or other government body? Yes No

c. Are you or have you been party to a lawsuit? Yes No

d. Have you ever been disciplined, been the subject of disciplinary proceedings, been warned, or placed on probation, by any organization or employer? Yes No

e. Have you ever been sentenced in a court-martial proceeding or discharged from the Armed Forces other than by honorable discharge? Yes No

f. Have you ever been placed on academic probation, suspended, expelled, dismissed, or required to withdraw from any academic institution (college, university, graduate school, or professional school) for academic reasons? Yes No

g. Have you ever been disciplined for misconduct by any academic institution (college, university, graduate school, or professional school)? If so, provide the basis for the proceedings, the outcome, and any discipline administered. Examples of discipline include, but are not limited to, mandatory counseling, community service, social probation, or being dropped, suspended, withdrawn, or expelled from a course, program, or institution. Yes No

h. Are there any other issues that you believe might adversely affect your eligibility for admission to the Bar? Yes No

By submitting this application, I hereby certify that I have read the current Southwestern Law School LL.M. Program materials and application, that I am the author of the statements or additional information included in this application, and that all such information is true and correct. I agree that Southwestern may verify ANY of the information submitted in support of this application, and I understand that I am under a continuing obligation to advise Southwestern of any changes that may occur after my application is submitted. Additionally, I understand that if any charge, conviction, disciplinary action, etc. occurs between the submission of this application and the start of classes, or during my enrollment at Southwestern Law School, I will inform the Biederman Institute (or Dean of Students once classes have commenced). I understand that I have a continuing duty to immediately update, in writing, responses to questions under the Character and Fitness section of the application. Failure to completely disclose any such charge, conviction, disciplinary actions, etc. may result in the denial of my application, revocation of an admissions offer, dismissal or revocation of admissions offer after enrollment, or rescission of an awarded degree after graduation, and referral to the LSAC Subcommittee on Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admissions Process. I further certify that if I am accepted as a law student, I will abide by the rules and regulations of the school as listed in the Student Handbook, and I understand that Southwestern reserves the right to change the provisions therein. I understand and agree that the omission, misrepresentation, or concealment of any fact at any time during the application process (up to and including the time of matriculation) or during my time as a student at Southwestern, will be considered sufficient reason for the denial of my application, revocation of an admissions offer, dismissal or revocation of admissions offer after enrollment, or rescission of an awarded degree after graduation and referral to the LSAC Subcommittee on Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admissions Process. I understand that decisions of the Admission Committee are final and may not be appealed.

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners. _____ I acknowledge the above statement and agree to the terms

Signature _____ Date _____

Important: Your application cannot be processed without your signature and the enclosure of the \$60 application fee.

Send completed form and supporting materials to: LL.M. in Entertainment and Media Law, Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute, Southwestern Law School, 3050 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90010-1106

How did you become aware of Southwestern's LL.M. in Entertainment and Media Law?

Southwestern LL.M. Poster/Brochure Professor Fellow Student Southwestern Alumnus/a Conference Internet
 ABA Website LSAC Website Advertisement: _____ Other: _____