

# SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL

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DONATED

**1334**  
CASES & MATTERS

**\$8.5 MILLION+**  
MONETARY VALUE OF FREE LEGAL  
SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY

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One of my clients and I were very similar—we connected a lot on finding balance in our lives between school and relationships. However, she had overcome a lot of trauma in her life and was doing everything she could to take care of her family, graduate, and find a way to receive status in the U.S. My client's strength to open up to me inspired me. Connecting with people like her is what reminds me of why I decided to become a lawyer in the first place. It reassured me that I was here for the right reason, doing the right thing.”

**COLLEEN SABAKA**

'20, Accelerated Two-Year Program (SCALE®)  
Immigration Law Clerk





*The Hollywood Foreign Press Association generously supports Southwestern Law School's Entertainment and The Arts Legal Clinic for the 2020-21 academic year.*

## ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS LEGAL CLINIC

Students provide production, business, and legal affairs services for independent films. In one academic year, the Clinic helped 58 projects currently on Facebook, Amazon, Netflix, Spectrum TV, and Showtime. The clinic is funded by a generous grant from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

## APPELLATE LITIGATION CLINIC

Students (under professorial supervision) litigate an actual pro-bono appeal in the Ninth Circuit.

## 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 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 variety of immigration cases and staff the on-campus CSUN Student Legal Clinic. Law students also conduct legal community outreach and policy advocacy for the CSUN student community.

## 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.

## STUDENT-LED CLINICS

Student-led clinics include the Los Angeles County Small Claims Court Clinic and The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Clinic. These clinics do not include a classroom component.

## YOUTH OFFENDER

## PAROLE HEARING CLINIC\*

Students represent a client in a Youth Offender Parole Hearing. Youth Offender Parole Hearings are specialized parole hearings for people who were convicted of serious offenses when they were juveniles or young adults (under the age of 23). Students in the Clinic develop practical research, writing, and oral advocacy skills while learning more about the substantive areas of criminal sentencing, juvenile justice, and post-conviction law.

*\*The clinic will not be offered during the 2020-2021 academic year.*



### LEGAL CLINICS

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