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Los Angeles, CA

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For more than a century,
Southwestern has helped distinctive
voices take their place in the
profession — and leave it changed.

Julianna Montano '25

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP
A 2025 *National Jurist* Law Student of the Year

One of four Southwestern honorees:
2018 • 2023 • 2024 • 2025

YOUR FUTURE AS A SOUTHWESTERN ALUM

A message from President and Dean Darby Dickerson



If you are reading this viewbook, you're probably weighing one of the biggest decisions of your life. For many of you, law school is something you have considered or even dreamed about for years. But you may be asking whether now is the right time to apply, whether law school is worth the investment, or whether Southwestern is where you can thrive.

After reviewing the viewbook, I hope your answer is "yes!"

More than 16,000 Southwestern alumni once faced these same questions. Having selected Southwestern, they now use their knowledge, skills, and values to serve their clients in courtrooms, city halls, studios, public agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and communities across Los Angeles and beyond.

But their stories don't follow a single script, and yours will be unique. Southwestern students bring different experiences, responsibilities, and ambitions to law school. Some want a full-time, or even accelerated, experience. Others need a program that allows them to balance with work, family, or other responsibilities. That is why Southwestern offers more pathways into the profession than any law school in the country: full-time, part-time day, accelerated, and fully online. Because law school should fit into your life — not require you to leave it behind.

Southwestern combines an accomplished, caring faculty with programs that reflect the breadth and changing needs of the legal profession. Its distinctive offerings include the nationally recognized Biederman Entertainment, Media, and Sports Law Institute; Lawyers for America, an innovative progression from a year-long externship to paid, post-bar public interest work; and the nation's first fully online J.D. program available in both full-time and part-time formats.

This viewbook begins with your future: the people you may help, the causes you may advance, and the lawyer you may become. Because a legal education is not simply about earning a degree. It's about preparing to make a difference.

The legal profession needs your voice, your perspective, and your talents. I hope Southwestern is where your journey begins.

Darby Dickerson
President and Dean



**MORE
PATHS**

to the J.D. Than Any Other
Law School



100%

of Students Receive
Individualized Financial Aid
and Budget Counseling



Approximately

**16,000
ALUMNI**

Around the World

***THE
Hollywood
REPORTER***

Top Law School for
Entertainment
2012–2019 & 2021–2025



One of the

LARGEST

Externship Programs in the U.S.



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Largest U.S. Legal Market:
Los Angeles

Recognized by

preLaw
as a

**TOP LAW
SCHOOL** for:



Practical Training



Online Education



Inclusion & Access

WHERE A SOUTHWESTERN J.D.

*TAKES
YOU*

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Associate, Jackson Lewis P.C.

From your first semester to your first legal 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 such as Lawyers for America that places you in a job in your final year, the focus is always on matching your goals with real opportunities and helping you move toward them with purpose.

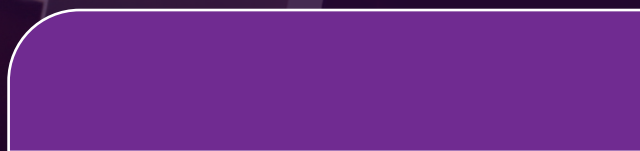
Your Future After Southwestern:

- Walt Disney Company
- NBCUniversal
- Lionsgate Films
- L.A. Clippers
- O'Melveny & Myers
- Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton
- Panish | Shea | Ravipudi
- Los Angeles District Attorney's Office
- Los Angeles County Public Defender
- U.S. Attorney's Office, C.D. Cal.
- California Department of Justice
- Public Counsel
- Inner City Law Center
- U.S. District Court, C.D. Cal.

Graduate Employment by Sector

As of March 17, 2026

Law Firm



70%

Public Service/
Government



17%

Business



11%

Judicial
Clerkships



2%

Powered by a Global Alumni Network

With approximately 16,000 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 one of the largest personal injury verdicts in U.S. history — our graduates set the bar.



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



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.

Michael Morse '13 — Went from L.A. County prosecutor to trying federal cases as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and now trains the next generation as a Southwestern trial advocacy coach.

Brian Panish '84 — Won the \$4.9 billion *Anderson v. GM* verdict, transforming auto safety standards and setting a benchmark in product liability law.

Grace Pak '17 — Designs civil-rights strategies for 20 state attorneys general while elevating AAPI voices in law and policy.

Andrés Holguin-Flores '15 — Litigated national civil rights cases at MALDEF, defending immigrants and workers through impact litigation and reform.

Emily Turi '22 — Supports global content and business deals at Condé Nast, helping define how a legacy media brand reaches new audiences.

Bernetta M. Hardy '14 — Leads scripted dealmaking at Disney Branded TV, building a portfolio of series that reach global audiences across platforms.

Max Wellman '13 — Litigates for artists and entrepreneurs like Snoop Dogg and Katherine Heigl. Named one of Hollywood's "Power Lawyers" just over a decade out of law school.

Courtney Collins '13 — Shapes AI and cloud-service legal strategy as senior counsel at Microsoft, following legal roles at Amazon and Scopely.

Marisa Blackshire '07 — Guides clean-energy policy as VP at Bloom Energy, leading environmental compliance and sustainability efforts nationwide.

Melissa Hanna '17 — Co-founded Mahmee, a maternal-health startup backed by Serena Williams and Mark Cuban, advancing equity in prenatal and postpartum care.

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Deputy District Attorneys
& Public Defenders in
the Greater L.A. Area

173

Sitting Judges across the U.S.,
including territories

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Among Schools for Alumni
on the 2026 SoCal
Super Lawyers Top 100



LIFE AT SOUTHWESTERN

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.



As a first-generation Latina daughter of immigrants, my parents' sacrifices were in every tuition bill. The Wildman/Schumacher Scholarship turned possibility into reality and eased the fear of debt."

Cindy Berganza '25

Dean's Leadership Academy, Immigration Law Clinic, Immigration Attorney



Keeping Law School Within Reach

Paying for a legal education is something you should understand fully and never have to face on your own. From application through graduation, our financial aid advisors draw on decades of experience to guide you toward a single goal: a clear, complete plan for funding your degree.

Southwestern Provides:

- **Automatic scholarship consideration.** Every admitted student is reviewed for merit scholarships — nothing to submit beyond your application. Awards, including the Wildman/Schumacher and Southwestern Admissions Scholarship, apply automatically toward your tuition and help you remain focused on your education.
- **One-on-one counseling for every student.** A dedicated financial aid counselor works with you directly to bring scholarships, federal aid, financial literacy training, private loans, and work-study together into a single, coherent plan.
- **Support for Service.** Southwestern helps students pursue public-interest work through summer grants and fellowship guidance, and, as a Yellow Ribbon school, extends tuition support beyond the GI Bill for eligible veterans pursuing the J.D.

Academic Support & Mentorship

- A Peer Mentor for community and campus life, and a Dean's Fellow — an Academic Success teaching assistant who reviews your outlines and essays — 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

Well-Being & Essential Resources

- 24/7 BisonCares counseling, the Student Support & Emergency Team, and affordable health insurance
- Accessibility Services, an on campus Food Pantry, and a Professional Clothes Closet
- Mindfulness in Law Society plus wellness programming for on-campus and Online J.D. students
- Caregiving Students Resource Center and dedicated co-advisors providing advocacy, flexibility, and community support for students balancing legal education with caring for children, elders, or loved ones

Community & Leadership

- 40+ organizations, from the Black Law Students Association and First-Gen Professionals to Parents Attending Law School and the Entertainment Law Society, for every background and interest
- A Student Professional Development Fund, defraying costs for off-campus conferences and professional events
- Bison Week and community events that connect cohorts and opportunities
- Programs such as the 1L Professionalism and Civility Program, that build leadership, communication, and professional skills

Career Access & Campus Life

- Over 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



Generative AI is changing privacy, power, and individual rights. Southwestern gave me the chance to lead on those issues, build my skills as an advocate, and begin my career at a national firm — all in two years.”

Julianna Montano '25

Associate at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, 2026 National Jurist Law Student of the Year



**Four Southwestern alumni at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough
LLP, an Am Law 100 firm.**

From left: Setareh Soroush '25, Julianna Montano '25,
Mingyu Kong '24, and Jahmy Graham '14



LEARNING AT SOUTHWESTERN

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, meaningful 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 fits 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

** students may extend the program to 2.5 years to align with their academic or professional goals.

To learn more, visit swlaw.edu/scale

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, John Tehranian and Kevin J. Greene on entertainment and IP law, and Andrea Freeman on constitutional law and food law. Our full-time faculty is joined by a roster of practicing attorneys and judges who bring current, real-world insight to every class.

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. Concentrations are optional, and you're free to draw from a broad selection of other fields across the curriculum.

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*

*Available in the Online J.D. Program.

Bar Preparation Built In

From your very first term, 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.



Two years ago, I was a school counselor in Utah, watching families fight for children the system had failed. Southwestern's accelerated J.D. program and its guaranteed externship gave me the chance to work at L.A. Superior Court on cases that directly affect families like theirs."

Hannah Robinson '26

Immigration Law Clinic, Judicial Extern at the Superior Court of Los Angeles County



By day, I lead behavioral health and housing programs in L.A. County; by night, I'm building legal skills to better serve those same communities. Southwestern's Online J.D. lets me keep doing the work that brought me here, with access to faculty and the support to keep going."

Micheal Rubio, 2L Online J.D.



The charts below list required courses. Students can explore electives and practical training experiences during their 2L, 3L, and 4L years. All 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 (15 units)
Criminal Procedure (3 units)
Elective (3 units)
Evidence Law & Practice II (3 units)
Jurisdiction (3 units)
LAWS II* (3 unit)
Lawyering Practicum*
2L (41 units)
Summer Session (6–8 units)
Required:
Lawyering Practicum* (2 units)
Options:
Summer-Abroad Program
Summer Elective Course(s), including Externship Course
Quarter 5 (9 units)
Business Associations (4 units)
Community Property (2 units)
Constitutional Law I (3 units)
Quarter 6 (9–11 units)
Practical Lawyering Skills (2 units)
Constitutional Law II (3 units)
Elective(s) (4–6 units)
Quarter 7 (9–11 units)
Elective(s) (2–4 units)
Bar Skills and Strategies (3 units)
Wills & Trusts (4 units)
Quarter 8 (5 units)
Mandatory 8-week Externship (5 units)

*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. Students must still complete 87 units. 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)

Practice Starts Here

Many law schools teach you to think like a lawyer; Southwestern also helps you learn to practice. From your first term, you'll have the chance to apply legal theory in hands-on settings. Through our clinics and externships, you can draft motions, negotiate deals, and advocate for real clients, graduating ready to step into the profession and make an immediate difference.

Monet Aghayani, 3L Full-Time Day,
Judicial Extern, United States District Court,
Central District of California



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 your first summer. You earn credit 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
- Federal Public Defender
- 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 I Shea I Ravipudi LLP
- Paramount
- PBS
- Public Counsel
- 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. Southwestern also offers an enriching summer study-abroad program in London that includes a public interest track.

\$2.5M+

**Monetary Value
of Pro Bono
Hours in 2025**

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Legal Clinics

460+

Externships Annually

The Nation's Legal Pipeline to Hollywood

Southwestern is home to one of the nation's top-ranked Entertainment, Media, and Sports Law programs — recognized by *Billboard* and *preLaw* 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, and hands-on client work through the Entertainment & the Arts Legal Clinic, where students draft contracts and negotiate licensing and distribution agreements for working artists and filmmakers.

Students can also deepen their global perspective through Southwestern's London Summer

Program in International Entertainment and Media Law.

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.



I started law school while raising two small kids and working in entertainment, looking for a way to take the next step in my career. With the support of my husband, I was able to attend part-time, which made it possible to keep everything going while building the skills to move from covering the industry to working at Netflix.”

Vanessa L. Barnett '18

Associate Counsel, Netflix

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 — anchored by the nation's largest trial court system, with public interest and legal aid organizations, 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.



Current Courses

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Negotiation & Dispute Resolution

Business Organization and Practice

Agency & Partnership
Antitrust Law
Bankruptcy
Business Associations
Corporate Finance
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
Inside In-House: A Hands-On Perspective
International Business Transactions
Labor Law
Products Liability
Representing Entrepreneurs
Securities Regulation
Taxation of Business Entities

Civil Litigation and Advocacy

Accelerated Trial 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, & Negotiating
Jurisdiction
Jury Selection in Civil Cases
Law of the American Jury
Lawyering Practicum:
Civil Litigation
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, & Sexual Orientation Discrimination
Special Education Law Seminar
State Constitutional Law
Transgender Law
Women & the Law Seminar
Wrongful Convictions

Contracts and Commercial Law

Accelerated Trial Advocacy
Antitrust Law
Bankruptcy
Contract Law & Social Justice
Contracts I & II
Corporate Finance
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 in Theory Seminar
Criminal Law Practice
Crim Law Seminar:
Contemporary Issues
Crim Law Seminar: Sex Crimes
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
Lawyering Practicum:
Criminal Law
Legislation
Securities Regulation
System-Involved Youth
Trial Advocacy
White Collar Crime
Wrongful Convictions
Youth & Justice Seminar

Employment Law

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

Entertainment, Media, and Sports Law

Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar
AI & the Entertainment Industry
Amateur Sports Law
Chain of Title
Comparative Media Law
Copyright Law
Defamation, Privacy, Publicity
Drafting Business Contracts
Drafting Entertainment Contracts
Contracts
Drafting Tech Agreements
Entertainment Business
Affairs Negotiation
Entertainment & the Arts
Legal Clinic I and II
Entertainment & Media Litigation
Entertainment Industry Guilds
Entertainment Law
Entertainment Law Capstone (Litigation)
Externships (various)
Fake News: Law & Policy
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
Lawyering Practicum:
Entertainment Law
Mass Media Law
Motion Picture Production Law
Music for Film & Television
Music Industry Contracts
Music Industry Contracts II
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 & Migration
Children & the Law
Children's Rights Clinic
Community Lawyering Clinic
Community Property
Disability Law
Education Law: K-12 Students & 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
Vulnerable Voices: International Law for Children & Persons with Disabilities
Wills & Trusts
Youth & Justice Seminar

Health Law

Evolution of Cannabis Law
Medical Malpractice Litigation
Mental Health Parity Law

Intellectual Property

Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar
AI & 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 & 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 & Comparative Law
Vulnerable Voices:
International Law for Children and Persons with Disabilities
Youth & Justice Seminar

Jurisprudence and Legal History

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

Professional Skills/ Lawyering Skills/ Simulation

Accelerated Trial Advocacy
Admin Law Legal Research
Administrative Law & Statutory Interpretation
Advanced Legal Research
Advanced Legal Writing
AI Governance, Risk Management, & Compliance
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Amicus Project Practicum
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Art of Persuasion
Asylum Law Clinic
Bar Skills & Strategies
Big & Medium 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 Business Contracts
Drafting Entertainment Contracts
Drafting Real Estate Transactions
Drafting Tech Agreements
DUI Prosecution & Defense
Entertainment Business
Affairs Negotiation
Entertainment Law Firm
Externship
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
Immigration Court Law & Practice
Immigration Law Clinic
Inside In-House: A Hands-On
Perspective

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
Legislative History Research
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
Vulnerable Voices: International
Law for Children &
Persons with Disabilities
Wellness in Legal Education
Writers Guild: Agreements
& Negotiation

Public Interest/Civil Rights/Civil Liberties

Access to Justice
Animal Law
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Appellate Process & Brief Drafting

Asian-American Civil Rights
Asylum Law Clinic
Beyond LGBTQ+ Marriage
Children & Migration
Children's Rights Clinic
Community Lawyering Clinic
Const & Immig Law
Constitutional Law I & II
Corporate Finance
Crimmigration Law Seminar
Critical Race Theory Seminar
Defamation, Privacy, Publicity
Disability Law
Education Law: K-12
Students & 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
Food Justice
Habeas Corpus Litigation
Holistic Advocacy
Immigration Appeals Practicum
Imm Court Law & Practice
Immigration Law
Immigration Law & Crimes
Immigration Law Clinic
Information Privacy Law
Inside In-House: A Hands-On
Perspective
Labor Law
Land Use Planning
Law & Social Change
Legal Profession
Legislative History Research

LGBTQ+ Immigration
LGBTQ+ Youth in Care Systems
Local Government Law
Mental Health Parity Law
National Security Law
Prison Law & Mass Incarceration
Public Interest Law Practice
Public Interest Law Survey
Public International Law
Race, Culture, & the Law
Race, Gender, & Sexual
Orientation Discrimination
Real Estate Transactions:
Housing Development
Reproductive Law & Surrogacy
Spanish for Lawyers
System-Involved Youth
Transgender Law
Vulnerable Voices:
International Law for
Children and Persons
with Disabilities
Wage Theft: Underground
Economies
Wellness in Legal Education
Women & the Law Seminar
Wrongful Convictions
Youth & 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' Compensation
Law & Practice



Through the Lawyers for America Program, I'm spending my 3L year at Neighborhood Legal Services of LA defending tenants facing eviction, with a paid position continuing after graduation."

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