

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**Southwestern Law School**, Los Angeles, California

**Associate Dean, Academic Success and Bar Preparation, July 2025–present**

**Associate Dean, Academic Success and DEI Initiatives, July 2023–July 2025**

Provide strategic leadership and oversight for the Academic Success and Bar Preparation Department; design and implement comprehensive, data-informed programming to support student success from pre-matriculation through bar admission; lead initiatives specifically tailored to support first-generation law students, including targeted workshops, mentoring programs, and community-building events; supervise and mentor faculty and staff, fostering a collaborative and inclusive departmental culture; collaborate with law school leadership, faculty, and departments to align academic support initiatives with institutional goals; develop and teach courses that enhance students' academic and bar readiness; evaluate and refine academic support and bar preparation curricula based on national best practices and institutional data; oversee bar passage data collection and reporting, including ABA questionnaires; manage departmental budget and resources; serve on faculty committees and contribute to institutional policy and planning; promote a culture of academic excellence through regular engagement with student support leaders and cross-departmental collaboration.

**Associate Dean, Dean of Students and Diversity Affairs, October 2018–June 2023**

**Dean of Students and Diversity Affairs, October 2014–September 2018**

**Assistant Director of Diversity Affairs, July 2012–October 2014**

Oversee academic advising; counsel students on an array of personal and professional development issues; implement programs that support the retention, personal development, and academic success of students; coordinate targeted outreach to academically support students; developed Bison B.r.i.d.g.e. (first gen law school coaching) program; co-created Fresh Perspective bar program for alumni repeaters; enforced academic policies and the student code of conduct; oversee compliance with FERPA and Title IX; develop recruitment initiatives for students; partner on inclusion related communications and initiatives; oversaw disability-related accommodation services.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Associate Professor of Law, July 2023–present**

*Foundations of Law and Practice*

*Remedies*

**Adjunct Professor of Law, July 2012–July 2020**

*Youth Offender Parole Clinic*, Southwestern Law School (2018–2021)

*Advanced Topics in American Law*, Southwestern Law School (2012–2014)

*Fresh Perspective*, Southwestern Law School (2013–2015)

*Academic Excellence Academy*, Southwestern Law School (2012–2014)

*Introduction to American Law for LL.M.*, Southwestern Law School (2012–2014)

## **BAR ADMISSIONS — ACTIVE**

**State Bar of California — 2010**

**United States District Court, Central District of California — 2010**

## **EDUCATION**

**Southwestern Law School**

Juris Doctorate, May 2010

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, California

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, May 2007

Bachelor of Arts, Communication, May 2007

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

Law Offices of David S. Chesley, Supervising Attorney, Sherman Oaks, 2011–2012

Universal Music Group, Business and Legal Affairs, Legal Consultant, Universal City, 2009–2011

### **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

#### **The State Bar of California**

Law School Council, Member, December 2021–Sept 2024

Law School Council, Chair, January 2022–May 2024

#### **Law School Service**

Academic Standards Committee, Member, June 2023–present

Curriculum Committee, Member, June 2023–present

Faculty Recruitment Committee, June 2023–present

Southwestern Managing Risk Team, Member, August 2022–present

WASC Accreditation Working Group, Member, August 2022–present

Campus Health and Safety Team, Member, August 2021–June 2023

Student Support and Emergency Team, Co–Chair, August 2021–June 2023

Task Force on Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Co–Chair, September 2020–June 2023

Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Ex–Officio Member, August 2018–June 2020

Academic Standards Committee, Chair, August 2014–June 2023

Honor Code Committee, Ex–officio Member, August 2014–June 2023

Admissions Committee, Member, August 2012–June 2023

Bar Task Force Committee, Member, June 2016–May 2020

Title IX Coordinator, August 2012–July 2014

### **SELECT CERTIFICATE**

Essentials: Online Training on Investigating Title IX Complaints, T9 Mastered

Disability Law and Accommodations in Higher Education, NACUA

Students Who Pose a Risk of Self Harm, NACUA

Conducting Effective Internal Investigations, NACUA

### **SELECT PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS**

*Parents Just Don't Understand: What Families Need to Know About Choosing a Law School*, Civil and Human Rights Department of Los Angeles, 2022

*Leadership in Law School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*, National Black Pre-Law Conference, 2021

*Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Started as a Dean of Students*, NALSAP Conference, 2021

*Supporting Diverse Professionals and Engaging Allies*, National Association for Law Placement, 2021

*Insider Insights into Law School Admissions*, Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit, 2020

*Law School Admissions*, California System Involved Bar Association, 2020

*Game-Changing Advice They Don't Teach You but You Really Need to Know to Succeed in Law School and the Professional World*, National Black Pre-Law Conference, 2018