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Message

from the President and Dean

Southwestern Law School is a special place to study law.

For more than 110 years, we have cultivated passionate, creative, client-focused attorneys and leaders. As the second-oldest law school in Los Angeles, we have always sought outstanding students who have the passion and ability to advocate successfully for their clients, serve their communities, and be leaders in the profession. Our alumni serve as highly regarded attorneys, judges, government leaders, entrepreneurs, professors, and social activists. They've positively impacted their clients' lives, advanced justice, created jobs and businesses, taught generations of students, and improved society.

We are one of the most diverse law schools in the country, in one of the most diverse cities. We have an incredibly caring faculty and staff who go above and beyond every day and will invest enthusiastically in your growth and success. Our students and alumni will welcome and embrace you. We have one of the most beautiful buildings in which to study law. And we have cutting-edge technology for online courses. We are regularly rated a top school for practical training. We have amazing public-interest and social justice programs, renowned advocacy programs, and one of the best entertainment law programs in the country.

Many of our students and alumni are First-Gen. If you're also First-Gen, know that we have programs that will allow you to develop into a first-rate attorney. And we will provide you with incredible opportunities to help you navigate and integrate into the legal profession.

“As a stand-alone private school, we do one thing: law. And we do it exceptionally well. We are a professional oasis where you can focus on becoming the best attorney possible. We are also agile and nimble, which allows us to adjust to a rapidly changing profession and world.”

This viewbook provides a brief overview of our curriculum, programs, and opportunities. I also encourage you to visit the campus and participate in our programming for prospective students. Most importantly, I hope you will consider applying to Southwestern and joining our tradition of excellence!

Best,

Darby Dickerson
President and Dean

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SWLAW Points of Pride

 <p>Top School for Entertainment Law 2023 <small>-The Hollywood Reporter</small></p>		 <p>Top School for Music Law 2022 <small>-Billboard</small></p>		 <p>Top School for Advocacy/Litigation 2023 <small>-preLaw</small></p>	
 <p>Most Diverse Law Schools 2023 <small>-preLaw</small></p>		 <p>Best Law Schools for Asians 2022 <small>-preLaw</small></p>		 <p>Best Law Schools for Hispanics 2022 <small>-preLaw</small></p>	
 <p>Best Law Schools for Practical Training 2023 <small>-preLaw</small></p>		 <p>Most Innovative Law Schools 2021-22 <small>-preLaw</small></p>		 <p>Top School for Criminal Law 2023 <small>-preLaw</small></p>	
 <p>Best Law Schools for Human Rights Law 2022-23 <small>-preLaw</small></p>		 <p>Top School for International Law 2021-22 <small>-preLaw</small></p>		 <p>Best Buildings 2022 <small>-preLaw</small></p>	



Southwestern's Mission

For more than a century, Southwestern has educated lawyers ready to serve clients, the profession, and our society with excellence. We empower students to reach their potential. We cultivate inclusion and belonging. We promote equity and justice. We champion trailblazers, develop dealmakers, and inspire intellectual curiosity. We innovate. We shape the law and public policy through teaching, scholarship, and service. We are the difference.

www.swlaw.edu/about-southwestern/mission

Alumna celebrating at the 2023 Commencement Ceremony at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA.

Unparalleled Choices:

J.D. Programs

Southwestern's J.D. programs allow students to earn their J.D. in a manner that suits them best. Whether following an accelerated, full-time, or part-time schedule with hybrid learning options, learn more about current offerings at www.swlaw.edu/jd-programs or scan the QR code below.



LEARN MORE!





Military veteran and alumna studying on the Promenade.

9:1
Student-
to-Faculty
Ratio

14k
Alumni
Network

52%
Ethnic/Racial
Diversity

61
Full-Time
Professors

115
Adjunct
Professors

Joint-Degree Programs

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

Cal State University Northridge (CSUN) 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.

J.D./M.B.A. Program

The joint-degree program offered through the Drucker School of Management and Southwestern Law School enables students to acquire the combination of legal training and management skills that is increasingly in demand in a complex global environment. By allowing students to engage in the institutions' unique curricula, the collaboration reflects the core values of both Drucker and Southwestern, and the genuine desire to prepare graduates for fulfilling careers that will make a positive difference in society.



J.D. Concentrations

Finding Your Niche

Southwestern offers seven optional concentrations. These concentrations provide students the opportunity to follow a curriculum tied to their specific career goals.

Civil Litigation & Advocacy

- Ideal for students who wish to become civil litigators
- Focuses on developing skills used in the courtroom and litigation law firm settings

Criminal Law & Advocacy

- Ideal for students interested in being public defenders, district attorneys, private defense attorneys, or judges
- Focuses on developing skills such as trial practice, client interviewing, and following rules of procedure and evidence

Critical Race, Gender & Sexuality Studies

- Ideal for students seeking to examine the law through a critical theory lens, focusing on race, gender, and sexuality perspectives
- Focuses on developing an understanding of the origins of law, the social impact of our legal system, and how individuals and their intersectional identities act and react within this system

Entertainment & Media Law

- Ideal for students who want to break into the industry and join a network of accomplished alumni from our top-rated program
- Focuses on cutting-edge developments within the entertainment and media space and helps students navigate a competitive environment

Labor & Employment Law

- Ideal for students who want broad-based training in workplace law
- Focuses on building up knowledge in practice areas such as collective bargaining, discrimination, accommodation, occupational safety, whistleblower protection, and more

Public Interest Law

- Ideal for students wishing to pursue justice for underserved individuals and communities
- Focuses on skills such as client interviewing, trauma-informed lawyering, provisioning direct services, and building a lifelong drive for service

Technology Law & Entrepreneurship

- Ideal for students looking to enter the world of high-growth technology start-ups
- Focuses on building skills related to both the business law and technology law aspects of start-ups and primes students to implement innovative legal strategies in an ever-changing landscape



Entertainment Institute

Award-Winning Programming




Developing well-rounded practitioners and connecting students to the industry

Southwestern consistently ranks among the top ten law schools in the country for entertainment, music, sports, and intellectual property law. Our Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute actively seeks opportunities to advance social justice and serves as a pipeline to diversify the legal profession within the entertainment industry.

The Institute complements a broad offering of entertainment, media, sports, and intellectual property coursework with programs such as:

- **Externships:** Offering hands-on experience at places like Paramount Pictures, Participant, SAG-AFTRA, ViacomCBS, Warner Bros., and Warner Music Group.
- **Biederman Scholars:** A select group of outstanding students invited to participate in industry networking and educational events.
- **The Entertainment & the Arts Legal Clinic:** Attorney-supervised students represent performers, writers, composers, producers, directors, and others needing legal assistance with creative projects. The Clinic offers unrivaled opportunities to develop critical entertainment transaction lawyering skills while learning to interact with clients. Services are pro bono, but look for the Clinic logo in the credits of upcoming projects.
- **Summer in London and More:** The Institute hosts a long-running study-abroad program, co-sponsors an international entertainment and media law conference, and produces the *A Conversation With* entertainment law and industry podcast based on its speaker series.

A young man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a white button-down shirt, is smiling warmly. He is leaning on a dark metal railing. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with architectural elements.

“ I am thrilled to be a *National Jurist* Law Student of the Year. It’s an incredible honor to be recognized for my achievements as a law student. Receiving this recognition is a reflection of the exceptional education I have received at Southwestern.”

Dylan Gunaratne '23
2L, Accelerated J.D. (SCALE)
2023 Commencement Student Speaker
and Biederman Scholar

National Jurist's

Law Student of the Year



Finalist in the 2023 Joseph Esposito & Bill Seki Trial Advocacy Honors Program Competition.

Experiential Learning: Externships, Legal Clinics, and Public-Service Programs

Students advocate for real clients in the real world.

Supported by a first-year curriculum that integrates practical knowledge and training alongside doctrinal learning, students step into the attorney role through 385+ externships, 8 legal clinics, 1 practicum, our Public-Service Program, Public-Service Fellowships, and the Yoka-Panish Civil Justice Fellowships.



Externships

One of the largest programs in the country

500+
Externship,
Clinical, and
Practica
Placements

Our dedicated team helps students find externships in judicial chambers; government, including criminal defense and prosecution offices; corporate legal departments and law firms, including entertainment; public interest; and other settings.

Externships provide invaluable learning experiences and are available to students in all J.D. programs.

A Sampling of Externship Placements

Entertainment

CMG Worldwide
Escape Artists
Paramount Pictures
PBS, Office of General Counsel
SAG-AFTRA
Universal Music Group
ViacomCBS
Warner Bros.
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

California Association of Realtors
Elevance Health
TechStyle Fashion Group
Ticketmaster

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

And Select Law Firms



Accelerated J.D. (SCALE) students discussing their externships.



Professor Andrea Ramos, Director of Clinical Programs, with legal clinic client and student German Monroy.

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Legal
Clinics

16k+

Pro Bono
Hours Donated in
2022

\$1.7M

Monetary Value of
Free Legal Services
Provided to the
Community
in 2022

200

Clients
Served
during
2022

Legal Clinics

Southwestern's Clinical Program allows students to apply their classroom learning to real legal issues spanning a variety of practice areas. Through the Clinics, students develop skills such as client interviewing, legal issue spotting, negotiating with government entities and other stakeholders, case management, document drafting, legal strategy, and more. Students enroll in Clinics as they would any other class, earning credits toward their degree, and in some cases, fulfilling concentration requirements. Practicing under the supervision of their professors and licensed attorneys, Southwestern students help bridge the justice gap for individuals in need around Los Angeles.

- Appellate Litigation Clinic
- Children's Rights Clinic
- Community Lawyering Clinic
- Entertainment & the Arts Legal Clinic
- Eviction Defense Clinic
- Family Law Clinic
- Immigration Law Clinic
- Street Law Clinic

“
Assignments
were not just
things to submit.
It all mattered
because I knew
it mattered for
my client.”

-German Monroy '24

3L, Full-Time Day
Immigration Law Clinic

“ The most satisfying aspect of public-service is amplifying the voices of individuals who often lack the resources or knowledge, but once given either, they light up and shine.”

-Angelica Gonzalez '23
2L, Accelerated J.D. (SCALE)
JHP Public-Service Fellow

Additional Experiential Learning Opportunities

- **Practicum:** Through the Amicus Project Practicum, students draft appellate briefs for submission to federal court.
- **Public-Service Program:** All Southwestern students are encouraged to complete a minimum of 75 pro bono service hours through their time at Southwestern. This provides an invaluable service to clients in the community and allows students practical training in critical legal practice skills.
- **Judge Harry Pregerson Public-Service Initiatives:** Through a robust day-long program, the JHP Boot Camp helps students develop skills for public-interest law practice while simultaneously building community within Southwestern's public-interest-minded students, staff, and faculty. JHP Public-Service Fellowships provide financial assistance to select students dedicated to working with underserved communities and causes.



From left to right: students at the JHP Public-Service Awards Luncheon; students walking to on-campus housing, the Residences at 7th.



Dean's Fellows



Military Veteran and Alumna



Alumna at the Swearing-In Ceremony



Legal Clinic Students



Your Success Is Our Success!

Academic Success and Bar Preparation

Law school is challenging. But from the beginning, Southwestern supports your legal education journey with one-on-one support including peer mentorship, research-backed teaching methods, customized writing instruction, and meaningful relationships with faculty.

- **Academic Success & Bar Preparation Department:** Faculty facilitate courses, workshops, student programs, and one-on-one counseling sessions to help students build practical study skills and understand their learning styles.
- **Bison Boot Camp:** Entering students participate in a free, week-long intensive course during the summer, practicing the skills needed to succeed during their first year of law school, and beyond. Campers get a head start on what to expect once classes begin.
- **Dean's Fellows:** Upper-division students with track records of academic achievement mentor new students and help them develop crucial skills such as time management, reading and briefing cases, and outlining.
- **The Writing Center:** Faculty and students with a demonstrated capacity for legal writing guide other students through written assignments and drafting exercises. Writing Center staff go beyond proofreading and help students develop the skills necessary to be confident and exceptional legal writers. Additionally, the Writing Center hosts the Storytelling Project, a speaker series based on the concept that all lawyers must tell stories.
- **Bison Bar Pass:** Southwestern has developed a supplemental bar preparation program tailored to our graduates' needs. Students benefit from bespoke services, including individualized feedback, unlimited review of practice exams and essays, simulated exams, and customized study schedules—usually available only through private tutoring.

Advocacy Honors Programs and Journals

Students competing in the annual intramural competition.

Recent Wins



2023 Texas
Young Lawyers
Association
National Trial
Competition



2023 Wagner
National
Labor and
Employment
Law Moot
Court
Competition



2023
Fordham
National
NBA
Basketball
Negotiation
Tournament

Southwestern has 3 advocacy honors programs and 3 journals:

Participating in any of these programs challenges students to develop and hone their legal research, writing, and analysis skills. Those in the advocacy programs receive additional opportunities to build competencies in oral advocacy and compete in national competitions against teams from other law schools. Those who serve on a journal receive additional training in scholarly writing, gain exposure to emerging issues in the law, and work alongside prominent legal scholars and practitioners.

- **Moot Court Honors Program** centers around hypothetical cases in which students argue issues of law before panels of justices in mock appellate court proceedings.
 - **Negotiation Honors Program** places students in mock negotiation scenarios where they must advocate for clients' interests against opposing counsel.
 - **Trial Advocacy Honors Program** pits students against rival teams in mock trials, complete with evidentiary objections, opening statements, closing arguments, and witness examinations.
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- ***Southwestern Law Review*** publishes scholarly articles centered around a particular topic that changes with each issue.
 - ***Southwestern Journal of International Law*** focuses on publishing articles related to international and comparative law topics.
 - ***Journal of International Media & Entertainment Law*** curates and publishes articles surrounding international issues in entertainment, media, and sports law.

Meet Some of Our Faculty

From criminal law to civil procedure, property to entertainment, and throughout our clinics and courses—Southwestern faculty approach their respective fields through the lens of social justice.

Meera E. Deo

The Honorable Vaino Spencer
Chair



A national expert on legal education, racial representation, and diversity, equity, and inclusion, Professor Deo encourages students to share perspectives and learn from the diverse experiences of those in her classes. These interactions inform her scholarly research, which focuses on the intersection of legal academia and race, gender, caregiver status, and other positionalities.

Her book, *Unequal Profession: Race and Gender in Legal Academia*, and her prior practice as an ACLU Fellow and staff attorney for public-interest firms, are just a few of the accomplishments she brings to the classroom.

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Selected Courses

Evidence

Isabelle Gunning

Mayor Tom Bradley Professor
of Law



Professor Gunning pursued law school for the same reason many Southwestern students do: to support progressive change in society while working across differences in political, economic, and social perspectives. A former public defender and Beacon of Justice Award winner, she now focuses her scholarship on conflict resolution, restorative justice, multicultural dialogue, and the search for shared values within social power dynamics.

From a practice standpoint of alternative dispute resolution and mediation, she regularly engages with local community groups to facilitate conflict resolution among Los Angeles' diverse populations.

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Selected Courses

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Evidence

Catherine Carpenter

The Honorable Arleigh M. Woods
and William T. Woods Chair



Named four times to *The National Jurist's* "Top 25 Most Influential People in Legal Education" list, Professor Carpenter is a leading authority on law school curricula and a nationally renowned criminal law scholar, focusing on sex crimes and sex offender registration laws. Her research and publications center on how sex offense laws and sentencing impact the prosecuted individual and society at large.

With an eye toward societal reintegration, particularly for juvenile offenders, Professor Carpenter advocates for criminal justice reform and promotes new perspectives within the field.

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Selected Courses

Criminal Law
Criminal Law Seminar: Sex Crimes
Professor Heilman's experiences as an

“The joys of teaching—and learning from—students are unmatched. The seeds of learning that we plant today, with *justice* as our banner, blossom bright with possibilities for a better tomorrow.”

Professor Kevin J. Greene

John Heilman

Professor of Law



Professor Heilman's experiences as an eight-term Mayor of West Hollywood and City Council member, and his leadership in civic and cultural organizations, make him particularly well-suited to educate his students on the impact of legal policy on real-life scenarios. He challenges students to think critically about their classroom learning and develop a coherent understanding of prevailing legal frameworks.

He recently instituted Southwestern's summer program on sexual orientation and gender identity and helped to establish the Eviction Defense Clinic.

Selected Courses

Community Property
Property

Julia Vázquez

Clinical Professor of Law
and Director, Public Interest
Law Concentration



As the director for both Southwestern's Community Lawyering Clinic and the Public Interest Concentration, Professor Vázquez works closely with students to develop critical practical lawyering skills, such as client interviewing, issue spotting, legal advocacy, and trauma-informed approaches to practice. Under her guidance, students achieve positive outcomes for immigrants who have been the victims of crimes and qualify for various forms of immigration relief.

Through the Clinic's work, innumerable Angelenos now have a path toward stability and security.

Selected Courses

Community Lawyering Clinic
Critical Race Theory Seminar

Kevin J. Greene

John J. Schumacher Chair



Professor Greene's pioneering research and scholarship on African-American music artists and intellectual property law have garnered him national recognition as an advocate for copyright reform and reparations within the music industry. His goals of achieving justice for Black artists and recognizing their contributions to American music and culture have led him to introduce copyright law to new audiences in the hopes of inspiring legal, social, and industry change. His roles as an entertainment litigator and expert witness further enhance the experiences he brings to the classroom.

Selected Courses

Copyright Law
Entertainment Law

www.swlaw.edu/faculty

Bison Life & Culture

Southwestern supports students through a variety of programs aimed at improving well-being and strengthening community. With a strong network of support, students can focus on achieving their goals and performing at their best.

- **Peer Mentor Program:** Peer mentors help first-year students adjust to campus life.
- **BisonCares:** BisonCares offers online and telephonic counseling service, as well as access to the Headspace app.
- **Professional Clothes Closet:** Students can find appropriate attire for professional events at the no-cost Professional Clothes Closet.
- **Food Pantry:** Current students and their immediate families benefit from free, non-perishable food and toiletry items.
- **The Residences at 7th:** Students can reside in on-campus apartments and enjoy the convenience and community of a tranquil living-learning environment.
- **Student Professional Development Fund:** Students can apply for funding to support their participation in professional conferences around the country.
- **Student Bar Association:** Our student government organization advocates for student interests and engages the campus community in myriad events throughout the academic year.

40+ Student Orgs

Advocates for Children's Rights
American Constitution Society
Armenian Law Students Association
Asian Pacific American Law
Student Association
BISONG A Capella Group
Black Law Students Association
Christian Legal Society
Consumer Law Society
Criminal Law Society
Delta Theta Phi
Entertainment Law Society
Environmental Law Society
Family and Dependency Law Society
Federalist Society
First-Generation Law Student Association
Homelessness Prevention Law Project
Immigration Law Students Association
IMPACT Law Student Association
Intellectual Property Law Society
International Law Society
Jewish Growth Society
Jewish Law Students Association
Labor and Employment Law Association
Law and Medicine Society
Law Commentator
Latino Law Students Association
Mass Incarceration Awareness Law Society
Mindfulness in Law Society
Music Law Society
National Lawyers Guild
OUTLaw (LGBTQ+ Student Org)
Parents Attending Law School
Persian and Middle Eastern Law
Students Association
Pickleball Law Society
Public Interest Law Committee
The Southwestern Golf Society
Space Law Society
Southwestern Law School Chess Association
Sports Law Society
Student Bar Association
Students for Technology Law & Entrepreneurship
United Bisons
Video Game Law Society
Women's Law Association



www.swlaw.edu/bisonlife



Notable Recognition

for Southwestern's Student Bar Association



2021+2022
ABA
Student Bar
Association
Award



2021+2022
ABA Judy M.
Weightman
Memorial
Public
Interest
Award



2021
ABA Dean
Henry
J. Ramsey,
Jr. Diversity
Award

2022-23 Student Bar Association representatives

2nd

Largest California Academic Law Library

17

Classrooms and Seminar Rooms

21

Library Study Rooms



Michael F. Crowe Award by the Art Deco Society of California

In the City of Angels

A view of a Los Angeles sunset at Elysian Park, overlooking downtown L.A.

Join 110+ years of graduates who have shaped the practice of law in Los Angeles. Make your mark on a city that invites innovation, expects excellence, and has a niche for you.

Career Services

Students begin working with the Career Services Office during their first semester.



Student meeting with Associate Dean for Career Services Oscar Teran.



Public-Interest and Public-Service Employer Fair in the Promenade.



91%
Class of 2022
Graduates &
Bar Passers
Are Employed
(as of March 15, 2023)

262
Employers
Participated in
the On-Campus
Interview
Program

2.6k+
Opportunities
Posted to the
Simplicity
Job Board



SCALE alumna at Buchalter, a business law firm.



132
Los Angeles
County
District
Attorneys

121
Los Angeles
County
Public
Defenders

www.swlaw.edu/careers

Students and alumni speed networking in the Leigh H. Taylor Law Library.



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Being able to immediately put my classroom knowledge into practice was a priority for me, and I am grateful for the invaluable support I received from Southwestern professors.”

Camille Vasquez '10
Partner at Brown Rudnick LLP
and NBC Legal Analyst

Southwestern alums have made an indelible mark on Los Angeles and the broader legal community by holding distinguished political positions and leadership roles and achieving outstanding results in the courtroom. Alumni practice in legal markets across the United States and around the world.

- **J. Bernard Alexander '86**, top plaintiffs' employment lawyer and founding partner of Alexander Morrison + Fehr
- **Tom Bradley '56**, five-term Mayor of Los Angeles who attended Southwestern part time while serving as a beat cop for the LAPD
- **Lauren Brock '18**, Associate General Counsel, Los Angeles Clippers
- **Anna Darr '09**, Holocaust Survivor Services Elder Law Attorney, Bet Tzedek
- **Ellin Davtyan '05**, General Counsel, State Bar of California
- **Julian C. Dixon '67**, U.S. Congressman for 22 years
- **Christian Dowell '05**, Associate General Counsel at Twitter
- **Sarah Hacker '05**, first female District Attorney in Kings County, CA
- **Shawn Holley '88**, Partner at Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump Holley LLP and the only female attorney on the O.J. Simpson criminal defense team
- **Neville L. Johnson '75**, Founding Partner, Johnson & Johnson, LLP, named a "Legal Legend" by *The Hollywood Reporter*, representing clients such as William Shatner
- **Jamie Ostroff '03**, California Medical Association's Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel
- **Brian J. Panish '84**, Named Partner at Panish | Shea | Boyle | Ravipudi LLP, top plaintiffs' attorney, and highlighted in *The American Lawyer* as a 2022 West Trailblazer
- **Daniel M. Petrocelli '80**, Partner and Vice Chair at O'Melveny & Myers who was recently honored by *The American Lawyer* as "Litigator of the Year"
- **Gerardo Pinedo '05**, Yolo County Administrator for the State of California
- **Ben Tenzer '12**, Vice President of Basketball Operations, Denver Nuggets
- **Jordan Thomas '95**, prominent attorney representing federal securities law whistleblowers and recently profiled in *The New Yorker*
- **Camille Vasquez '10**, Partner at Brown Rudnick LLP and attorney representing clients such as Johnny Depp
- **Christine Wood '13**, Partner at Best Best & Krieger who was recently profiled in the *Diversity Journal's* Black Leaders Worth Watching List

LGBTQIA+ OUTLaw student group at the Student Bar Association fair.



Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

“The Task Force has presented an amazing opportunity to come to the table to discuss critical issues that speak to our sense of belonging and to put into action different ways everyone can feel included at Southwestern.”

Nydia Johnson '10

Associate Dean for Academic Success and DEI Initiatives and Associate Professor of Law



Southwestern's Task Force for Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging is a dedicated team of faculty, staff, and students charged with addressing essential issues relating to the diversity and inclusiveness of our community. Its overarching goal is to address critical EIB issues and enact positive changes so that Southwestern's entire community feels valued and included.

Southwestern has embraced and promoted equity, inclusion, and belonging since its 1911 inception. These principles remain core values. But our work is not finished. We engage in honest conversations, examine existing structures, and embrace change as we help to make the legal profession and society more inclusive and just.

www.swlaw.edu/eib

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.

Southwestern is a Yellow Ribbon School. Veterans who are interested in the program may contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.



\$15.4M

Monetary Value
of Scholarships
Awarded in 2021-22

660+

Students
Received
Scholarships in
2021-22

Tips for Navigating the Financial Aid Process at Southwestern

- ① Don't wait to be admitted before you complete your FAFSA—APPLY NOW; it's FREE. The official deadline is June 1.
- ② The FAFSA (www.studentaid.gov) is the only required application. Available January 1.
- ③ Southwestern's federal school code is G01295 (G zero 1295).

2023-24 J.D. Program Tuition

	Fall	Spring	Annual Tuition
Full-time	\$29,196	\$29,196	\$58,392
Part-time	\$19,472	\$19,472	\$38,944

Accelerated J.D. Program (SCALE)

	Per Quarter	Quarters Per Year	Summer	Annual Tuition
1L	\$20,508	4	n/a	\$82,032
2L	\$20,508	4	\$7,484	\$89,816

Note: The above figures reflect tuition for the 2023-24 academic year. Tuition and fees are subject to change. Visit www.swlaw.edu/tuition for complete details and the most recent figures.

www.swlaw.edu/finaid



Current Courses

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Negotiation & Dispute Resolution

Business Organization and Practice

Agency & Partnership
Antitrust Law
Bankruptcy
Business Associations
Representing Entrepreneurs
Corporate M&A
Cybersecurity Law
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Tech Agreements
Employment-Based Immigration Law
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation
Evolution of Cannabis Law
Externships (various)
Gambling Law
International Business Transactions
Labor Law
Products Liability
Securities Regulation
Taxation of Business Entities

Civil Litigation and Advocacy

Admin Law Legal Research
Advanced Legal Research
Advanced Legal Writing
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Amicus Project Practicum
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Appellate Process & Brief Drafting
Art of Persuasion
Big & Medium Law Firm Practice
CA Civil Discovery
Civil Litigation
Civil Pretrial Practice
Civil Procedure I & II
Conflict of Laws
Courtroom Procedure 101
Defamation, Privacy, Publicity
Employment Discrimination Law
Employment Law
Employment Law Survey
Entertainment & Media Litigation
Evidence
Evidence Law & Practice I and II
Externships (various)
Family Law
Family Law Procedure & Practice
Foundations of Tort Law Seminar

Insurance Law
Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiation
Jurisdiction
Jury Selection in Civil Cases
Legislation
Mass Tort Litigation
Medical Malpractice Litigation
Negotiation & Dispute Resolution
Practical Legal Research
Products Liability
Public International Law
Remedies
Small Law Practice Management
Trial Advocacy
Workers Compensation Law & Practice

Constitutional Law

Constitutional Law I & II
Critical Race Theory Seminar
Defamation, Privacy, Publicity
Election Law
Employment-Based Immigration Law
Evolution of Cannabis Law
Gambling Law
Habeas Corpus Litigation
Law & Religious Inst. Seminar
Mass Media Law
National Security Law
Prison Law & Mass Incarceration
Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation Discrimination
Special Education Law Seminar
Transgender Law
Women & the Law Seminar
Wrongful Convictions

Contracts and Commercial Law

Antitrust Law
Bankruptcy
Contracts I & II
Corporate M&A
Cyberlaw
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Real Estate Transactions
Drafting Tech Agreements
Gambling Law
Insurance Law
International Business Transactions
Music Industry Contracts
Neg & Drafting International Entertainment Contracts
Net Neutrality
Real Estate Sales Transactions
Real Estate Transactions: Housing Development
Sales
Securities Regulation

Criminal Law and Practice

Advanced Criminal Procedure
Antitrust Law
CA Evidence & Sentencing Law
Complex Criminal Litigation
Constitutional Criminal Procedure
Criminal Law
Criminal Law in Action
Criminal Law Practice
Crim Law Seminar: Sex Crimes
Crim Law Seminar: Contemporary Issues
Criminal Litigation in Practice
Criminal Procedure
Crimmigration Law Seminar
DUI Prosecution & Defense
Evidence
Evidence Law & Practice I and II
Evolution of Cannabis Law
Externships (various)
Habeas Corpus Litigation
Holistic Advocacy
Immigration Law
Immigration Law & Crimes
Immigration Law Clinic
Legislation
Securities Regulation
System-Involved Youth
Trial Advocacy
White Collar Crime
Wrongful Convictions

Employment Law

Employment Law
Employment Discrimination Law
Employment Law Survey
Employment-Based Immigration Law
Externships (various)
Immigration Law
International Labor & Employment Law Seminar
Labor Law
Wage Theft: Underground Econ
Workers' Comp Law & Practice
Writers Guild: Agreements & Negotiation

Entertainment and Media Law

Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar
Amateur Sports Law
Chain of Title
Comparative Media Law
Copyright Law
Defamation, Privacy, Publicity
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Entertainment Contracts

Drafting Tech Agreements
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation
Entertainment & the Arts Clinic I and II
Entertainment & Media Litigation
Entertainment Industry Guilds
Entertainment Law
Externships (various)
Fashion Law
Gambling Law
Influencer Law
Information Privacy Law
International & Comparative Copyright Law
International Art Law
International Entertainment Law
International Music Law
IP Licensing: Law & Practice
Law & Literature Seminar
Mass Media Law
Motion Picture Production Law
Music for Film & Television
Music Industry Contracts
Music Publishing Industry
Music Touring Law
Neg & Drafting International Entertainment Contracts
NFTS & the Metaverse
Sports Law
Television Production Law
Trademark Law
Unscripted TV Production Law
Writers Guild: Agreements & Negotiation

Family and Juvenile Law

Children & the Law
Children's Rights Clinic
Community Lawyering Clinic
Community Property
Disability Law
Externships (various)
Family Law
Family Law Clinic
Family Law Procedure & Practice
Immigration Law
Immigration Law Clinic
Special Education Law Seminar
Street Law Clinic
System-Involved Youth
Wills & Trusts

Health Law

Evolution of Cannabis Law
Medical Malpractice Litigation

Intellectual Property

Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar
 Copyright Law
 Cybersecurity Law
 Drafting Tech Agreements
 Entertainment & the Arts Clinic I and II
 Entertainment & Media Litigation
 Entertainment Law
 Externships (various)
 Fashion Law
 Influencer Law
 International & Comparative Copyright Law
 International Art Law
 International Criminal Law
 International Entertainment Law
 IP Licensing: Law & Practice
 Motion Picture Production Law
 Music for Film & Television
 Music Industry Contracts
 Music Publishing Industry
 NFTS & the Metaverse
 Patent Law
 Television Production Law
 Trademark Law

International and Comparative Law

Externships (various)
 Immigration Law
 International & Comparative Copyright Law
 International Art Law
 International Business Transactions
 International Criminal Law
 International Entertainment Law
 International Labor & Employment Law Seminar
 International Legal Research
 National Security Law
 Neg & Drafting International Entertainment Contracts
 Public International Law
 Selected Topics in International and Comparative Law

Jurisprudence and Legal History

American Legal History
 Election Law
 Law & Religious Inst. Seminar
 Law & Literature Seminar
 Law & Social Change
 Legal Arguments Moral & Policy Seminar
 Trial of Jesus Seminar
 Women & the Law Seminar

Professional Skills/Lawyering Skills/Simulation

Admin Law Legal Research
 Advanced Legal Research
 Advanced Legal Writing
 Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Amicus Project Practicum
 Appellate Litigation Clinic
 Art of Persuasion
 Big & Med. Law Firm Practice
 Cal Bar Writing
 Children & the Law
 Children's Rights Clinic
 Civil Pretrial Practice
 Community Lawyering Clinic
 Complex Criminal Litigation
 Constitutional Criminal Procedure
 Construction Law Drafting & Negotiation
 Courtroom Procedure 101
 Criminal Law in Action
 Criminal Law Practice
 Drafting Entertainment Contracts
 Drafting Business Contracts
 Drafting Real Estate Transactions
 Drafting Tech Agreements
 DUI Prosecution & Defense
 Entertainment Law Firm Externship
 Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation
 Entertainment & the Arts Clinic I and II
 Entertainment & Media Litigation
 Estate Planning & Drafting
 Eviction Defense Clinic
 Externships (various)
 Family Law Clinic
 Family Law Procedure & Practice
 Financial Literacy
 Foundations of Law & Practice
 Gambling Law
 Immigration Appeals Practicum
 Immigration Law Clinic
 International Legal Research
 Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiating
 IP Licensing: Law & Practice
 Jury Selection in Civil Cases
 Law Firm Externship
 LAWS Legal Writing I
 LAWS II Appellate Advocacy
 LAWS II Negotiation

LAWS II Trial Practice
 Legal Profession
 Legal Technology Literacy
 MBE: Skills & Strategies
 Music Industry Contracts
 Negotiation & Dispute Resolution
 Practical Legal Research
 Public Interest Law Practice Remedies
 Representing Entrepreneurs
 Small Law Practice Management
 Street Law Clinic
 Television Production Law
 Trial Advocacy
 Writers Guild: Agreements & Negotiation

Public Interest/Civil Rights/Civil Liberties

Animal Law
 Appellate Litigation Clinic
 Appellate Process & Brief Drafting
 Asian-American Civil Rights
 Beyond LBGTQ+ Marriage
 Children's Rights Clinic
 Community Lawyering Clinic
 Constitutional Law I & II
 Crimmigration Law Seminar
 Critical Race Theory Seminar
 Defamation, Privacy, Publicity
 Disability Law
 Election Law
 Employment Discrimination Law
 Employment Law Survey
 Environmental Law
 Eviction Defense Clinic
 Evidence Law & Practice I and II
 Externships (various)
 Family Law Clinic
 Habeas Corpus Litigation
 Holistic Advocacy
 Immigration Appeals Practicum
 Immigration Law
 Immigration Law & Crimes
 Immigration Law Clinic
 Information Privacy Law
 Labor Law
 Land Use Planning
 Law & Social Change
 Legal Profession
 LBGTQ+ Immigration
 LBGTQ+ Youth in Care Systems
 Local Government Law
 National Security Law
 Prison Law & Mass Incarceration

Public Interest Law Practice
 Public International Law
 Race, Culture, and the Law
 Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation Discrimination
 Real Estate Transactions: Housing Development
 System-Involved Youth
 Transgender Law
 Wage Theft: Underground Economies
 Women & the Law Seminar
 Wrongful Convictions

Real Property/Environment Law/Land Use

Community Property
 Construction Law Drafting & Negotiation
 Environmental Law
 Eviction Defense Clinic
 Externships (various)
 Land Use Planning
 Local Government Law
 Property
 Real Estate Sales Transactions
 Real Estate Transactions
 Housing

Taxation Law

Estate Planning & Drafting
 Survey of Federal Income Tax
 Taxation of Business Entities
 Wills & Trusts

Torts and Compensation Systems

Defamation, Privacy, Publicity
 Foundations of Tort Law Seminar
 Mass Tort Litigation
 Medical Malpractice Litigation
 Products Liability
 Torts
 Workers' Comp Law & Practice

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