# SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL L 0 S A N G E L E S





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Committing to a law school education means investing in your future. It requires immersing yourself in an intellectually challenging, demanding, and rewarding journey.

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## EARN YOUR J.D. IN 2 YEARS

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

Michael A.
2L Accelerated Two-Year Program
Future Law Firm Founder

## ACCELERATED TWO-YEAR J.D. PROGRAM

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 students complete eight 10-12-week periods with a mandatory summer session between the first and second years.



- a guaranteed externship
- flexibility to create a focus area (entertainment, advocacy, public interest, criminal law)

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









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, Accelerated Two-Year Program
1st Place Champion at the Robert F. Wagner
National Labor and Employment Law
Moot Court Competition





## FULL-TIME DAY J.D. PROGRAM



Southwestern's traditional full-time day program is ideal for students who are able to make law school their primary focus. Many students enrich their law school experience by participating in student organizations, honors programs, public interest activities, clinics, and alumni-student networking events.

9:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

11K
ALUMNI NETWORK

47%
DIVERSITY

**56** FULL-TIME PROFESSORS

**83**ADJUNCT PROFESSORS

66

I am a first-generation Mexican-American and the first in my family to graduate from college and pursue a law degree. I chose Southwestern for its supportive environment where diversity is celebrated. Southwestern has provided me with unparalleled academic and professional opportunities."

#### **NATALIE REYNOSO**

'19, Full-Time Day Program President, Women's Law Association



## PART-TIME J.D. PROGRAM



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



Southwestern's part-time programs allow students to attend law school while working or attending to family and other obligations.

- Access to the same services and resources as their full-time counterparts
- Part-time students are eligible to participate in externships, clinics, practica, and honors programs

#### Part-Time Day Programs:

#### Standard Part-Time Day

Designed for students with evening employment or other obligations.

## PLEAS (Part-Time Legal Education Alternative)

Designed for students with child- or eldercare responsibilities.

For the first two academic years, PLEAS students attend morning classes and have their afternoons open to care for loved ones.

#### **Part-Time Evening Program**

Designed for working professionals.

Part-Time Evening students attend classes two nights a week on campus and two nights a week online.



## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

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

Cal State University Northridge and Southwestern Law School have established an accelerated multiple-degree program through which students can earn both their Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees in six years, rather than the usual seven. CSUN students' first year of law school counts as their fourth undergraduate year.



- Priority registration for three years of undergraduate school
- Mentorship from a CSUN faculty advisor and a Southwestern dean
- Substantial merit-based scholarships available during law school portion

#### J.D./M.B.A. Degree Programs

- J.D./M.B.A.
- J.D./Executive M.B.A. for students with at least five years of midto senior-level management experience

These joint degree programs offered through the Drucker School of Management and Southwestern Law School enable students to acquire the combination of legal training and management skills that is increasingly in demand in a complex global environment. The collaboration reflects the core values of both Drucker and Southwestern as well as their unique curricula, and the genuine desire to prepare graduates not only for fulfilling careers, but also to make a positive difference in society.

## CSUN CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE

## DRUCKER SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT OClaremont Graduate University

**Certificate Program** 

#### Certificate in Bioscience Industry Law and Practice

Southwestern has partnered with the Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences, part of the Claremont Colleges, to offer a Certificate in Bioscience Industry Law and Practice. Southwestern students participating in the certificate program can take courses at KGI in the areas of technology management, entrepreneurship, and bioscience-related industry dynamics.





## **CONCENTRATIONS**

Similar to an undergraduate major, each of our five J.D. Concentrations has required courses, designated upper-division electives, and externship opportunities.



#### **PUBLIC INTEREST LAW**

#### **Externship Examples**

Children's Law Center Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers Public Counsel

#### **Clinic Opportunities**

Appellate Litigation Clinic Children's Rights Clinic Community Lawyering Clinic Family Law Clinic Immigration Law Clinic Street Law Clinic Youth Offender Parole Hearing Clinic



## ENTERTAINMENT & MEDIA LAW

#### **Externship Examples**

CBS Corporation
Directors Guild of America
RKO Pictures
Slingshot Global Media
The Screen Actors Guild
Warner Brothers
William Morris Endeavor

#### **Clinic Opportunities**

Entertainment & the Arts Legal Clinic I & II



## TECHNOLOGY LAW & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

#### **Externship Examples**

Activision Blizzard
Forever 21
GDC Technology
Idealab
LeadsMarket
Prodege, LLC
TechStyle Fashion Group



## CRIMINAL LAW & ADVOCACY

#### **Externship Examples**

California Court of Appeal California Superior Court Federal Public Defender Inner City Law Center Los Angeles County District Attorney

#### **Clinic Opportunities**

Appellate Litigation Clinic Children's Rights Clinic Removal Defense Clinic Street Law Clinic Youth Offender Parole Clinic



## CIVIL LITIGATION & ADVOCACY

#### **Externship Examples**

American Civil Liberties Union 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

#### **Clinic Opportunities**

Appellate Litigation Clinic





## **ENTERTAINMENT CONNECTIONS**

Film, television, music, theater, advertising, sports, news media, fashion, digital media, and technology generate a steady demand for future lawyers. Taking full advantage of being in the heart of the global entertainment industry, Southwestern established the Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute in 2000 to help connect our students to these opportunities.



Jasen T. 4L Part-Time Evening Future Entertainment Attorney TOP 10 FOR ENTERTAINMEN BY THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER EIGHT YEARS IN A ROW: 2012 - Present

## **ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

Southwestern provides a number of Academic Success and Bar Preparation resources designed to help students thrive in law school. Through courses, workshops, and individual counseling, students gain competencies and confidence while honing the skills necessary to succeed in law school, on the bar exam, and in practice.



Bison Boot Camp helps students bridge the gap between undergraduate and legal studies and is free to entering students. #GoBison



#### DEAN'S FELLOWS PROGRAM

Dean's Fellows are upper-division students serving as teaching assistants for the Academic Success and Bar Preparation Office. They are hand-picked based on their academic success and ability to individually guide new students through their first year of law school.

#### THE WRITING CENTER

The Writing Center welcomes students at any stage of writing—from brainstorming to polishing. Faculty provide individualized feedback and advice and conduct workshops on writing composition, citation, and grammar. The Center assists students with specific assignments such as legal memos, priefs, seminar papers, clinical work, externship assignments, law review or journal notes, cover letters, and writing samples.

#### SOUTHWESTERN'S BAR PASS PROGRAM

Southwestern's Bar Pass Program is a free course designed to supplement traditional bar study programs. Students participate in on-campus bar exam simulations and receive customized study schedules, extra grading and feedback on written practice assignments, and individual bar coaching by a bar prep expert.

Professor D'Italia is very effective with her methods and is a great asset to Southwestern in terms of preparing students for the bar and communicating realistic expectations."

#### **ASHLEY K.**

'20, Full-Time Day Program Biederman Scholar



## **FACULTY**

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











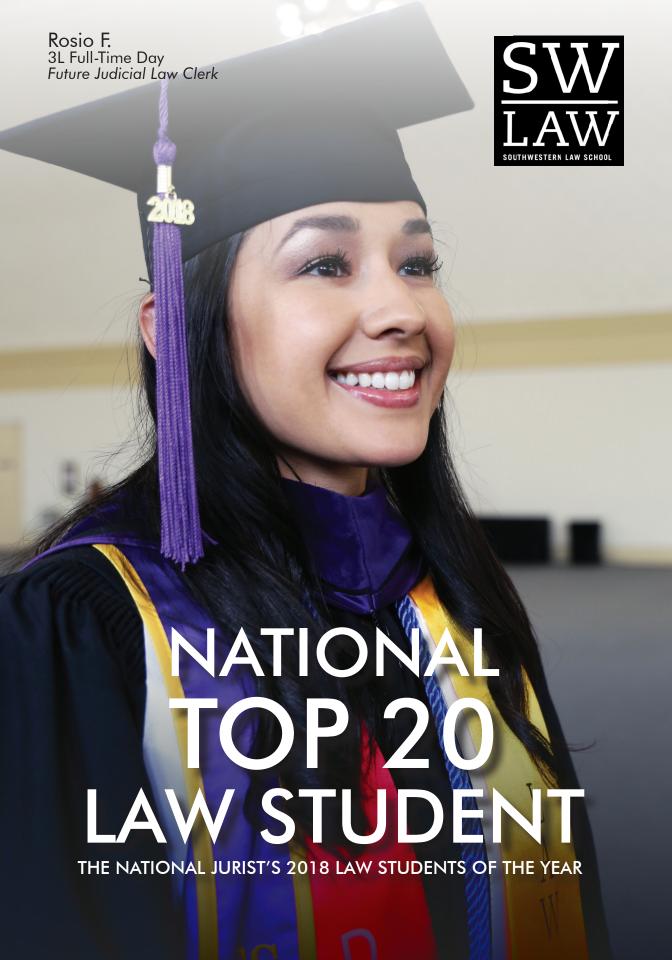




Regardless of what subject I'm teaching, I hope to help students organize material, identify legal issues, achieve depth in their factual analysis, and present their ideas in a coherent fashion."

#### **JOHN HEILMAN**

Professor of Law, Former Mayor of West Hollywood



### **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

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, public interest opportunities, practica, and clinics.

#### **EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Externships give students the opportunity to apply what they learn in the classroom to real cases and issues in a wide variety of supervised placements. Southwestern students participate in approximately 300 to 400 externships each year. About three-quarters of our students complete at least one externship, and more than a quarter take two externships. Part-time 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

## In-House Corporate Counsel

U.S. Attorney's Office

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

#### **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

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM**

The Public Service Program (PSP) offers Southwestern students the opportunity to apply and further the development of practical lawyering skills. Southwestern students provide direct legal services, advocacy, and community education in a wide-variety of settings and contexts in partnership with public interest firms/civil legal aid and government agencies as part of the legal profession's responsibility to ensure equal access to justice for all communities. Whether by providing in-person assistance, Know-Your-Rights education, or defending vulnerable populations through impact litigation, students provide immediate and meaningful change in service to the public.

#### **PRACTICA**

Southwestern's varied practicum offerings allow students to gain invaluable educational experiences through real-life practice, under close supervision of faculty and practitioners.

The Amicus Project Practicum pairs individual students with faculty members to research and draft an amicus brief in actual pro bono cases.

The Immigration Appeals Practicum focuses on probono immigration cases on appeal, working with the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP.



### I FGAL CLINICS

Clinic students develop as professionals and learn the importance of access to justice. Closely supervised, students strategize and execute an array of legal matters while maintaining client confidentiality, civility, and a duty to the court. Students gain practical lawyering skills while providing pro bono representation to community members with limited access to the justice system.

## ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS LEGAL CLINIC\*



Students provide production business and legal affairs services on independent documentary and feature films under the supervision of faculty.

## 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.

#### STREET LAW CLINIC

Students teach at-risk teenagers about their rights and provide legal information and resources to help them successfully transition to independent living.

## IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC

Students represent children and adults in immigration matters where clients have been abused, neglected or abandoned, or have been victims of a crime.

## CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CLINIC

Students represent lowincome children in school discipline proceedings or children with disabilities in special education proceedings and work with community groups to advocate for equitable educational opportunities.

## YOUTH OFFENDER PAROLE CLINIC

Law students represent clients in specialized parole hearings for individuals convicted of serious offenses when they were under the age of 23.

#### **FAMILY LAW CLINIC**

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 courts.

## COMMUNITY LAWYERING CLINIC

Students staff the legal clinic at California State University, Northridge, provide representation in immigration matters, conduct community presentations, and engage in policy advocacy.

## REMOVAL DEFENSE CLINIC

Students represent lowincome clients in removal proceedings before the Executive Office of Immigration Review/ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

<sup>\*</sup>The clinic is generously supported by The Hollywood Foreign Press Association.



#### RELATIONSHIPS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

# Student Life Experience

#### PEER MENTOR PROGRAM

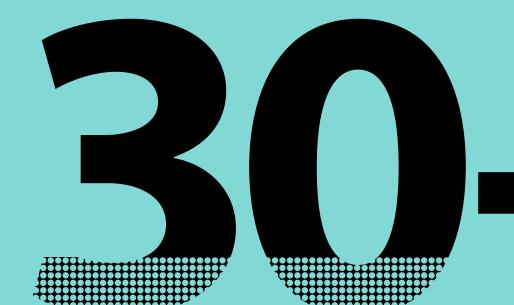
Peer mentors help students navigate their first year of law school. They direct them to the right resources, socially or academically, and help each student create a great law school experience.

#### STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The Student Bar Association promotes student interests, provides extracurricular activities for the student body throughout the year, and encourages community service.

#### **WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

Southwestern presents wellness events throughout the year, including stress-management and fitness programs. The Dean of Students Office is also available to counsel students who have personal issues that may affect their academic success or general well-being.











Labor & Employment Law

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** Homelessness Prevention Law Project Immigration Law Students Association Intellectual Property & Arts Society International Legal Society Jewish Law Students Association

Association Latino Law Students Association Mindfulness in Law Society Music Law Society National Lawyers Guild **OUTLaw** Persian Law Students Association Public Interest Law Committee Southwestern Golf Society Sports Law Society Student Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Bar Association Students for Technology Law & Entrepreneurship Tax Law Society Teen Court Women's Law Association

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



## **HONORS PROGRAMS & JOURNALS**





TOP TRIAL ADVOCACY SCHOOL





NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS COMPETITION

#### TRIAL ADVOCACY HONORS PROGRAM

Southwestern's Trial Advocacy Honors Program (TAHP) is ideal for developing the skills necessary to excel in any litigation practice area. TAHP members (or advocates) learn to perform confidently in a mock-trial atmosphere by examining witnesses, presenting opening statements and closing arguments, and mastering the rules of evidence.

#### MOOT COURT HONORS PROGRAM

The program helps students hone their research, writing, and advocacy skills. Students conduct legal research on hypothetical appeals, draft appellate court briefs, and present oral arguments before panels of justices in competitions across the nation.

#### **NEGOTIATION HONORS PROGRAM**

Negotiation Honors Program (NHP) students compete against law schools across the country. NHP is ideal for students interested in litigation, entertainment, business, or almost any practice area. Mastering how and when to negotiate is an important legal and life skill.

#### Journals

#### SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW

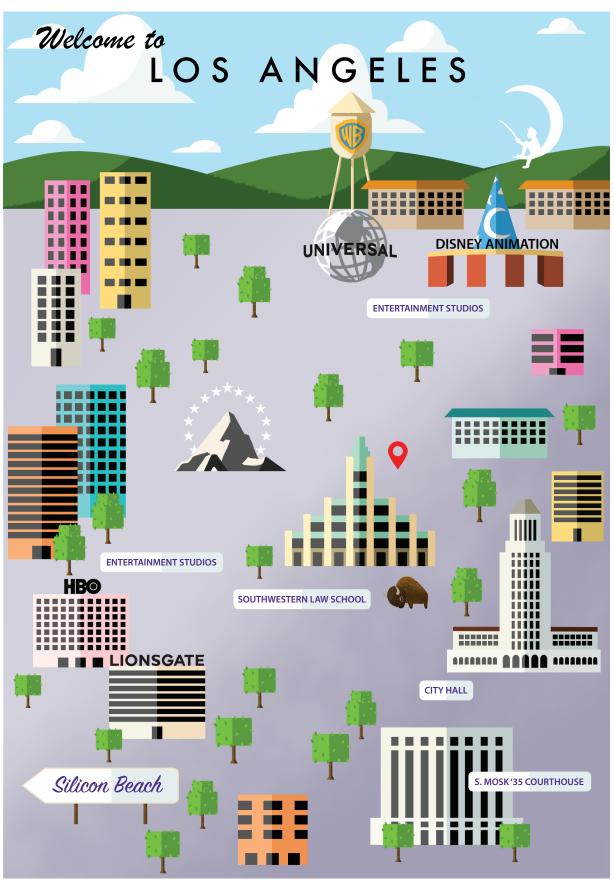
Students ranked in the top ten percent, as well as students in the top thirty percent who excel in the annual Write-On Competition, are invited to participate in the Law Review. Recent volumes have examined the preemption of generic drug claims, a socio-legal view of the wrongful conviction process, religious liberty in a secular age, and civil discovery and social networks. Law Reviewsponsored symposia have explored prosecuting women, class stratification in contemporary global societies, and 40 years of LGBTQ+ legal activism.

#### 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, immigration and human rights, and international crime. Journal-sponsored symposia have explored such subjects as the future of children in international law, transnational litigation and civil procedure, and the global struggle for women's equality.

#### 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 assist with the publication of journal issues covering topics such as online privacy, criminal defamation, and judicial interpretations of art.

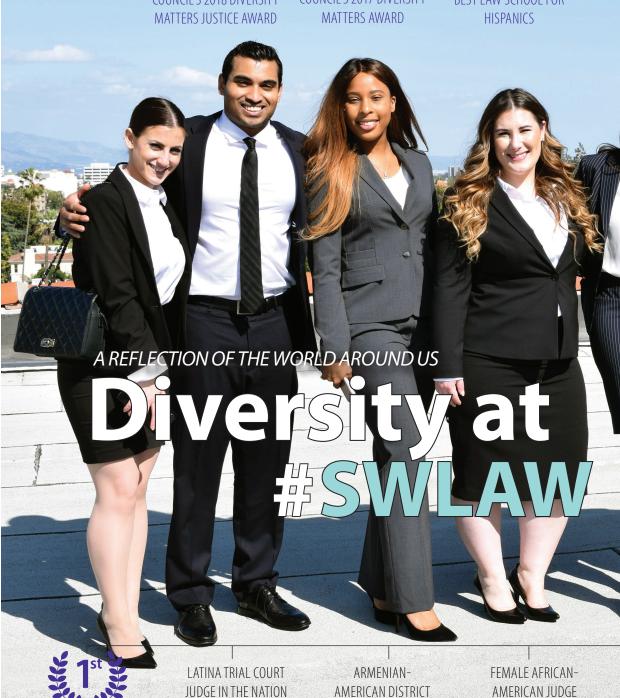






LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL'S 2017 DIVERSITY MATTERS AWARD





ATTORNEY IN THE U.S.

IN CALIFORNIA



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



**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

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MAYOR IN LOS ANGELES

## **ALUMNI NETWORK**



#### Shawn Holley '88

Ms. Holley is a partner at Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump & Aldisert, where she represents some of the most renowned names in entertainment. As a new lawyer, she was the only woman on O.J. Simpson's defense team. Ms. Holley is a celebrity in her own right and frequently speaks about high-profile cases, women in the law, and representing celebrity clients. Recently, Ms. Holley successfully advocated alongside Kim Kardashian for the presidential clemency of Alice Johnson.



#### Hon. Deborah Brazil '96

"The study of law can often seem like the study of a foreign language. Teaching Trial Advocacy allows me to show students that they have many skills, aside from legal knowledge, that will help them succeed in the practice of law. It is exciting to teach trial advocacy skills by challenging students to refine the communication skills they use in daily life and then apply them to a transactional or litigation setting."



#### Hon, Robert G. Chu '05

Prior to taking the bench in Fall 2018, Judge Chu served as a deputy public defender and supervising deputy public defender at the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office.

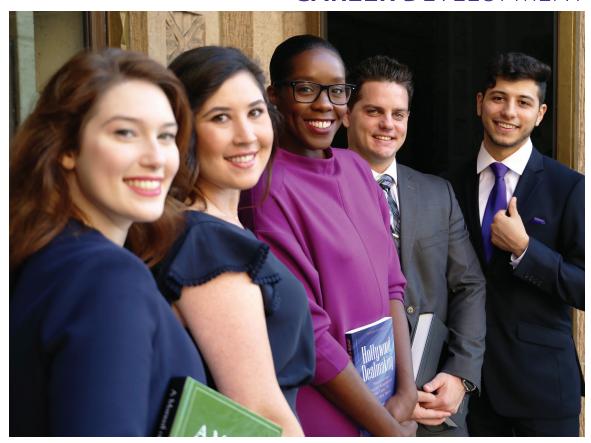
"Southwestern's Trial Advocacy Honors Program prepared me to deal with real-world courtroom scenarios and gave me confidence as I stepped into the courtroom for the first time."



#### Brian Panish '84

Mr. Panish has obtained more than 250 verdicts and settlements exceeding \$1 million, more than 75 verdicts exceeding \$10 million, and more verdicts exceeding \$50 million than any other attorney in California. He has served as a plaintiffs' counsel in numerous mass torts and major disaster cases, including train crashes, airplane disasters, pharmaceuticals, and defective product cases.

## **CAREER** DEVELOPMENT



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 resumé 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, and Public Interest/Public Sector Career Day 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 include 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

## **COURSES** AT A GLANCE

#### Full-Time Day Program - Required Courses

FIRST YEAR	FALL		SPRING
Courses	Units		s
Civil Procedure I and II	2		3
Contracts I and II	3		2
Criminal Law	3		-
Elective <sup>1</sup>	-		3
Foundations of Law and Practice	-		1
LAWS I and II <sup>2</sup>	3		3
Torts or Property	4		4
TOTAL	15		16
SECOND YEAR	FALL		SPRING
Business Associations	4	or	4
Constitutional Law I and II	3		3
Evidence	4	or	4
FIRST <sup>3</sup> , SECOND, OR THIRD YEAR	FALL		SPRING
Constitutional Criminal Procedure <sup>4</sup>	3	or	3
Experiential Requirement <sup>5</sup>	Total of 6		
Legal Profession <sup>4</sup>	2 or 3	or	2 or 3
Upper-Division Writing Requirement	2 or 3	or	2 or 3

- 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.<sup>1</sup>

SECOND OR THIRD FALL SPRING

YEAR DAY <sup>2</sup> AND SECOND, THIRD, OR FOURTH YEAR PART- TIME DAY OR EVENING <sup>3</sup>			
Courses		Unit	5
Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies	3	or	3
Community Property	2	or	2
MBE: Skills and Strategies	3	or	3
Remedies	2	or	2
Wills and Trusts	4	or	4

- 1 At the end of the 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 bar-tested courses used to calculate the opt-out eligibility GPA 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 bar-tested courses used to calculate the opt-out eligibility GPA include: Contracts I/II, Criminal Law, Civil Procedure I/II, Torts, Property, Constitutional Law I/II

#### Part-Time Programs - Required Courses\*

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FIRST YEAR PART- TIME DAY/PLEAS	FALL	:	SPRING
Courses	Units		
Contracts I and II	3		2
Criminal Law	3		-
Foundations of Law and Practice	-		1
LAWS I and II <sup>1</sup>	3		3
Torts	-		4
TOTAL	9		10
FIRST YEAR EVENING	FALL		SPRING
Contracts I and II	3		2
Criminal Law	3		-
Foundations of Law and Practice	-		1
LAWS I and II <sup>1</sup>	3		3
Torts	-		4
TOTAL	9		10
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 <sup>2</sup>	2		2 to 5
Property TOTAL	4		- 11
	9 to 11		8 to 11
THIRD YEAR PART- TIME DAY/PLEAS OR EVENING	FALL		SPRING
Business Associations <sup>3</sup>	-		4
Evidence <sup>3</sup>	4		-
SECOND, THIRD, OR FOURTH YEAR PART- TIME DAY/PLEAS, OR EVENING	FALL	:	SPRING
Constitutional Criminal Procedure <sup>4</sup>	3	or	3
Experiential Requirement <sup>5</sup>	Total of 6		
Legal Profession <sup>4</sup>	2 or 3	or	2 or 3
Upper Division Writing Requirement	2 or 3	or	2 or 3
SUMMER OPTIONS			
Electives		2 to (	5

- 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
- 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**

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Courses	Units
PERIOD 1 (11 weeks)	2
Contracts I	3
Foundations of Law and Practice	-
Introduction to Lawyering	-
LAWS I <sup>1</sup>	3
Torts	4
PERIOD 2 (12 weeks)	2
Contracts II	2
Criminal Law Evidence Law and Practice I	3
Foundations of Law and Practice	3
Legal Profession	3
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PERIOD 3 (12 weeks) Civil Litigation	3
Evidence Law and Practice II	3
Foundations of Law and Practice	1
LAWS II <sup>1</sup>	2
Property	4
PERIOD 4 (10 weeks)	4
Agency and Partnership, Copyright, or	
Negotiation and Dispute Resolution	2 or 3
Criminal Procedure	3
Jurisdiction	3
Lecture Series on the Profession <sup>2</sup>	_
Remedies	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	
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
6 11	3
Constitutional Law II	
MBE: Skills and Strategies	1
MBE: Skills and Strategies Required Traditional Fall Elective in	
MBE: Skills and Strategies Required Traditional Fall Elective in lieu of Legislation	2
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<sup>1</sup> Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills

- 2 Units for the Independent Study Paper satisfy two units of the six-unit Summer Session minimum requirement and will be based on the Lecture Series on the Profession
- $\,3\,$  Two units, if needed to meet the 87 unit requirement
- 4 During periods 7 and 8 for students who did not take a required Fall elective

### **COURSES**

#### ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Alternative Dispute Resolution International Litigation and Arbitration Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating

## BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND PRACTICE

Accounting for Lawyers Antitrust Law Bankruptcy Business Associations<sup>1</sup> Cannahis Law Cvberlaw Cybersecurity Law **Drafting Business Contracts** Drafting Technology Agreements **Employment-Based** Immigration Law<sup>3</sup> Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation Federal Corporate Taxation Insurance Law International Business Transactions Labor Law Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy, and Finance<sup>D</sup> Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone) Securities Regulation Strategic Alliances<sup>3</sup> Video Game Agreements

#### CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

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

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Amicus Project Practicum
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Art of Persuasion<sup>3</sup>
California Civil Procedure
Children's Rights Clinic
Civil Procedure I and II<sup>1</sup>
Communication Tools for New
Lawyers<sup>3</sup>
Courtroom Procedure 101<sup>3</sup>
Employment Law (Capstone)
Evidence<sup>1</sup>
Insurance Law

International Litigation and Arbitration Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating Products Liability Remedies Trial Advocacy

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

Constitutional Law I and II¹
Defamation, Privacy, and
Publicity
Employment-Based
Immigration Law³
Federal Indian Law
Immigration Law
Law and Religious Institutions
Seminar
Mass Media Law
Race and the Law Seminar
Special Education Law Seminar

#### CONTRACTS AND COMMERCIAL LAW

Antitrust Law

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

#### CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE

Video Game Agreements

Antitrust Law Cannabis Law Communication Tools for New Lawyers<sup>3</sup> Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone) Constitutional Criminal Procedure<sup>1</sup> Criminal Law<sup>1</sup> Criminal Law in Action<sup>3</sup> Criminal Law Seminar: Contemporary Issues Criminal Litigation in Practice Defenses in the Law Evidence1 Immigration Law Immigration Law and Crimes<sup>3</sup> Immigration Law Clinic Securities Regulation Selected Problems in Evidence Lab<sup>3</sup>

Trial Advocacy

Youth at Risk

White Collar Crime

#### **EMPLOYMENT 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**Advanced Entertainment Law

Seminar **BEMLI Externship** Copyright Law Defamation, Privacy, and Publicity Drafting Business Contracts Drafting Entertainment **Industry Contracts** Entertainment and Media Litigation<sup>3</sup> Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I and II **Entertainment Business** Affairs Negotiation Entertainment Industry Guilds **Entertainment Law Entertainment Litigation** European Union -Understanding Brexit Fashion Law Financing and Distributing Independent Films IP Licensing in the Tech Industry International Art Law<sup>2</sup> International Entertainment Law Law and Literature Mass Media Law Media as an International Human Right<sup>3</sup> Motion Picture Production Law Music for Film and Television Music Industry Contracts Music Publishing Industry Music Touring Law Technologies of Telecommunications Law and Policy Television Production Law Trademark Law Video Game Agreements Video Game Law

Writers Guild: Agreements

and Negotiations<sup>3</sup>

#### **EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENT**

Advanced Legal Writing Alternative Dispute Resolution Amicus Project Practicum Appellate Litigation Clinic Appellate Process and Opinion Drafting<sup>3</sup> Big and Medium Law Firm Practice Children's Rights Clinic Civil Pretrial Practice Communication Tools for New Lawyers<sup>3</sup> Community Lawyering Clinic Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone) Construction Law, Drafting, and Negotiation Courtroom Procedure 1013 Criminal Law in Action<sup>3</sup> Criminal Litigation in Practice **Drafting Business Contracts** Drafting Entertainment **Industry Contracts** Drafting Technology Agreements eDiscoverv<sup>3</sup> Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I and II **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 Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating Moot Court Honors Program Negotiation Honors Program Patent Preparation and Prosecution Public Interest Law Practice Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone) Selected Problems in Evidence Lab<sup>3</sup> Small Law Practice Management Strategic Alliances<sup>3</sup> Street Law Clinic Trial Advocacy Trial Advocacy Honors Program Video Game Agreements

#### **HEALTH LAW**

Cannabis Law Insurance Law Medical Malpractice

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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 Litigation** Fashion Law International Art Law<sup>2</sup> International Entertainment Law<sup>2</sup> Intellectual Property Licensing: Law and Practice Motion Picture Production Law Music Publishing Industry Music Industry Contracts Patent Law Patent Preparation and Prosecution Television Production Law Trademark Law Video Game Agreements

## INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

European Union -Understanding Brexit Immigration Law International Art Law<sup>2</sup> International Business Transactions International Entertainment Law<sup>2</sup> International Labor and Employment Law Seminar International Litigation and Arbitration International Protection of Human Rights International Sports Law<sup>2</sup> Media as an International Human Right<sup>3</sup> Public International Law

#### JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGAL HISTORY

American Legal History
Federal Indian Law
Law and Literature
Law and Literature Seminar
Law and Religious Institutions
Seminar
Law and Rhetoric
Legal Arguments about Moral
and Political Issues Seminar

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS/LAWYERING SKILLS/SIMULATION COURSES

Alternative Dispute Resolution Amicus Project Practicum Appellate Litigation Clinic Art of Persuasion<sup>3</sup> Big and Medium Law Firm Practice

Lab<sup>3</sup>

Strategic Alliances<sup>3</sup>

Street Law Clinic

Small Law Practice Management

Cal Bar Writing: Skills and Strategies<sup>1</sup> Children and the Law Children's Rights Clinic Communication Tools for New Lawvers<sup>3</sup> Community Lawyering Clinic Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone) Construction Law, Drafting, and Negotiation Courtroom Procedure 1013 Criminal Law in Action<sup>3</sup> Criminal Litigation in Practice Defenses in the Law Drafting Business Contracts Drafting Entertainment **Industry Contracts** Drafting Technology Agreements Employment Law (Capstone) Entertainment and Media Litigation<sup>3</sup> Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic I and II **Entertainment Business** Affairs Negotiation Estate Planning and Drafting Externships Family Law Clinic Family Law Procedure and Practice Foundations of Law and Practice<sup>1</sup> Immigration Appeals Practicum Immigration Law Clinic Intellectual Property in the Technology Industry International Litigation and Arbitration Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating Intellectual Property Licensing: Law and Practice Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills (LAWS) I1 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 Strategies1 Moot Court Honors Program Music Industry Contracts Patent Preparation and Prosecution Practical Legal Research Public Interest Law Practice Refining Your Legal Writing Remedies1 Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone) Selected Problems in Evidence

TAHP Advanced Trial Advocacy Television Production Law Trial Advocacy Trial Advocacy Honors Program Video Game Agreements Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiation

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

Amicus Project Practicum Appellate Litigation Clinic Cannahis 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 Crimes Immigration Law Clinic Information Privacy Law International Protection of Human Rights Labor Law Land Use Regulation Public Interest Law Practice Race and the Law Seminar

## REAL PROPERTY/ENVIRONMENTAL LAW/LAND USE

Street Law Clinic

Youth at Risk

Community Property¹
Construction Law, Drafting,
and Negotiation
Environmental Law
Federal Indian Law
Land Use Regulation
Property¹
Real Estate Transactions

#### TAXATION

Accounting for Lawyers
Estate and Gift Taxation
Estate Planning and Drafting
Federal Corporate Taxation
Survey of Federal Income Tax
Wills and Trusts<sup>1</sup>

## TECHNOLOGY LAW AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Antitrust Law Copyright Law Cyberlaw Cybersecurity Law **Drafting Business Contracts** Drafting/Negotiating Video Game Agreements Drafting Technology Agreements Entertainment Law Externships Information Privacy Law International and Comparative IP Law International Business Transactions Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating Intellectual Property Licensing: Law and Practice Mass Media Law Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy, and Finance Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Patent Law Patent Preparation and Prosecution Representing Entrepreneurs (Capstone) Strategic Alliances<sup>3</sup> Technologies of Telecommunications Law and Policy Trademark Law Video Game Agreements

#### TORTS AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS

Video Game Law

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Defamation, Privacy, and
Publicity
Insurance Law
Medical Malpractice
Products Liability
Remedies¹
Torts¹
Tort Litigation Seminar
Workers' Compensation Law
and Practice

- 1 Required courses
- 2 Offered in Summer Abroad Program 3 – Offered in the January Intersession
- 3 Orierea 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.

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#### **Application Components**

- ☐ Application Fee\*
- ☐ LSAC Credential Assembly Service Report\*
- ☐ Law School Admissions Test Score\*
- ☐ Transcripts\*
- ☐ Letters of Recommendation\*
- ☐ Personal Statement\*
- ☐ Resumé
- ☐ Diversity Statement

<sup>\*</sup>Required. An interview is also required for SCALE applicants. Full application details at www.swlaw.edu/application-process.



#### **Financial Aid**

Southwestern Law School offers various forms of financial aid including scholarships, loans, and work-study. Financial aid counselors help students design a financial aid plan that meets their needs and allows them to focus on their law school education.



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#### TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS TUITION

	FALL	SPRING	TOTAL TUITION
Full-time	\$27,658	\$27,658	\$55,316
Part-time	\$18.447	\$18.447	\$36.894*

<sup>\*</sup>Not including required Summer Sessions.

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- Don't wait to be admitted before you complete your FAFSA APPLY NOW.
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- ② FAFSA (**www.fafsa.gov**) is the only required application.
- ③ Southwestern's FASFA school code is GØ1295 (G zero 1295).

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	PER PERIOD	PERIODS PER YEAR	SUMMER	TOTAL TUITION
Year 1	\$19,428	4	n/a	\$77,712
Year 2	\$19,428	4	\$7,372*	\$85,084

<sup>\*</sup>SCALE II students are charged for the first four (4) summer units taken.

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