

SOUTHWESTERN

LAW SCHOOL
Los Angeles, CA

Ashley Kim '24

A National Jurist
Law Student of the Year

EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S
LEADERS

CHANGE STARTS HERE

Since 1911, Southwestern has led bold change in legal education—expanding access and redefining what a J.D. can be. We welcomed women and students of color long before it was common, pioneered the nation's first accelerated two-year J.D., and built the PLEAS program so parents and caretakers could pursue law while balancing family responsibilities. Most recently, we created the only mainly asynchronous Online J.D., for full-time and part-time students. Each first widened the reach and impact of the law.

Today, Southwestern alumni carry that trailblazing legacy into practice. They win landmark verdicts for injured individuals, negotiate major entertainment deals, protect tenants from wrongful eviction, and ensure our criminal justice system works fairly.

The next generation of leadership begins with you: if you're ready to advance justice, defend rights, and shape the future of legal practice, your path begins here.

MORE PATHS
TO THE J.D. THAN ANY OTHER LAW SCHOOL

ONE OF THE
LARGEST
U.S. EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

TOP ENTERTAINMENT
& MUSIC LAW SCHOOL

APPROX. **76%** OF STUDENTS
RECEIVE INSTITUTIONAL
SCHOLARSHIPS

16,400+
ALUMNI
AROUND THE WORLD

3RD LARGEST U.S.
LEGAL MARKET: L.A.





Chinonso Anokwute '25
Federal Judicial Extern,
Future Civil Litigator

LEARNING AT SW LAW

Southwestern delivers one of the most adaptable legal educations in the nation. No matter which path to the J.D. you choose, every option is ABA-approved and supported by the same foundation: rigorous coursework, real legal work, close faculty access, and built-in bar preparation. Choose the structure that fits your life, and graduate ready for the profession.

One Degree. Six Paths

Only Southwestern offers a breadth of options from 2 years to 4 years, on-campus and fully-online, full-time and part-time. Earn your J.D. in a format that matches your goals, location, and responsibilities without compromising quality. Same faculty, access to externships, extracurriculars, and support services. Whether on-campus or online, you will get a rigorous education built for real-world impact.

J.D. Program Options:

- Accelerated J.D. (SCALE) - 2 years
- Full-Time Day J.D. - 3 years
- Full-Time Online J.D. - 3 years
- Part-Time Day Caregiver J.D. (PLEAS) - 4 years
- Part-Time Day J.D. - 4 years
- Part-Time Online J.D. - 4 years

Career-Focused Concentrations

In addition to pursuing the J.D., you may also choose from seven guided paths, each weaving specialized courses, faculty mentorship, and targeted fieldwork into a clear pipeline to practice:

Available Concentrations:

- Civil Litigation & Advocacy*
- Criminal Law & Advocacy
- Critical Race, Gender & Sexuality Studies
- Entertainment & Media Law*
- Labor & Employment Law
- Public Interest Law*
- Technology Law & Entrepreneurship*


*Also available in the Online J.D. Program.

Bar Preparation, Built In

From semester one, required courses in legal writing, reasoning, and application build the skills the bar exam actually tests. In your final year, the Bison Bar Pass Program adds a structured study plan, practice exams, and faculty coaching. It's a focused, start-to-finish approach to licensure that supports you throughout law school and your bar-study period.

Nationally Renowned Faculty

At Southwestern, you will learn from nationally recognized scholars and teachers—experts like Meera E. Deo on race, equity, and wellness in legal education, Kevin J. Greene on entertainment and IP law, and Andrea Freeman on constitutional law and food law. They're joined by a roster of practicing attorneys and judges who bring current, real-world insight to every class.



Law school was my childhood dream, but with two daughters under four, it felt out of reach. Southwestern's Online J.D. lets me study around bedtime stories—rigorous courses, responsive faculty, and a community that makes me feel I can thrive as a mom and a future lawyer.”

Tamar Bronstein '27
Online J.D. & Dean's Leadership Academy



Curriculum Charts

The charts below list required courses. Students can explore electives and practical training experiences during their 2L, 3L, or 4L years. Students are required to complete 87 units to graduate. Courses are subject to change, and descriptions are available at swlaw.edu/courses.

Residential J.D. Programs

Accelerated J.D. (2 years)

6-15 Units Per Quarter

1L (46 units)
Quarter 1 (11 units)
Contracts I (3 units)
Foundations of Law & Practice* (1 unit)
LAWS I (3 units)
Torts (4 units)
Quarter 2 (11 units)
Civil Litigation (3 units)
Contracts II (2 units)
Criminal Law (3 units)
Legal Profession (3 units)
Quarter 3 (9 units)
Evidence Law & Practice I (3 units)
LAWS II*
Property (4 units)
Remedies (2 units)
Quarter 4 (14-15 units)
Criminal Procedure (3 units)
Elective (2-3 units)
Evidence Law & Practice II (3 units)
Jurisdiction (3 units)
LAWS II* (3 unit)
Lawyering Practicum*
Summer Session (6-8 units)
Required:
Lawyering Practicum* (2 units)
Options:
Summer-Abroad Program
Summer Elective Course(s), including Externship Course
2L (35-38 units)
Quarter 5 (9-11 units)
Bar Writing Skills & Strategies (3 units)
Community Property (2 units)
Constitutional Law I (3 units)
Elective(s) (1-3 units)
Quarter 6 (9-11 units)
Business Associations (4 units)
Constitutional Law II (3 units)
Elective(s) (2-4 units)
Quarter 7 (8-10 units)
Elective(s) (2-4 units)
Multiple Choice Skills and Strategies (2 units)
Wills and Trusts (4 units)
Quarter 8 (6 units)
Mandatory 8-week Externship (5 units)
Multiple Choice Skills and Strategies (1 unit)

*Multi-term course

**Includes Bar Skills and Strategies (3 units), Community Property (2 units), Remedies (2 units), and Wills and Trusts (4 units). Subject to change as we monitor changes to the bar exam. Opt-out option based on GPA. See Graduation Requirements Policy.

***Includes Bar Skills and Strategies (3 units), Family Law (3 units), Practical Lawyering Skills (2 units), and Wills and Trusts (4 units). Subject to change as we monitor changes to the bar exam. See Graduation Requirements Policy.

Full-Time J.D. (3 years)

10-16 Units Per Semester

1L (31 units)
Fall (15 units)
Civil Procedure I (2 units)
Contracts I (3 units)
Criminal Law (3 units)
Foundations of Law & Practice*
LAWS I (3 units)
Torts or Property (4 units)
Spring (16 units)
Civil Procedure II (3 units)
Contracts II (2 units)
Elective (3 units)
Foundations of Law & Practice* (1 unit)
LAWS II (3 units)
Torts or Property (4 units)
2L (20-32 units)
Business Associations (4 units)
Constitutional Law I & II (6 units)
Electives (6-18 units)
Evidence (4 units)
Additional Requirements
Bar Readiness Curriculum** (11 units)
Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3 units)
Experiential Requirement (6 units)
Legal Profession (3 units)
Upper-Division Writing Requirement (2-3 units)

PLEAS and Part-Time J.D. (4 years)

8-11 Units Per Semester

1L (19 units)
Fall (9 units)
Contracts I (3 units)
Criminal Law (3 units)
Foundations of Law & Practice*
LAWS I (3 units)
Spring (10 units)
Contracts II (2 units)
Foundations of Law & Practice* (1 unit)
LAWS II (3 units)
Torts (4 units)
2L (17-22 units)
Civil Procedure I & II (5 units)
Constitutional Law I & II (6 units)
Electives (2-7 units)
Property (4 units)
3L (16-22 units)
Business Associations (4 units)
Electives (8-14 units)
Evidence (4 units)
Additional Requirements
Bar Readiness Curriculum** (11 units)
Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3 units)
Experiential Requirement (6 units)
Legal Profession (3 units)
Upper-Division Writing Requirement (2-3 units)

Online J.D. Programs

Full-Time J.D. (3 years)

10-16 Units Per Semester

1L (32 units)
Fall (16 units)
Constitutional Law I (3 units)
Contracts I (3 units)
Criminal Law (3 units)
Foundations of Law & Practice*
LAWS I (3 units)
Torts or Property (4 units)
Spring (16 units)
Constitutional Law II (3 units)
Contracts II (2 units)
Elective (3 units)
Foundations of Law & Practice* (1 unit)
LAWS II (3 units)
Torts or Property (4 units)
2L (20-32 units)
Business Associations (4 units)
Civil Procedure I & II (5 units)
Electives (7-19 units)
Evidence (4 units)
Additional Requirements
Bar Readiness Curriculum*** (12 units)
Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3 units)
Experiential Requirement (6 units)
Legal Profession (3 units)
Upper-Division Writing Requirement (2-3 units)

Part-Time J.D. (4 years)

8-11 Units Per Semester

1L (19 units)
Fall (9 units)
Contracts I (3 units)
Criminal Law (3 units)
Foundations of Law & Practice*
LAWS I (3 units)
Spring (10 units)
Contracts II (2 units)
Foundations of Law & Practice* (1 unit)
LAWS II (3 units)
Torts (4 units)
2L (17-22 units)
Civil Procedure I & II (5 units)
Constitutional Law I & II (6 units)
Electives (2-7 units)
Property (4 units)
3L (16-22 units)
Business Associations (4 units)
Electives (8-14 units)
Evidence (4 units)
Additional Requirements
Bar Readiness Curriculum*** (12 units)
Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3 units)
Experiential Requirement (6 units)
Legal Profession (3 units)
Upper-Division Writing Requirement (2-3 units)

Experiential Learning: Law in Action

Many law schools teach you to think like a lawyer; Southwestern also trains you to practice. From your first semester, you'll have an option to apply legal theory in hands-on settings. And by graduation, you'll have drafted motions, negotiated deals, and advocated for clients in a clinic or externship, stepping into the profession equipped to make an immediate difference.

Externships: Beyond the Books

Southwestern's externship program, one of the nation's largest, with placements throughout California and the nation puts you in courts, firms, nonprofits, and in-house legal teams as early as 2L year. You earn credit under a faculty mentor and graduate with a résumé of real casework and meaningful professional connections. Remote and in-person opportunities are available for online students.

Sample Placements:

- Amazon/Ring
- Bet Tzedek
- California Attorney General
- Hawaii Supreme Court
- Inner City Law Center
- Kids In Need of Defense
- L.A. County Counsel
- Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP
- National Labor Relations Board
- Panish | Shea | Ravipudi LLP
- Paramount Global
- PBS
- Public Counsel
- Sacramento County Public Defender
- SAG-AFTRA
- State Farm Insurance
- TechStyle Fashion Group
- U.S. District Court
- Warner Music Group

Clinics: Real Clients, Real Impact

Guide asylum seekers, defend tenants facing eviction, or negotiate contracts for indie artists—earning credit while working with seasoned faculty advocates. You set strategy, draft pleadings, and often carry a case from intake to final order. By graduation, you hold finished case files that demonstrate your skill and your service to clients who need it most.

Clinic offerings include:

- Appellate Litigation Clinic
- Asylum Law 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

Public Service & Pro Bono

Southwestern trains lawyers who show up for their communities. Here, you take on urgent legal work in housing, immigration, and economic justice, often supported by scholarships that remove financial barriers. Complete 75 hours and graduate with distinction, carrying experience that reflects both your values and your readiness to practice.

\$2.2M

**Monetary Value of
Pro Bono Hours
Donated in 2024**

9

Legal Clinics

380+

**Externships
Annually**



“After a successful summer associate position at Lewis Brisbois, an Am Law 100 firm, I was offered a post-bar role and will join the team as an associate after the exam. Southwestern gave me the skills, support, and network to launch my legal career—before I even took the bar.”

Edwin Giron-Montenegro '25
Full-Time J.D. & Lewis Brisbois Post-Bar Clerk

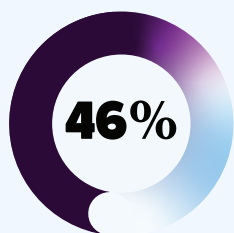


LIFE AT SW LAW

Community drives success at Southwestern. As one of the nation's most diverse law schools, we combine 40+ student organizations with peer mentors, bar-prep coaches, and wellness programs—backed by accessible faculty—so you can bring your full self and find holistic support at every turn.

swlaw.edu/student-life

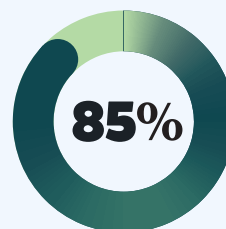
Meet Your Classmates*



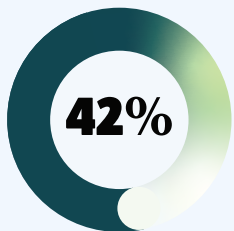
Identify as Racially or
Ethnically Diverse Students

130+

Undergraduate
Schools Represented



Graduated 2024
or earlier



First-Gen
College Student

70+

Undergraduate
Majors
Represented

19

States in which
Students Currently
Reside

*Figures are for the 2025 entering class.

“As a first-generation Latina daughter of immigrants, my parents’ sacrifices were in every tuition bill. The Wildman/Schumacher Scholarship turned possibility into reality: Southwestern invested in my story and freed me to serve immigrant communities without the fear of crushing debt.”

Cindy Berganza '25
Accelerated J.D., Clinical Legal Education
Association Awardee & Dean's
Leadership Academy



Academic Support & Mentorship

- Peer Mentor and Dean's Fellow assigned in week one
- Writing Center, Academic Success workshops, bar-prep coaching, and one-on-one advising
- Award-Winning Advocacy Honors Programs (Trial, Moot Court, Negotiation) and three distinguished law journals

Community & Leadership

- 50+ organizations, from Black Law Students Association and First-Gen Professionals to Parents Attending Law School and Entertainment Law Society, for every background and interest
- Bison Week and community events that connect cohorts & opportunities
- Programs like the Parris Academy for Excellence in Law & Leadership and 1L Professionalism and Civility Program that develop leadership, communication, and professional skills

Well-Being & Essential Resources

- 24/7 BisonCares counseling, Student Support & Emergency Team, affordable health insurance
- Accessibility Services, on-campus Food Pantry, and Professional Clothes Closet
- Mindfulness in Law Society plus wellness programming for on-campus and Online J.D. students

Career Access & Campus Life

- Nearly 400 annual panels, symposia, externship forums, and networking events
- Residences at 7th: furnished apartments steps from class, with study lounges and a courtyard hub
- Career and student-life services delivered in hybrid formats so Online J.D. students stay fully engaged





I came to law school knowing I wanted to make a difference, but honestly, I didn't know if I'd find my place. Then Dean Dickerson started mentoring me. I also got to learn from Professor Isabelle Gunning, who's spent her whole career fighting for justice. I was trusted with real cases. I was supported every step. And I built friendships here that will stay with me for life. That made me feel like I belonged, not just at Southwestern, but in this profession."

Donald Bullock '25 (center)
Full-Time J.D., Woolverton Family Public Interest Awardee
& Dean's Leadership Academy

At the Center of L.A.'s Legal Network

Los Angeles is one of the most expansive and opportunity-rich legal markets in the country—with hundreds of courthouses, advocacy groups, government offices, and global industry hubs all within reach. **Each purple icon on the map** represents an example of a firm, agency, or organization where Southwestern has built active student and alumni connections.



The Nation's Legal Pipeline to Hollywood

Southwestern is home to one of the nation's top-ranked Entertainment and Music Law programs—recognized by *Billboard*, *The Hollywood Reporter*, and *Variety* for launching legal careers at the center of film, television, music, and streaming.

Through the Biederman Institute, students stay at the forefront of the field with 40 specialized courses including influencer agreements, digital distribution, immersive media, and the legal implications of AI-generated content. These are paired with for-credit externships at major studios, labels, agencies, and game publishers.

Led by practicing attorneys and supported by a global alumni network, the program offers direct access to the legal core of the creative industries, right in the heart of Los Angeles.



"Moving from Beijing, I needed a school that embraced my international perspective and creative drive. Southwestern's location in the heart of Hollywood's entertainment industry, combined with hands-on classes and a powerful alumni network, gave me the tools and confidence to turn my global storytelling vision into a career."

Laurence Carroll Brahm '26
Full-Time J.D. & Music Law Society Vice President

swlaw.edu/entertainment

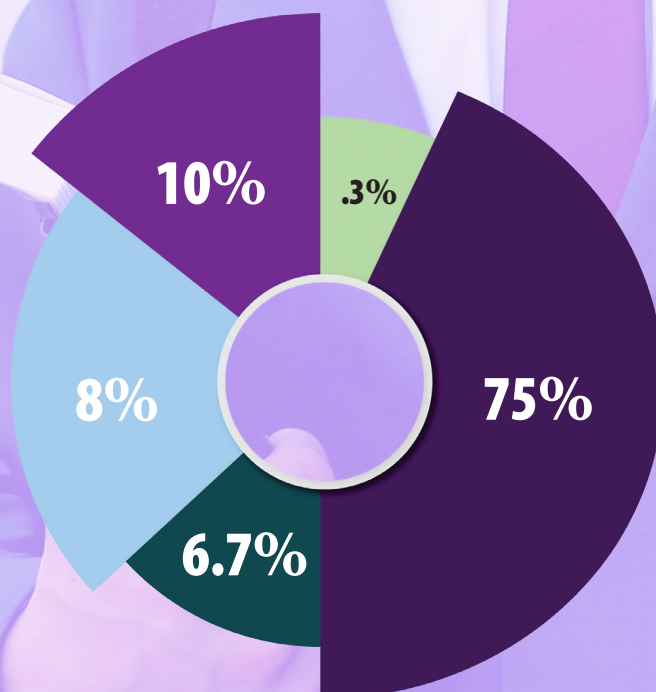


Where Southwestern Takes You:

- California Department of Justice
- Conde Nast
- Gibson Dunn
- Holland & Knight
- Interscope Records
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP
- Lionsgate
- MGM-Amazon Studios
- Panish | Shea | Ravipudi LLP
- PBS
- Seyfarth Shaw
- Sheppard Mullin
- Sony Pictures
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Federal Public Defender
- Ventura District Attorney
- Walt Disney Company

95%

**Employment Rate
for Class of 2024
Bar Passers**



(As of March 17, 2025)

SUCCESS AFTER SW LAW

From your first semester to your first job, Southwestern prepares you to succeed in the profession, with real experience, personalized career strategy, and deep connections to Los Angeles' legal and cultural economy. Whether you're headed to a courtroom, boardroom, public agency, production studio, or startup, you'll graduate with a résumé of legal work, mentorship from practicing professionals, and the confidence that comes from doing the job before applying for it.

Career Services: Your Partner from Day One

Southwestern's Career Services Office offers one-on-one advising, structured job search plans, and targeted support every step of the way. You'll get access to weekly job postings, employer pipelines, interview preparation, and customized outreach across practice areas. From recruitment events to programs like **Lawyers for America** that place you in a job in your third year, the focus is always on matching your goals with real opportunities, and helping you move toward them with purpose.

"I hired two Southwestern students for my music-transactions team, and both showed up with the mix of intellectual acumen and practical skill to hit the ground running. Southwestern is clearly minting battle-tested lawyers ready to serve clients at the highest level."

Eric German
Partner, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp



Powered by a Global Alumni Network

With more than 16,400 alumni working across practice areas and industries, Southwestern offers students a network shaped by action. From California's first African-American woman judge, to the nation's first Latina trial-court judge, to the trial attorney behind the largest personal injury verdict in U.S. history—our graduates set new precedents every day, across justice, business, and culture.

Alumni Making an Impact:

- **Jahmy Graham '14** — Helped win the \$626 million Flint water-crisis settlement, securing long-term healthcare funding for thousands of affected residents.
- **Andrés Holguin-Flores '15** — Litigated national civil rights cases at MALDEF, defending immigrants and workers through impact litigation and reform.
- **Brian Panish '84** — Won the \$4.9 billion *Anderson v. GM* verdict, transforming auto safety standards and setting a benchmark in product liability law.
- **Melissa Hanna '17** — Co-founded Mahmee, a maternal-health startup backed by Serena Williams and Mark Cuban, advancing equity in prenatal and postpartum care.
- **Marisa Blackshire '07** — Guides clean-energy policy as VP at Bloom Energy, leading environmental compliance and sustainability efforts nationwide.
- **Courtney Collins '13** — Shapes AI and cloud-service legal strategy as senior counsel at Microsoft, following legal roles at Amazon and Scopely.
- **Bernetta M. Hardy '14** — Leads scripted dealmaking at Disney Branded TV, building a portfolio of series that reach global audiences across platforms.
- **Emily Turi '22** — Supports global content and business deals at Condé Nast, helping define how a legacy media brand reaches new audiences.
- **Grace Pak '17** — Designs civil-rights strategies for 20 state attorneys general while elevating AAPI voices in law and policy.

262

Deputy District
Attorneys &
Public Defenders
in L.A. County

111

Sitting Judges
in California

#2

Most 2025
Southern California
Super Lawyers
in the Top 100 List



“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, Sheppard, Mullin,
Richter & Hampton LLP

Current Courses

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Negotiation & Dispute Resolution

Business Organization and Practice

Agency & Partnership
Antitrust Law
Bankruptcy
Business Associations
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
Representing Entrepreneurs
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 & 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
Legislative Drafting & Process
Mass Media Law
National Security Law
Prison Law & Mass Incarceration
Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation Discrimination
Special Education Law Seminar
State Constitutional Law
Transgender Law
Women & the Law Seminar
Wrongful Convictions

Contracts and Commercial Law

Antitrust Law
Bankruptcy
Contract Law & Social Justice
Contracts I & II
Corporate M&A
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
Const & Immig Law
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 & II
Evolution of Cannabis Law
Externships (various)
Habeas Corpus Litigation
Holistic Advocacy
Immigration Law
Immigration Law & Crimes
Immigration Law Clinic
Law of War
Legislation
Securities Regulation
System-Involved Youth
Trial Advocacy
White Collar Crime
Wrongful Convictions
Youth and Justice Seminar

Employment Law

AI and the Entertainment Industry
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, Media, and Sports Law

Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar
AI and the Entertainment Industry
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 Legal Clinic I and II
Entertainment & Media Litigation
Entertainment Industry Guilds
Entertainment Law
Externships (various)
Fashion Law
Gambling Law
Generative AI for Lawyers
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
Education Law: K-12
Students and Civil Rights

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
Youth and Justice Seminar

Health Law

Evolution of Cannabis Law
Medical Malpractice Litigation

Intellectual Property

Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar
AI and the Entertainment Industry
Copyright Law
Cybersecurity Law
Drafting Tech Agreements
Entertainment & the Arts Legal Clinic I and II
Entertainment & Media Litigation
Entertainment Law
Externships (various)
Fashion Law
Generative AI for Lawyers
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

AI and the Entertainment Industry
Asylum Law Clinic
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
Law of War
National Security Law
Neg & Drafting
International
Entertainment
Contracts
Public International Law
Selected Topics in
International
and Comparative Law
Youth and Justice Seminar

Jurisprudence and Legal History

American Legal History
Election Law
Law & Emotions
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
Asylum Law Clinic
Bar Skills & Strategies
Big & Med. Law Firm
Practice
Cal Bar Writing
CA Practical Legal Research
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
Legal 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
Generative AI for Lawyers
Immigration Appeals
Practicum
Imm Court Law & Practice
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
Legislative Drafting &
Process
MBE: Skills & Strategies
Music Industry Contracts
Negotiation & Dispute
Resolution
Practical Lawyering Skills
Practical Legal Research
Public Interest Law Practice
Remedies
Representing
Entrepreneurs
Small Law Practice
Management
Street Law Clinic
Television Production Law
Trial Advocacy
Wellness in Legal
Education
Writers Guild: Agreements
& Negotiation

Public Interest/Civil Rights/Civil Liberties

Animal Law
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Appellate Process & Brief
Drafting
Asian-American Civil
Rights
Asylum Law Clinic
Beyond LGBTQ+ Marriage
Children's Rights Clinic
Community Lawyering
Clinic
Const & Immig Law
Constitutional Law I & II
Crimmigration Law
Seminar
Critical Race Theory
Seminar
Defamation, Privacy,
Publicity

Disability Law
Education Law: K-12
Students and
Civil Rights
Election Law
Employment
Discrimination Law
Employment Law Survey
Environmental Law
Eviction Defense Clinic
Evidence Law &
Practice I & II
Externships (various)
Family Law Clinic
Habeas Corpus Litigation
Holistic Advocacy
Immigration Appeals
Practicum
Imm Court Law & Practice
Immigration Law
Immigration Law &
Crimes
Immigration Law Clinic
Information Privacy Law
Labor Law
Land Use Planning
Law & Social Change
Legal Profession
LGBTQ+ Immigration
LGBTQ+ Youth in Care
Systems
Local Government Law
National Security Law
Prison Law & Mass
Incarceration
Public Interest Law
Practice
Public Interest Law Survey
Public International Law
Race, Culture, and the
Law
Race, Gender, and Sexual
Orientation
Discrimination
Real Estate Transactions:
Housing
Development

Reproductive Law &
Surrogacy
Spanish for Lawyers
System-Involved Youth
Transgender Law
Wage Theft: Underground
Economies
Wellness in Legal Education
Women & the Law Seminar
Wrongful Convictions
Youth and Justice Seminar

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 Development

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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