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to the University of Southern California
Gould School of Law

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Welcome to one of the most important decisions of your life: choosing a law school. Allow this **official guide** to the USC Gould School of Law to suggest an approach. Gather the facts about law schools that interest you.

Consider your needs and values. Then use the same critical faculties that will serve you well in the practice of law to make your choice.

First, the facts about us: USC Law is a small, highly selective national law school with a 100-year history and a reputation for academic excellence. Diversity is our hallmark. Our admissions standards are high. And our classes are tough enough to challenge the brightest students.

If this academic setting suits your goals and learning style, read on. Listen to the students we've invited to offer their views on USC Law. And make an informed, confident decision that will put you on the path to your future.



*Edward J. McCaffery
Dean of USC Gould School of Law
and Carl Mason Franklin
Professor of Law*

So, you want a career in law? If you're smart and hard-working ... motivated by challenge ... open to collaboration and diverse viewpoints ... excited by an environment like Los Angeles ... and inspired by the prospect of applying the law with integrity and ingenuity – there's no better place to start than USC Law.

We should know. Not long ago, we chose USC as the school that would shape our futures. Now, through this **unofficial guide**, we're carrying forward a venerable USC Law tradition: smart, savvy people giving each other good counsel.

So, with help from friends quoted in these pages, we'll tell you what we wish we'd known – like how to survive a Con Law exam, where to find the best study spots, and which classes will change your life. If we'd known then what we know now, we would have been even more confident in choosing USC Law.



*Erin
Gielow*

*Pablo
Palomino*

Legacy

A heritage of self-determination. More than 100 years of renowned legal education. And an institution that continues to make history, through its philosophy of innovation, and through its people.

By the students, for the students – that’s the founding premise and the guiding principle behind USC Law.

At the end of the 19th century, when there was no formal law school in Southern California, aspiring lawyers prepared for the bar by “reading law” at local firms. Then, in 1896, a band of ambitious apprentices dedicated themselves to bringing organized legal education to Los Angeles. Their goal: Create “a school of permanent character,” and educate lawyers of exceptional quality.

In its first century, USC Law quickly climbed to the top by establishing a rigorous, multidisciplinary curriculum; attracting star-quality professors and scholars; and educating students who would go on to lead the profession. Today, the spirit of self-determination and the quest for excellence continue to guide USC Law, as we prepare new generations to define their own futures and change the world.

FORWARD-LOOKING

HISTORY USC Law School is proof that having a venerable heritage doesn't mean an institution is anchored in the thinking of the past. USC Law's most important tradition is innovation, and you'll see it in everything from the way professors teach to the way graduates apply the law in their careers.



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DIVERSITY PIONEER

USC Law's early yearbooks showcase the school's deep commitment to diversifying the legal profession. The faces of students reflect the communities USC alumni went on to lead. Clarence Thompson '04, the first African American to graduate from USC, opened doors for Bert McDonald '23, who became one of the most prominent African-American attorneys in Los Angeles. Crispus Attucks Wright '38, along with Ivan Johnson '27, Edwin L. Jefferson '31, and David W. Williams '37, founded the first professional association of the Los Angeles African-American community. Another early alumnus, You Chung Hong '24, LL.M. '25, was the first Chinese American admitted to practice in California, and was the nation's most prominent Chinese civil rights attorney for more than four decades.

Today's USC Law reflects a distinguished past built on the principles of equity and excellence, and on the courage to break new ground.



Bert McDonald '23



WOMEN IN THE LAW

The five women on the student committee that founded USC Law began a tradition of women in leadership perpetuated throughout the school's history. In 1911, USC's female students formed the nation's first law-student sorority, Phi Delta Delta. The Legal Lights, USC's first women's law association, was formed around the same time. The Lights' president, Litta Belle Hibbens Campbell '13, became the first woman to graduate number one in her class and the first female deputy district attorney in the United States. USC alumna Mabel Walker Willebrandt '16, LL.M. '17, the country's most prominent female attorney from the 1920s through the '40s, served as assistant attorney general during the Harding administration. Anita Robbins '18 became the first woman deputy public defender. By 1930, USC had become a national leader in preparing women for careers in law, and in 1968, became the first leading law school with a woman dean. Today, women comprise approximately half of each class, making way for new generations of female trailblazers.

ALUMNI ON THE BENCH

In the school's first 100 years, more than 450 graduates have held state and federal judgeships, making USC Law a key contributor to leadership in the legal profession. In 1906, one of the school's first graduates, Frederick W. Houser '00, became the first alumnus to serve on the bench when he was elected to the Los Angeles Superior Court. Georgia Bullock '14 left USC to become the first woman appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court. Edwin Jefferson '31 was the first African-American judge west of Chicago. Albert Armendariz '50 and Arthur Alarcon '51 were among USC's earliest Hispanic alumni on the bench. In recent years, USC Law graduates formed the majority on the California Supreme Court – unprecedented among law schools.



Officers

Miss Litta Belle
Hibbens
President

Miss May Lahey
Vice-President

Miss Ruth Black
Secretary-Treasurer

FACULTY LEADERS

USC Law attracts faculty members with track records for excellence. Legal pioneer Susan Estrich was the first woman president of the *Harvard Law Review*, the youngest woman to win tenure at Harvard Law School, and the first woman to manage a national presidential campaign (Dukakis in 1988). George W. Bush appointed Elizabeth Garrett to the President's Bipartisan Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform. Two faculty members were appointees under the Clinton administration: Edwin Smith as a science and policy advisor to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and Alexander Capron as a member of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. Edward McCaffery served as an official consultant to the Russian Federation to help design a comprehensive tax code.



*Susan Estrich,
Robert Kingsley
Professor of Law and
Political Science*

Exemplary attorneys and educators, an exceptional public-interest program, and an acclaimed interdisciplinary approach make USC Law a leader among law schools.



IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Believing that practical experience is essential to a legal education, in 1928, USC became one of the country's first law schools to establish a public-interest clinic. Led by John Bradway, an expert on clinical education, the Legal Clinic at USC enabled students, supervised by practicing attorneys, to provide *pro bono* advocacy for the poor. In time, the clinic evolved into the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, one of the state's largest providers of free legal services and a place where USC students continue to contribute. Today, USC's clinical education programs put students to work in diverse communities through five clinics that deal with post-conviction matters, children's legal issues, employment law, intellectual property, and immigration.



Legal Clinic,
circa 1930

LAW WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

The legal realism movement of the 1920s and '30s brought a growing awareness of the ways law intersects with other disciplines. Recognizing the complexity of law practice in an increasingly interconnected world, USC Law professors began to integrate the social sciences, such as anthropology and economics, into their law classes. This interdisciplinary approach, similar to those developed by law schools at Yale and the University of Chicago, led to the creation of innovative USC classes such as Law, Language, and Ethics, taught for the first time in 1965. Today, USC Law continues to transcend the traditional boundaries of a legal education through the many professors who hold advanced degrees in economics, history, philosophy, political science, and psychology, in addition to their law credentials.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

ANTHROPOLOGY

ECONOMICS

HISTORY

PHILOSOPHY

PSYCHOLOGY



Inside USC Law

Late-night study sessions. Thought-provoking classes. Intense debates around the seminar table. And the unforgettable experience of great minds learning together.

Spend time anywhere at USC Law and you'll feel it – the spirit of collaborative learning enlivens the campus. Here you'll find a true academic community, where faculty and students share a quest for deep knowledge, and students often study in teams, partner on presentations, and tackle law's challenges together.

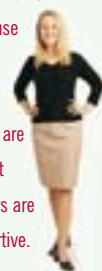
That's not to say USC Law isn't intense. Classes are small, and students come from many cultures and more than 100 colleges across the country, where they were top performers. Such diversity and intelligence produce spirited debates and a constant flow of creative ideas.

USC Law emphasizes putting creative ideas into action, whether through a legal clinic, a law journal, or a student advocacy organization. We provide top-notch resources – including a modern trial courtroom, space for simulated interviews, an Information Technology Center, and a fully sourced Law Library – to support whatever learning mode you choose.

TOUGH, BUT WORTH IT

Is everything you've heard about law school true? Well, at USC Law, the answer is "yes...and no."

Here, the pace is intense but rewarding, the courses are tough but enlightening, students are impressively bright but friendly, and professors are demanding but supportive.



CONFERENCE WITH PROFESSOR MCCAFFERY AT 11:30 A.M.
CATCH LAW & ORDER AT 9:00 P.M.
RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT DUE AT NOON

LAW FIRM INTERVIEW AT 1:30 P.M.
GET RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT
CLIENT PHONE CALL

MEET WITH PROFESSOR GARRETT AT 2:00 P.M.
POST-CONVICTION OFFICE AT 3:00 P.M.

MEET WITH NETWORK WITH VISITING

MOOT COURT PRACTICE SESSION AT 4:30 P.M.
AND ALUMS DURING PRE-INSTITUTE COCKTAIL HOUR AT 6:00 P.M.

STUDY GROUP AT 6:30 P.M.



EVIDENCE: RM. 7

CATCH A LATE FLICK ON CAMPUS OR GO
TO CHILDREN'S COURT AT 10:00 A.M.

CRIMINAL LAW: RM. 101

TORTS: RM. 7

CONTRACTS: RM. 103

In classrooms and moot courtrooms, library carrels and computer labs, in student lounges and by the plaza fountain – USC Law is alive with bright students immersed in the study of law. From morning until evening, there are theories to master, clinical skills to hone, oral arguments to perfect, interviews to prepare for, and hot topics to debate.

Early morning destinations are as diverse as USC Law students. Some start the day grappling with complex concepts in Evidence or Criminal Law. Others conduct a postmortem of yesterday's

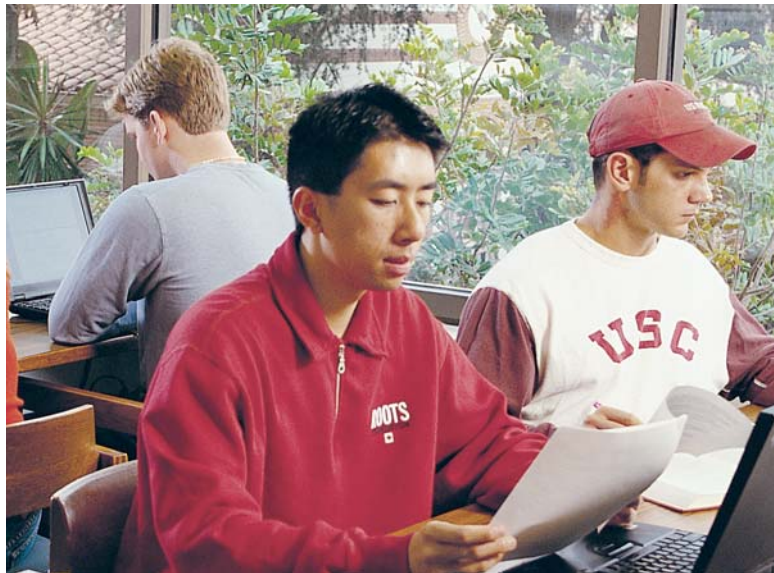
Con Law lecture over breakfast in the student lounge. Some settle into the comfortable lobby chairs for a last-minute reading review before class.

And some, racing for the student dressing rooms, make a quick change before on-campus career interviews that could mean a life-changing opportunity.



Head back through the lobby to meet with your peer mentor, a second-year student taking a course that you'd like to pursue next year ... catch up with your study group in the student lounge ... touch base with someone you know from one of USC's 25-plus law-student organizations ... or make plans with a friend to hear a distinguished jurist talk shop at a noon lecture on campus.

9:00 A.M.



USC is fully equipped to support online study, so don't forget to bring your laptop. A wireless network lets you log on virtually anywhere on our campus – even outdoors. And the Law Library has wired carrels for solitary research, and big tables for collaborating on notes before class.

HIGH-TECH CONNECTION “My favorite place to study on campus? The wired tables in the library near the windows.” – *Terry Lilley, Evergreen, TX.*

10:15 A.M.

USC Law professors know how to bring even the most daunting legal issues to life. Stay after class to discuss the roles and responsibilities of federal and state courts (and which have authority over state laws) with Professor David Cruz, an expert in civil rights and constitutional law.

THE DEBATE CONTINUES "Because USC Law is so diverse, discussions can get pretty energetic, often spilling over into the time between classes as students continue to debate points brought up in class." — *Annika Martin, New Canaan, CT.*

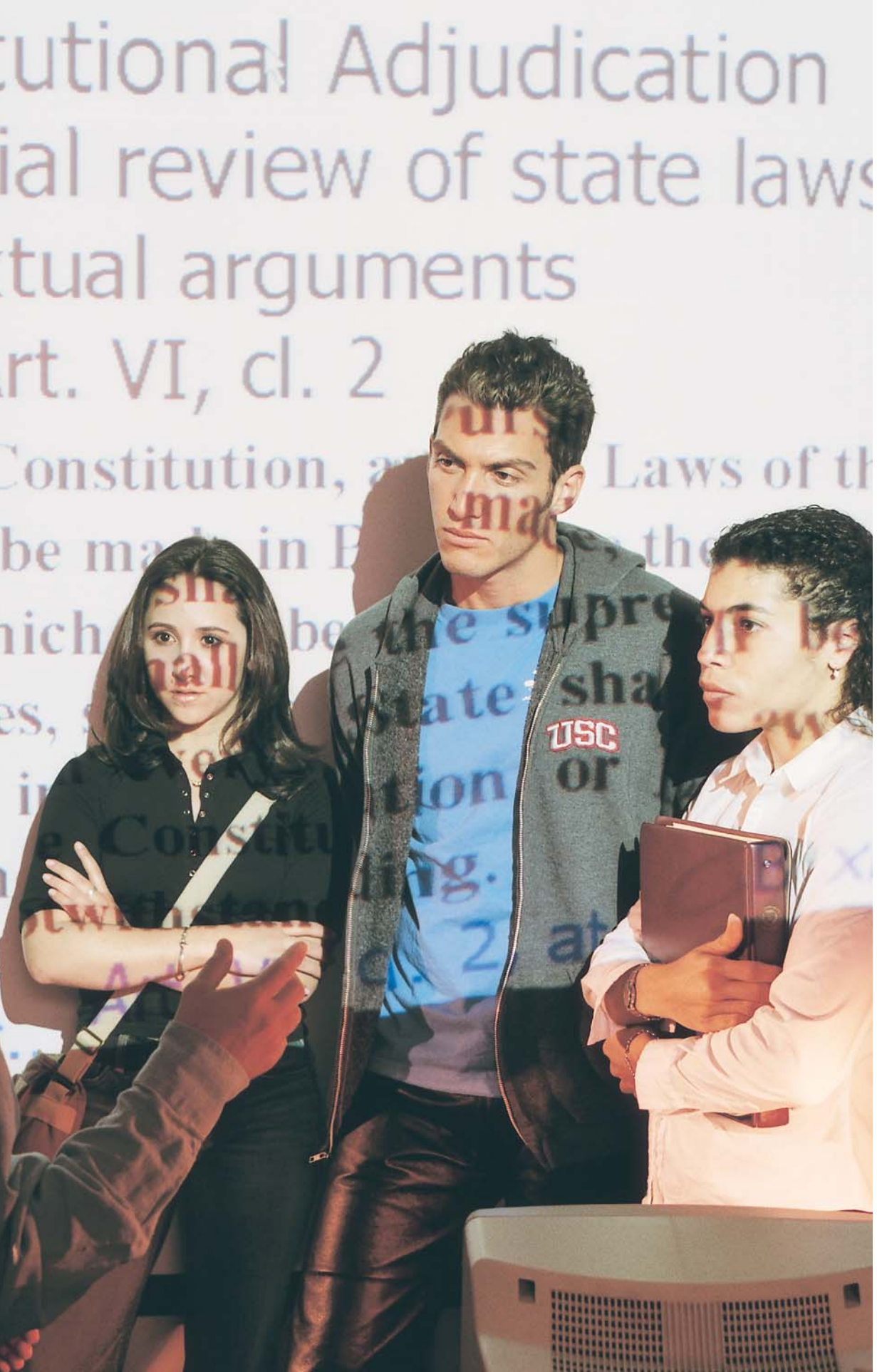
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The Post-Conviction Justice Project is one of five legal clinics that put you on the front lines of the law, serving actual clients under faculty supervision. In the clinic office, you might confer with your professor before returning a call to your client about a parole issue, or you might explore an immigration law with impact on your case. Later, you might even take your case before a federal court.

UNFORGETTABLE LESSONS "Working at the California Institution for Women made the Post-Conviction Justice Project unforgettable and eye-opening. My clients' personal experiences revealed that there are human beings behind the statistics, and complex, compelling, and tragic stories behind convictions." — *Matthew Ferguson, Chagrin Falls, OH.*

11:55 A.M.





Sometimes Crocker Plaza, at the entrance to USC Law, is a hub of activity, full of students discussing the day's classes, socializing, people-watching. Other times, it's an oasis in a hectic urban setting – a great place to psych up before oral arguments or assess a job interview. With its traditional architecture, fountains, plazas, and more than 300 varieties of trees, the greater USC campus is full of peaceful places to enjoy Southern California's natural splendor, while contemplating the law. It's also a popular destination for film and television crews. (That's what happens when you're on one of California's most picturesque campuses.)

12:30 P.M.

Taught by faculty experts in everything from gender discrimination to environmental law to the testimony of abused children, USC Law classes expose you to today's most relevant legal issues and teach you to question, analyze facts and perspectives, and think on your feet – skills you'll need whatever your legal specialty.

HUMBLE STARS "USC Law professors go out of their way to interact with and be available to their students. Despite their star status, they're friendly and humble. They like to teach, and it shows." — *Annika Martin, New Canaan, CT.*

2:10 P.M.





Should a video game manufacturer be held liable for violence that imitates its games? Through USC Law's Hale Moot Court honors program, you can take your mock oral argument before "the court" – a panel of visiting attorneys and jurists who assess your performance. Even if you don't participate in this honors program, you'll experience moot court through our first-year Legal Writing, Research, and Advocacy course, in which you prepare appellate briefs and deliver oral arguments. Ackerman Courtroom, complete with jury deliberation room and a judge's chambers, provides all the necessary resources for moot court and clinical training.

Have a question about a legal precedent raised in your Tax seminar? In the on-line legal research room in the Law Library's Information Technology Center, you can check it out on two exhaustive legal databases, Westlaw and Lexis. The center has law librarians to assist in your search and help you master online legal research – an essential skill set whether you're checking your facts before class, drafting a paper, or preparing a brief in your career as an attorney.

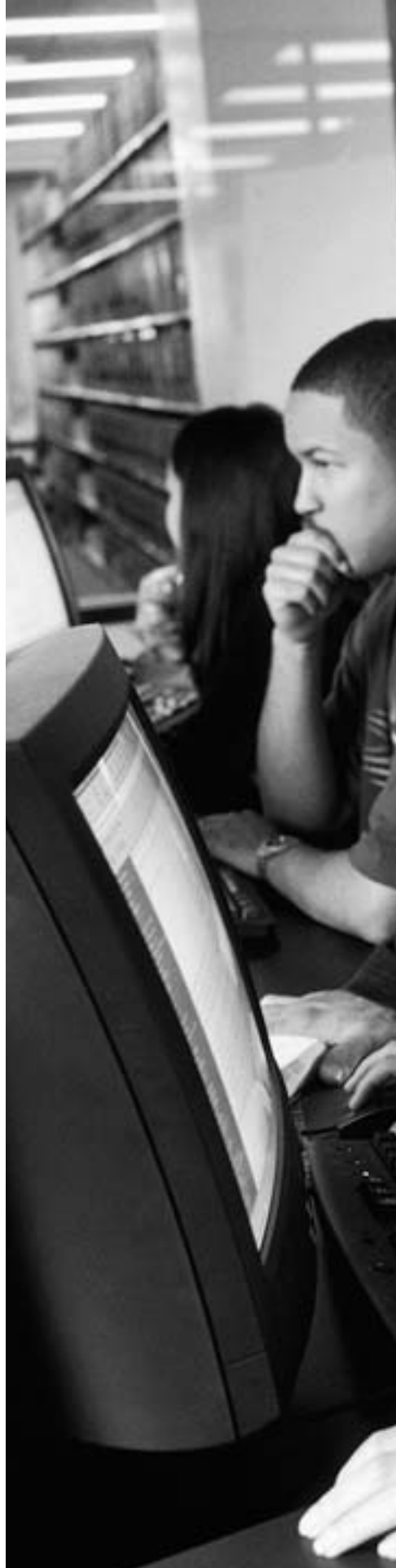
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Conversations at USC Law revolve around any topic with legal implications – women's rights, racial discrimination, the impact of technology, and the future of USC Law students. Whether you're hammering out your moot-court argument, sharing the challenges of public interest work, or pondering a judicial clerkship, you'll find that intelligent, insightful peers are one of the best resources USC Law has to offer.

PRIME STUDY REAL ESTATE "My favorite place to study? The big blue chairs – where else?" – Jenna Lee, Huntington Beach, CA.

6:30 P.M.





Curriculum

Innovative perspectives on traditional law. Pioneering viewpoints on new legal fronts. Hands-on experience with real clients. And the most mind-expanding curriculum you'll ever encounter.

USC Law's curriculum is comprehensive, uniquely interdisciplinary, and designed to challenge – qualities that have earned us a reputation for offering the finest legal education available.

We ground students in the reality of the law: letter and spirit, theory and practice. Not only will you learn the functions and structures of legal rules and argument – you'll learn how lawyers work, through honors programs, clinics, internships, and externships.

Because we believe your legal education should be deep as well as broad, our three-year curriculum lets you specialize in traditional law or an emerging field. Our interdisciplinary focus stresses the interconnections among law and other areas, from economics and history to public policy and health care. USC Law's scholarly yet practical approach ensures that you gain the skills and perspective every lawyer needs to practice, enter public service, teach, or work in business.

READY, SET, GROW

What makes USC Law's curriculum among the best? The challenge – including rigorous first-year courses that provide a solid foundation in the law. The choices – exciting options for your second and third years. And the chance to learn by doing – and witness the results. Get ready to roll up your sleeves!





JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

USC Law offers its Juris Doctor degree through a three-year (six-semester), full-time academic program. Your first year will consist of 9 required courses. In your second and third years, you will choose the courses you take. A total of 88 credits is required to graduate.

The Town and Gown, located next to USC Law, is the site of our first-year student/faculty orientation luncheon, the Alumni/ae Student Sponsor Program luncheon, and many other special events.

FIRST YEAR

Welcome to the legal system! Prepare to examine the foundations of the law and develop the lawyering skills you'll

need for any legal career you choose.

Your course materials will include the basic sources of law – case reports, constitutions, statutes – plus interdisciplinary materials drawn primarily from the social sciences. Teaching methods vary across courses, but expect to engage in



Socratic dialogue and participate in class discussions analyzing legal issues, reasons, and arguments. First-year classes meet in sections ranging in size from 18 to 95 students – small enough to foster class participation, big enough to offer diverse perspectives.

Constitutional Law: Learn how responsibility for creating and administering the law is shared by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches; the nation and the states; and the government and the individual. Topics include federal powers, the role of the Supreme Court, due process, and equal protection. Contracts: Develop an understanding of the rules that regulate consensual agreements entered into for commercial purposes. Discover what promises the state should and does enforce, and what remedies are available when enforceable promises are broken. Criminal Law: How does a legislature or court decide that a particular behavior is a “crime?” Find out as you explore the moral, psychological, and philosophical issues involved in ascribing criminal responsibility. Law, Language, and Ethics: Get your first glimpse of how legal rules and concepts function in the organization of society. True to USC Law’s interdisciplinary focus, this class draws on a broad variety of fields – including epistemology, ethics, semantic analysis, aesthetics, sociology, and psychoanalysis – to examine the underlying structure of legal argument and decision. Legal Profession: Examine the ethical dilemmas attorneys confront in their various roles. Topics include conflicts of interest, confidentiality, and problems inherent in adversarial advocacy. Legal Research, Writing, and Advocacy: Develop your analytical, research, and communication skills in this two-semester course. Start fall semester with	short, written exercises, then progress to drafting legal office memoranda. In the spring, concentrate on developing your skills in written advocacy by drafting legal briefs. And in your first-year moot-court program, discover and develop your own eloquence in advocacy by practicing oral argument. In the Legal Research component, explore the basic sources of law for federal and state jurisdictions. Analyze research methods and techniques. And learn to use a vast array of sources – from books to online research systems. Procedure: What constitutes fair, adequate, and efficient procedure in resolving legal disputes? Learn how authority for these matters is allocated between federal and state courts and among Congress, the executive branch, and the courts. Your study focuses on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Property: Analyze the development of rules dealing with land, water, and other natural resources from historic and economic perspectives. Your study includes the controls placed on use and exploitation of land by local, state, and federal governments. Torts: Explore the individual’s obligation to refrain from harming others. Study the bases for compensating the injured – either by holding responsible whoever is at fault for harm or by invoking other principles of liability, including the efficiency of resource allocation and the spreading of losses.	TOUGHEST FIRST-YEAR COURSE... “Law, Language, and Ethics – it challenges you to examine your views about the law and the role you might play as a lawyer.” – <i>Luis Esparza, Santa Barbara, CA.</i> “Property – complicated subject, new vocabulary, scary exams.” – <i>Christina Moore, Riverside, CA.</i> “Constitutional Law – because the Supreme Court is made up of nine very long-winded people.” – <i>Jenna Lee, Huntington Beach, CA.</i> 
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SECOND AND THIRD YEARS

With your first-year foundation firmly in place, you're ready to develop and pursue your personal interest in the law. Your coursework is entirely up to you.

Choose from USC Law's broad curriculum of courses, seminars, clinical instruction, and supervised writing and editing tutorials. Some upper-division courses explore basic subjects, such as taxation, evidence, and criminal procedure. Others provide advanced instruction that assumes knowledge of basic subjects.

In your second and third years, you can earn academic credit by serving as an editor or staff member for one of USC

Law's scholarly journals.

Faculty members will review and evaluate your written work. You also can earn academic credit by writing a dissertation under faculty supervision, or by assisting on directed research projects.

Upper-level courses and seminars are small, and instruction is intensive – one

of the key advantages of attending USC Law. Seminars are offered on many topics and are designed to facilitate in-depth, small-group discussion.

You may earn as many as 12 credits for graduate-level courses that are related to law and offered by other academic departments at the University of Southern California – an excellent chance to complement your legal training with relevant courses.

Don't be surprised if your second-year Trial Advocacy course sometimes meets in an unconventional setting. The USC campus' hospitable weather makes the great outdoors an ideal classroom for small upper-level courses, seminars, student-professor confabs, advocacy group meetings, and review sessions.



USC Law's broad curriculum lets you personalize your academic path. There are many ways to prepare for a specific area of practice; even students pursuing the same specialty might choose a different combination of courses. The sample schedules shown here reveal how three students with different interests tailored their schedules to their intended careers.

KEVIN ALEXANDER

Area of interest: Corporate law

Career goal: Managing high-profile Wall Street deals

Background: Majored in economics at University of Michigan; worked in marketing and advertising

SECOND YEAR

Administrative Law

Business Organizations

Corporate Finance

Corporate Tax

Taxation

Clinical Internship: Securities and Exchange Commission

THIRD YEAR

Commercial Paper

Corporate Reorganization

Mergers and Acquisitions

International Business Transactions

Securities Fraud

Securities Regulation

DON'T MISS...

"Topics in Criminology – it opened my eyes to injustices committed against minorities." – *Vanessa Soto, San Juan Capistrano, CA.*

"Trial Advocacy – a must for anyone interested in litigation, and the most practical class I took." – *Lizzle Singian, Pasadena, CA.* "Any class with Professor Whitebread."

– *Larry Chattoo, Brooklyn, NY.*

**ERICA STAMBLER**

Area of interest: Law and science, with an emphasis on biotechnology

Career goal: Position with a law firm, government, or in-house for a biotech company, focusing on intellectual property, food and drug law, and bioethics

Background: Majored in biology at Vassar College; worked as a middle school science teacher, an educator at the California Science Center, and a clinical research student fellow at Children's Hospital

SECOND YEAR

Intellectual Property

Bioethics and the Law

International Business Transactions

Environmental Law

Patent Law

Evidence

Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal

Topic: The Anthrax Crisis of 2001

THIRD YEAR

Antitrust

Business Organizations

Constitutional Law II

International Intellectual Property

Internet Law

Negotiations and Mediation

Trademark

LORI MARTINEZ

Area of interest: Civil rights and public interest law

Career goal: Working on "impact" litigation for a nonprofit agency or providing direct legal assistance to underserved clients

Background: Majored in legal studies and ethnic studies at University of California, Berkeley; served as a mentor and tutor and volunteered for a campus program that provided legal assistance to criminal defendants

SECOND YEAR

Evidence

Constitutional Law II

Criminal Procedure

Pretrial Advocacy

Post-Conviction Justice Project

Immigration Law

THIRD YEAR

Federal Courts

Employment Law

Civil Rights Litigation

Trial Advocacy

Stereotypes, Prejudice, and the Rule of Law

Clinical Internship: U.S. Attorney's Office

LAW AND BEYOND

“Having a Ph.D. from Caltech in addition to my USC legal education enables me to help students comprehend the interconnections among law, economics, and technology. For example, by studying network economics and bidding theory, we can understand why the United States’ airline deregulation worked fairly well, but energy deregulation in California failed. In turn, these lessons will help our graduates be better lawyers and lawmakers.”

– Professor Matthew Spitzer



INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION

At USC Law, we believe that knowledge of legal rules alone does not equip students to excel in the law. Many of our professors hold advanced degrees in economics, history, philosophy, political science, or psychology. In addition to imparting their legal expertise, they reveal how diverse forces beyond the law affect legal decision-making.

Interdisciplinary teaching deepens students’ understanding of the law and opens doors to unique opportunities. For example, students who study child-abuse law might participate in research by a law professor who has a doctorate in psychology and is also an expert in the testimonial capacity of abused children. Students of communications law might study piracy, Internet ethics, and other legal issues raised by new communications media. Outside the classroom, students can get involved with six interdisciplinary centers that explore and shape the law in a larger context.

Center for Communications Law & Policy:

Explores how technology, economics, regulation, and issues of content and access affect communications law and policy in the United States and internationally.

Center for Law, Economics, and Organization:

Drawing on the resources of USC’s Marshall School of Business and its College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences’ department of economics, conducts research to improve our understanding of how law, economics, and organizations interact.

Center for Law, History, and Culture: With USC’s College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, encourages the study of law as a historical and cultural institution.

Center for the Study of Law and Politics:

In partnership with the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), explores the intersection of law, institutions, and citizens as part of a broader political system.

Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics:

Works to improve the quality of the health-care system by focusing on traditional and emerging ethical dimensions of health care, biomedical research, and medical education.

Center on Law and Philosophy: Promotes interdisciplinary scholarship in legal, moral, and political philosophy, and publishes the online *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (JESP)*.

DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

USC Law sponsors several dual-degree programs, in partnership with other professional schools at USC, Caltech, and the London School of Economics. Participate in one of these programs and leave USC Law with recognized competence that combines with your legal education to prepare you for specific career options.

Many dual-degree programs can be completed in three to four years. To pursue a dual degree, you must apply separately to the J.D. program and to the non-law discipline, at the time of your application to USC Law or during your first year of law school.

All dual-degree candidates, with the exception of those participating in the J.D./Doctor of Pharmacy program, must complete their first year of law school before taking non-law courses.



Combining law school with studies in economics, political science, social work, public policy, or international relations gives you recognized competence in another discipline relevant to the responsibilities lawyers assume in society. Not only will you broaden your perspective – you'll add value to your legal skills.

PROGRAMS:

J.D./Master of Arts in Economics
J.D./Master of Business Administration
J.D./Master of Business Taxation
J.D./Master of Arts in International Relations
J.D./Master of Arts in Communications Management
J.D./Master of Arts in Political Science
J.D./Master of Science in Gerontology
J.D./Master of Real Estate Development
J.D./Master of Social Work

J.D./Master of Public Administration
J.D./Master of Public Policy
J.D./Master of Philosophy
J.D./Doctor of Pharmacy
J.D./Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science (Caltech)
J.D./Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science
J.D./LL.M. (London School of Economics)

**HANDS-ON
EXPERIENCE**

“Take advantage of the many opportunities for nonacademic learning at USC Law, such as working on a law journal or in a clinic. This experience helps you formulate goals.” – *Luis Esparza, Santa Barbara, CA.*

“USC Law has taught me that education is more than what goes on in the classroom. The clubs, organizations, and clinics have given me the chance to explore interests while developing legal and leadership skills.”

– *Matthew Ferguson, Chagrin Falls, OH.* “Working through the Employer Legal Advice Clinic was the most challenging thing I did at USC Law. It was real-life lawyering, with real clients, who had real needs.” – *Sean Muntz, Honolulu, HI.*



LEGAL CLINICS

By the time you’ve finished your first year of the USC Law curriculum, you’ve learned that lawyers do not live by theory alone. To instill lawyering skills of the highest quality – and to steep students in real experience of the law – USC Law maintains five legal clinics that give you the opportunity to put theory into practice.

The clinical program offers two kinds of training. Through classroom exercises that simulate real-life law practice, you’ll use hypothetical case materials to study a case and take it to court, with actors serving as clients and witnesses. And in the clinics, under the supervision of faculty members and practicing attorneys, you’ll work with actual clients – sharpening your skills while experiencing the impact your legal education can have on real people in the community.

Children’s Legal Issues: This yearlong clinical course develops child advocacy skills and examines children’s rights. During an eight-week seminar, you learn advocacy techniques and substantive law in specific types of cases. Then, under faculty supervision, you represent a child and his or her interests in a variety of legal and administrative proceedings. Cases include guardianships for abused and neglected children or for children of single parents with AIDS, school disciplinary hearings, and special-education entitlements for children with physical or emotional disabilities.

Employer Legal Advice Clinic: This clinic gives you the opportunity to contribute to the local community while you deepen your knowledge of employment law and develop skills in client counseling, advice, and legal drafting. Students assist businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community-based entrepreneurial outreach programs seeking to promote economic development in low-income communities throughout greater Los Angeles. Legal projects cover a broad range of employment-related matters and involve advising clients of their obligations under federal, state, and local law, and assisting clients in revising or developing employment policies and practices in order to satisfy their legal obligations.

Intellectual Property Clinic: Opportunities to learn about intellectual property law abound in Los Angeles, one of the world's leading centers for media, entertainment, and technology. This clinic represents clients in cases that may involve technology, copyright, trademark, privacy, and First Amendment issues. Law students engage in patent evaluation and application; the review of technology contracts; litigation involving intellectual property; and film clearance work. Students gain practical experience through such projects as helping "starving artists" register their creative work. Immigration Clinic: In a city shaped by immigrants, gain first-hand legal experience with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), the Immigration Court, and law enforcement agencies involved in immigration matters. Cases range from asylum claims by people who fear persecution if returned to their homes, to claims for relief from deportation filed by people held at regional USCIS detention centers. You also have the opportunity to represent clients seeking relief under the Violence Against Women Act, which enables male and female immigrants to file their own claims for permanent immigration status if they are being abused by a spouse or parent who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Clients may be referred by the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking, the Program for Torture Victims, Public Counsel, and the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center.	Post-Conviction Justice Project: Through this yearlong program, students, supervised by full-time faculty, represent actual clients in traditional post-conviction situations, such as parole hearings and <i>habeas corpus</i> petitions, and also advise clients on civil issues, such as immigration, civil rights, criminal detainer, and return-of-property matters. As a participant, you attend seminars covering substantive law relevant to your case, discussing such subjects as the laws of sentencing and parole, prisoners' constitutional rights, the use of evidence of battering in criminal cases, gender and racial bias in the criminal justice system, and immigration law. Participants travel regularly to the Federal Correctional Institution at Terminal Island and the California Institution for Women at Frontera to interview clients. Students have also argued their cases before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals – an exciting preview of the work they can do as attorneys.	<i>Participate in a legal clinic and you might find yourself presenting a client's case in court, with support from a practicing attorney. Students say clinical programs open their eyes, build careers, and change their lives – whether they're representing a victim of domestic abuse, helping a client win asylum, or getting a nonprofit off the ground.</i>
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Through a clinical internship, you can learn while working with an agency, public-interest group, or legal-services organization in your area of interest. This program, which offers academic credit, provides a valuable opportunity to observe and affect government and legal processes from the inside.

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIPS

At USC Law, you have the career-making opportunity to earn academic credit while working as an extern for a state or federal judge. Judicial externs develop legal analysis and writing skills, gain exposure to adversarial practice, and witness the judicial decision-making process from a unique and valuable perspective. Working closely and collegially with judges, externs often develop important, lasting relationships.

CLINICAL EXTERNSHIPS

Put classroom learning into practice through an externship with a government agency, public-interest organization, or legal services program. Supervised by practicing attorneys and faculty members, you'll earn academic credit while representing real clients and learning important government processes. Choose from more than 60 preapproved agencies, some of which are listed below.

Alliance for Children's Rights	Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund
American Civil Liberties Union	Mental Health Advocacy Services
AIDS Service Center	Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Asian Pacific American Legal Center	NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
California Attorney General	National Labor Relations Board
Civil Law and Public Rights Division	Natural Resources Defense Council
Criminal Division	Public Employment Relations Board
Environmental Division	Public Defender
California Women's Law Center	Screen Actors Guild
Center for Human Rights and	United States Attorney
Constitutional Law	Civil Division
Children's Court	Criminal Division
Directors Guild of America	Tax Division
El Rescate	United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	United States Small Business Administration
Federal Trade Commission	

ENTERTAINMENT PRACTICUM

With its many creative enterprises, Southern California is the ideal place to explore options in entertainment law. Our entertainment practicum blends classroom study of substantive entertainment-related legal issues with the chance to earn additional academic credit through placements in studios and other entertainment-related businesses. Students also may participate in seminars offered by USC Law's Institute on Entertainment Law and Business.

Our LL.M. program brings talented attorneys from Brazil, China, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, Japan, and Korea to campus to study the American legal system and share their global perspectives with J.D. students.

MASTER OF LAW (LL.M.)

USC Law's master's degree program for outstanding foreign graduate students trained in law brings a rich array of educational backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives to our diverse and challenging classrooms. This rigorous, two-semester, full-time program prepares participants for leading roles in



international government and business by introducing them to American law and the U.S. legal system. The students enrolled in the program take classes alongside J.D. students.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

In addition to bringing global perspectives to campus, USC Law gives second- and third-year students the chance to study law abroad. You may apply to spend one semester studying at the University of Hong Kong's Faculty of Law. Or for a European focus, spend two semesters of law school at the

London School of Economics to earn both a J. D. and an LL.M. in just three years. If you're interested in international business transactions or in comparative law, USC's international programs provide a valuable opportunity to take your legal education on the road.



Dean Edward McCaffery plays a key role in selecting the experts who address USC Law's Institute on Federal Taxation, one of several conferences sponsored by the Continuing Legal Education Program. Practicing attorneys and J.D. students who attend learn about the latest developments in their chosen field.

CONTINUING LEGAL
EDUCATION PROGRAM

At USC Law, opportunities for learning continue beyond graduation. Major institutes and conferences offered by our Continuing Legal Education Program bring alumni, practicing attorneys, and guest speakers together

to explore the latest perspectives on specialized and emerging fields while they network and share experiences with participating J.D. students. Students also serve as coordinators, research assistants, and editors of institute proceedings.

Institute on Entertainment Law and Business:

Explores new frontiers in the law and economics of entertainment-industry deal-making.

Institute for Corporate Counsel: Keeps in-house and outside counsel abreast of the latest legal developments affecting corporate clients. Also maintains extensive corporate law research center.

Institute on Real Estate Law and Business: Informs commercial real estate professionals about critical issues facing the industry, including financing, construction, environmental, and land use challenges.

Tax Institute: Offers new perspectives on critical issues of tax and tax policy, including developments in corporate, partnership, real estate, and individual taxation, and estate planning.

Probate and Trust Conference: Explores evolving law related to probate, trust, and estate planning.

Intellectual Property Institute: Brings together sophisticated legal and business professionals to share creative ideas and up-to-the-minute information from the wide variety of arenas in which copyright, patent, trademark and other IP issues arise.

IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Can one law student make a difference? The USC Law community says, unequivocally, “yes.”

Whether you’re assisting a family in adopting a child or helping a veteran claim medical and housing benefits, you can make a difference through countless volunteer opportunities, internships, in-house legal clinics, and grant programs. USC Law’s student-run Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) offers more than 25 summer grants that enable students to work for a variety of public-interest agencies – gaining practical legal experience while providing desperately needed legal aid to the poor and underrepresented. Through another student organization, Street Law, you can work with local high schools to improve teens’ legal literacy by teaching students about the law and mentoring young people as they consider their futures.

USC Law also supports summer public-interest internships. Approximately 70 students each summer earn academic credit for law-related public service at pre-approved placements. Additional students work full time over the summer for one of several in-house clinical programs.

USC encourages students to pursue public service beyond law school. PILF’s annual Irmas Fellowship offers a one-year, post-graduate position with the nonprofit agency of the fellow’s choice. PILF’s Outstanding Public Interest Graduate award honors alumni commitment to public-interest careers. The school’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program offers subsidies to help repay student loans for graduates working in the public interest.

REAL EXPERIENCE, REAL REWARDS

“I went to law school to pursue a career in public interest law, and USC gave me many ways to start down this career path. By getting involved with USC Law’s Public Interest Law Foundation and working with AIDS Project L.A. through the school’s externship program, I was able to witness first-hand how attorneys can have an immediate impact on the lives of the people they serve, by empowering them to obtain control of their lives. Thanks to the experience I received through USC, I now have my dream job.”

– Diane Trunk ’92,
Staff Attorney, Neighborhood
Legal Services

Classmates

Talent. Intellect. An intersection of cultures. A diversity of opinions and passionate interests. A circle of friends and a network of colleagues you'll value for life.

USC Law students epitomize diversity. They come from across the country and around the world, from big-name public universities and small, top-ranked colleges. And their goals are as varied as their backgrounds. Some want to practice in Los Angeles; others target Wall Street, Washington, D.C., or international careers. Some want to teach, others seek a post in the judicial branch or pursue public service.

Despite their differences, USC Law students share three things: they've proven their academic prowess as undergraduates, they're passionate about learning the law, and they're impressed with how intelligent, interesting, and accomplished their classmates are.

USC's stately 150-acre campus is safe, secure, and situated to support a wide choice of student lifestyles. Campus life offers welcome diversions from the intensity of law studies, plus opportunities to cultivate a broad circle of friends, in addition to future professional colleagues.

A DIFFERENT CALIBER

What makes USC Law students different from other law students?

They're mature, at ease with the nature of law school, open-minded, and down to earth. In short, they've already proven themselves, and they're ready for the next challenge.





Student Life: The Unofficial Version

Law school is tough work.

Luckily for USC Law students, Los Angeles offers myriad diversions. It's one of few places in the world where you could ski on snow-capped mountains in the morning and hit the beach with your surfboard by afternoon.

Hiking, swimming, running, biking – all are year-round activities here. If it's culture you're looking for, look no farther:

Los Angeles boasts world-class art museums such as the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum, and the Norton Simon Museum of Art – to name just a few.

Depending on your musical tastes, you could enjoy the Los Angeles Philharmonic at Walt Disney Concert Hall, a world-music festival at the Hollywood Bowl, or a small rock gig at the Roxy









on just about any given night of the year. If it's drama you long for, pick from offerings at the renowned Ahmanson Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, or a plethora of smaller stages that boast big names and world-premiere shows. If you're a sports fan, you don't need us to tell you that Los Angeles is a sports haven. Starting with our own national champion USC Trojans, you'll have plenty of opportunities to see the best in everything from football to basketball, baseball to hockey, and golf to soccer. And if after this you still have time to spare, just pick a neighborhood and start strolling – from Beverly Hills to Silverlake or Pasadena to Venice Beach, Los Angeles' eclectic neighborhoods offer a wide range of shops, restaurants, bookstores and coffee shops where you can take your mind off the paper that's due Monday.

Los Angeles

1,578 law firms. Fortune 500 businesses and thousands of start-ups. 52 courthouses. 841 museums and galleries. Theaters, hiking trails, dance clubs. And two water slides.

There is no better living laboratory in which to study law than Los Angeles, one of the world's most innovative and influential legal markets. L.A.'s major court system and extensive legal community provide countless opportunities for career training and exploration. Los Angeles is also a vital center of business, the arts, and international trade, where lawyers-in-training can find established and emerging industries: entertainment, manufacturing, communications, biotechnology, and multimedia.

Beyond learning and career, Southern California offers every diversion a hard-working law student could want: cafes, restaurants, beaches, galleries, and every sporting event under the sun. USC's University Village and nearby downtown cultural venues support a lively neighborhood scene. The amusements of Hollywood, Malibu, Pasadena, and Santa Monica, and the wilderness of the San Bernardino mountains and the California desert are just a short drive away.

EVERYTHING UNDER

THE SUN If you're going to spend three years immersed in the law, shouldn't you choose a setting that's dynamic, diverse, and rich in opportunity? That's Los Angeles – the perfect place to study hard (maybe even at the beach), lose yourself in the local culture, and plot your first big career move.





Official and Unofficial L.A. Destinations

From career options to cultural venues, outdoor adventures, and late-night hot spots, it's all here waiting for you.



COURTS, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AND PUBLIC-INTEREST AGENCIES

- 1 Central Civil West Courthouse
- 2 California Public Employment Relations Board
- 3 California Women's Law Center
- 4 Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law
- 5 Legal Aid Foundation
- 6 Public Counsel
- 7 Western Center on Law and Poverty
- 8 Los Angeles County Superior Court
- 9 Criminal Courts Building
- 10 Los Angeles District Attorney
- 11 Los Angeles County Law Library
- 12 Los Angeles Public Defender
- 13 United States Courthouse
- 14 United States Department of Justice – United States Attorney's Office

- 15 United States Federal Public Defender
- 16 Los Angeles City Hall
- 17 Los Angeles City Attorney
- 18 Edward R. Roybal Federal Building & Courthouse
- 19 U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- 20 California Court of Appeal: Second Appellate District
- 21 California Attorney General
- 22 Ronald Reagan State Office Building
- 23 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service
- 24 National Labor Relations Board
- 25 State Bar of California
- 26 American Civil Liberties Union
- 27 Alliance for Children's Rights
- 28 Bet Tzedek Legal Services
- 29 U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- 30 Natural Resources Defense Council
- 31 Superior Court – Culver City
- 32 Superior Court – Beverly Hills
- 33 Federal Trade Commission

- 34 Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 35 Superior Court – West Los Angeles
- 36 Superior Court – Santa Monica
- 37 Children's Court
- 38 HIV and AIDS Legal Services Alliance
- 39 U.S. Small Business Administration
- 40 United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

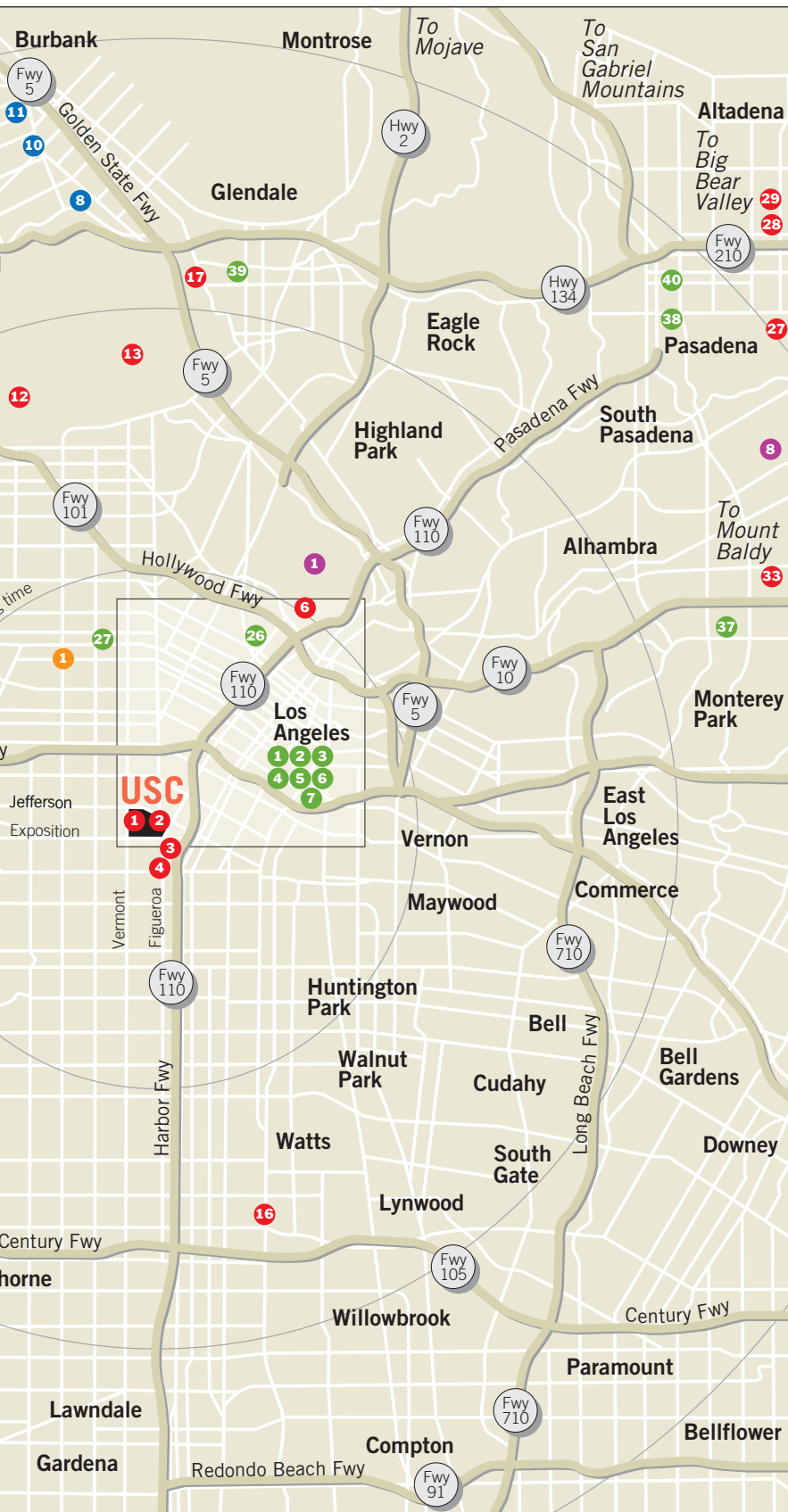
LAW FIRMS

- 1 Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker
- 2 Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
- 3 Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
- 4 Morrison & Foerster
- 5 Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood
- 6 O'Melveny & Myers
- 7 Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger
- 8 Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp
- 9 Proskauer Rose

MAJOR BUSINESSES AND CORPORATIONS

- 1 World Trade Center
- 2 PricewaterhouseCoopers
- 3 Ernst & Young
- 4 Pacific Stock Exchange
- 5 Paramount Pictures
- 6 CBS Television City
- 7 Univision
- 8 Walt Disney Studios
- 9 Universal Studios
- 10 DreamWorks SKG
- 11 Warner Brothers







L.A. ATTRACTIONS NO USC LAW STUDENT SHOULD MISS

- 1 William Lyon Athletic Center, at USC
- 2 USC Stadium, for football
- 3 Exposition Park Rose Garden
- 4 L.A. County Natural History Museum
- 5 Staples Center, home of the Lakers, Clippers, and Kings
- 6 Dodger Stadium, for baseball
- 7 La Brea Tar Pits
- 8 Melrose Avenue
- 9 Grauman's Chinese Theatre
- 10 Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel
- 11 Egyptian Theater, for classic cinema
- 12 Hollywood Hills
- 13 Griffith Park Observatory
- 14 The Sunset Strip
- 15 Rodeo Drive, for window-shopping
- 16 Watts Towers
- 17 The Gene Autry Museum, for Western art
- 18 Hollywood Bowl
- 19 Universal Studios City Walk
- 20 The Getty Center
- 21 Hurry Curry
- 22 The Third Street Promenade
- 23 Santa Monica Boardwalk
- 24 Venice Boardwalk
- 25 The beach
- 26 Palisades Park, for jogging and strolling
- 27 Huntington Botanical Gardens

- 28 Santa Anita Racetrack
- 29 Big Bear Valley, for winter sports
- 30 Magic Mountain
- 31 Topanga Canyon, for winding trails
- 32 Point Dume State Beach, for Malibu sunsets
- 33 Mount Baldy, for a Sunday drive

FAVORITE HANG OUTS

- 1 El Cholo, for classic Mexican food (and a USC discount)
- 2 Here, a West Hollywood club
- 3 Insomnia, a coffee shop
- 4 Farmer's Market
- 5 Bergan's Pub, an Irish bar
- 6 Book Soup, for its huge newspaper and magazine selection
- 7 Musso & Frank Grill, for classic Hollywood
- 8 Toi, a night spot on Sunset
- 9 Skybar, a trendy bar in the Mondrian Hotel
- 10 All Star Café
- 11 Mann's Theater
- 12 Apple Pan, for great diner food
- 13 Manhattan Beach, for surfing
- 14 Tokyo Delves, for rock 'n' roll and sushi
- 15 Cobalt Café, for open-mike poetry

FAVORITE PLACES TO STUDY

- 1 Café Mocha
- 2 Canter's Deli
- 3 The Abbey Café
- 4 Starbucks on Venice and Robertson
- 5 Literati Café
- 6 Dolores', for studying late
- 7 Novel, a small coffee house
- 8 Chano's, by the railroad tracks

Faculty

Legal all-stars. Dedicated mentors. Challenging role models. Unforgettable teachers. The kinds of lawyers, scholars, and leaders USC Law students want to be.

How is USC Law able to attract some of the most promising lawyers-to-be in the country? By providing outstanding, nationally recognized professors.

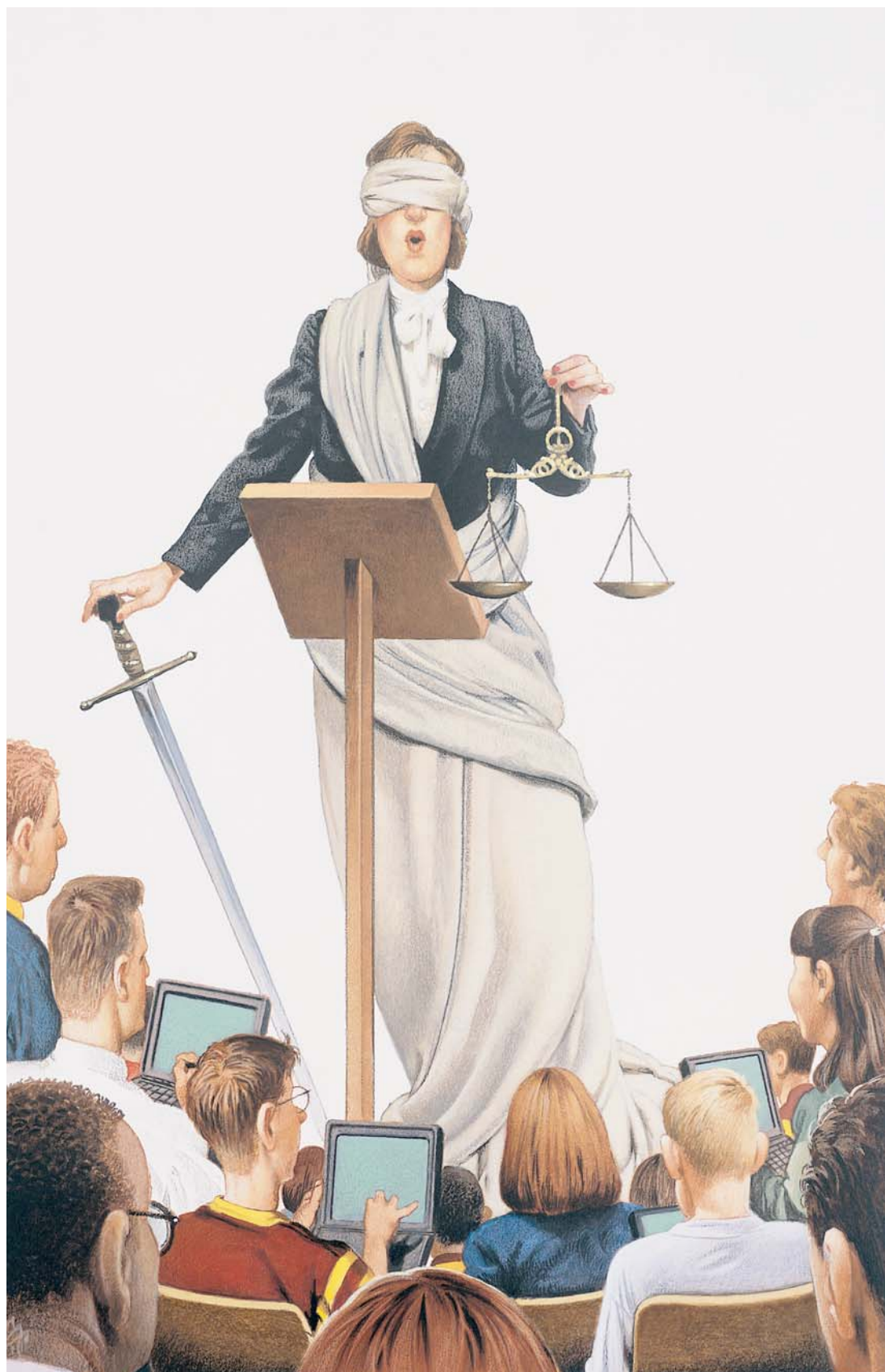
Our faculty includes prominent legal scholars whose opinions, research, and scholarly publications influence legislatures, government agencies, and courts. To keep the USC Law perspective fresh and relevant, we also cultivate promising young academics exploring new and emerging fields of law.

But USC Law professors are not known for scholarship alone. They also are appreciated for their dynamic classroom teaching and their commitment to being mentors. By working closely with students, they challenge tomorrow's lawyers to perpetuate USC Law's traditions of collaboration and innovation.

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

USC Law professors are accomplished, approachable, supportive, and dedicated to helping USC Law students succeed. Commentary from our friends, throughout these pages, confirms that USC Law professors are exceptional teachers who enlighten and inspire.

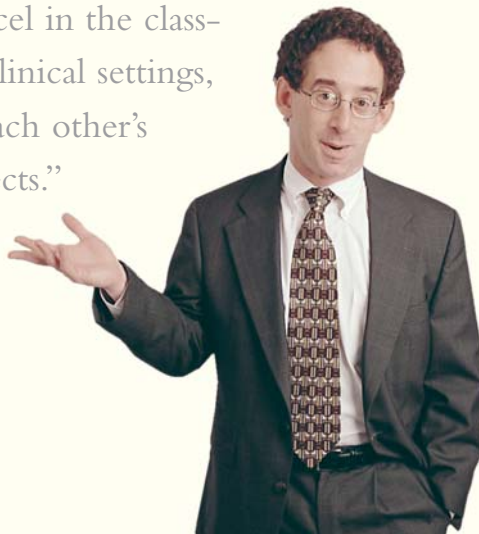




Teachers and Scholars

“The USC Law faculty is made up of outstanding teachers and colleagues. They inspire students to excel in the classroom and in clinical settings, and support each other’s scholarly projects.”

— Associate Dean
Scott Altman



SCOTT A. ALTMAN

Associate Dean and Virginia S. and Fred H. Bice Professor of Law

Credentials: B.A., University of Wisconsin; J.D., Harvard University
USC Law role: Academic administration, faculty advisor to the *Southern California Law Review* and the *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*

Specialty: Jurisprudence and family law

Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Dorothy Nelson, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Published work: “Should Child Custody Rules be Fair?,” “Divorcing Threats and Offers,” “Child Custody & Justice,” “Beyond Candor,” “A Patchwork Theory of Blackmail”

Classes: Family Law, Property, Jurisprudence, Community Property

PAULINE M. ARANAS

Associate Dean and Adjunct Professor of Law

Credentials: B.A., University of California, Los Angeles; J.D., University of Southern California; M.L.I.S., University of California, Berkeley

USC Law role: Chief operating officer
Experience: Taught legal research at USC Law and served as director and assistant dean of the Vanderbilt University Law Library. Member of the American Association of Law Libraries and president-elect of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries.

Published work: “Future Libraries: Reality and Law Librarians,” “Teaching Legal Research Redux,” “Who Should Teach Computer-Assisted Legal Research: Vendors, Librarians, or Both?”

Smartest thing you did in law school:

Participated in the honors moot court program and joined a clinic. These experiences further developed my lawyering skills, and I gained more confidence. I also served on the moot court board which allowed me to meet a U.S. Supreme Court justice, and many other judges and practicing lawyers.

JODY D. ARMOUR

Roy P. Crocker Professor of Law

Credentials: B.A., Harvard University; J.D., University of California, Berkeley

Specialty: Race issues in legal decision-making

Experience: Practiced in San Francisco and Pittsburgh and taught at the University of California, Berkeley; Indiana University; and the University of Pittsburgh.

Published work: “Just Desserts: Narrative, Perspective, Choice, and Blame”; “Stereotypes and Prejudice: Helping Legal Decisionmakers Break the Prejudice Habit”; *Negrophobia and*

THE CHALLENGE: THINK!

“Professor Bice challenged me every day. At first it was mortifying to share my thoughts with the class, but in the end I was proud of every moment.” — Genoveva Meza, Covina, CA.

“Professor Bice’s Torts class taught us to think. More than anything else, his class made it clear that I was at a big-league law school.” — Sean Muntz, Honolulu, HI.



Reasonable Racism: The Hidden Costs of Being Black in America

Classes: Torts; Enterprise Liability; Stereotypes, Prejudice, and the Rule of Law

Best advice anyone ever gave you about

law school: You're not going to law school to memorize a lot of rules; you're here to learn to think like a lawyer. Rules come and go rapidly, but mastering the legal method – the way lawyers approach, argue, and resolve disputes – is an enduring achievement.

Next frontier in your field: Applying the insights of cognitive science to legal conceptions of human responsibility in torts and criminal law.

MELISSA BALABAN

Assistant Dean

Credentials: B.A., University of California, Berkeley; J.D., University of Southern California
USC Role: Responsible for career services, clinical internships and judicial externships, and the advisement and support program for students seeking judicial clerkships

Experience: Worked as an associate in a private law firm, and as a senior consultant to a national employment consulting firm. Served as directing attorney of the Child Care Law Project for Public Counsel, and as a trainer with the Anti-Defamation League. Belongs to several professional organizations including the National Association of Law Placement, and the Women's Law Association of Los Angeles. Serves as a board member

of the USC Public Interest Law Foundation.

Published work: "Conducting Bulletproof Misconduct Investigations," "Employment Practices Update: Best Practices to Start 2002"

JONATHAN M. BARNETT

Professor of Law

Credentials: B.A., M.A., University of Pennsylvania; M.Phil., Cambridge University; J.D., Yale University

Specialty: Intellectual property and corporate law

Experience: Practiced corporate law in New York City. Taught at Fordham University School of Law.

Classes: Contracts Law

SCOTT H. BICE

Robert C. Packard Professor of Law

Credentials: B.S., J.D., University of Southern California

Specialty: Constitutional theory and federal jurisdiction

Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States.

Appointed by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court to serve on the California Judicial Council's Commission on the Future of the Courts. Served as president and director of the Association of American Law Deans, belongs to the American Law Institute, and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Served as dean of USC Law School 1980–2000.

Published work: "Rationality Analysis in Constitutional Law," "Standards of Judicial Review Under the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses," "The Limited Grant of Certiorari and the Justification of Judicial Review"

Classes: Torts, Federal Courts

Choose Your Attitude

"Approach the study of law as an intellectual adventure, rather than a mere means to an end. Your approach will determine whether you experience law school as something that delights, or something to be suffered."

– Professor Jody Armour



ROLE MODELS

"Professor Estrich rocks! Every woman should take a class with her. Even if you don't want to be exactly like her, you'll learn something about yourself by listening."

— Vered Yankovee,
Los Angeles,
CA/Greece.



ALBERT O. BRECHT

Associate Dean, Chief Information Officer, John Stauffer Professor of Law

Credentials: B.A., North Texas State University; J.D., University of Houston; M.L.L., University of Washington

USC role: Administers law library and information technology.

Specialty: Computerized legal research and the expanding role of law librarians in the scholarly mission of the faculty.

Experience: Served as president of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Published work: "The Impact of Automation on Academic Libraries," "Changes in Legal Scholarship and Their Impact on Law School Library Reference Service"

Classes: Legal Research

MICHAEL J. BRENNAN

Clinical Professor of Law

Credentials: B.A., LL.B., University of California, Berkeley

Specialty: Clinical legal education

Experience: Served as directing attorney of California Rural Legal Assistance and as chief trial deputy for the Federal Public Defender. Served on the Judicial Evaluation

Commission of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Classes: Trial Advocacy, Post-Conviction Justice Project

LEE W. CAMPBELL

Clinical Professor of Law

Credentials: B.A., Westminster College; J.D., University of Southern California

USC Law role: Faculty advisor to the *Review of Law and Women's Studies* and the Hale Moot Court Honors Program

Specialty: Clinical education, lawyers' skills training, children's rights, evidence

Experience: Practiced law in Los Angeles. Served as director of the California Institute for Trial Advocacy Skills and as a member of the Los Angeles City Task Force on Family Diversity.

Classes: Children's Legal Issues, Trial Advocacy, Evidence

Best advice to someone who chooses

USC Law: Don't assume you will practice law. USC's intellectually diverse faculty is a microcosm of the many applications of a legal education. Be open to other careers, like politics, community resource management, teaching, business.

ALEXANDER M. CAPRON

Henry W. Bruce Professor of Law, University Professor of Law and Medicine

Credentials: B.A., Swarthmore College; LL.B., Yale University

USC Law role: Director of the Ethics and Health Initiative of the World

Health Organization (WHO).

Codirector of Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics. Also teaches at USC School of Medicine.

Specialty: Legal/medical issues, bio-medical ethics

Experience: Appointed by President Clinton as a member of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. Served as executive director of President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research and chair of the Biomedical Ethics Advisory Committee of the U.S. Congress. Served on the board of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Published work: *Law, Science, and Medicine*, "Legalizing Physician-Assisted Death," *Treatise on Health Care Law*

Classes: Torts; Torts II; Law, Science, and Medicine

LINDA COHEN

Professor of Social Science and Law

Credentials: B.A., University of California, Berkeley; Ph.D., Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology

Specialty: Economics, law, political economy

Experience: Serves as a fellow and member of the California Council for Science and Technology. Served on two National Research Council committees. Belongs to the Advisory Panel for the Public Interest Energy Research Program for the California Energy Commission.

Published work: “Intellectual Property, Antitrust and the New Economy” (with Noll); “The Government Litigant Advantage: Implications for the Law” (with Spitzer); “Judicial Deference to Agency Action: A Rational Choice Theory and an Empirical Test” (with Spitzer).
Classes: Regulated Industries

GEOFFREY COWAN

*Professor of Journalism and Law,
Dean of the USC Annenberg School
for Communication*
Credentials: B.A., Harvard University; LL.B., Yale University
USC Law role: Founded Center for Law and Social Policy.
Specialty: Communications law
Experience: Served as director of Voice of America and is an award-winning teacher, author, and television producer. Served as associate director of the United States Information Agency and director of the International Broadcasting Bureau.

Published work: *The People v. Clarence Darrow: The Bribery Trial of America's Greatest Lawyer*; *See No Evil: The Backstage Battle over Sex and Violence on Television*; “The Legal and Ethical Limitations of Factual Misrepresentation”

KAREEM U. CRAYTON

Assistant Professor of Law
Credentials: B.A., Harvard University; J.D., Ph.D. Political Science, Stanford University

Specialty: Law and politics, legislative decision-making, comparative constitutional law
Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Harry Edwards, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and The Honorable Sandile Ngcobo, Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa. Taught law at Vanderbilt University Law School.
Published work: “What’s New About the ‘New South’: A Contemporary Analysis of Race and Redistricting”
Classes: Voting Rights and Political Representation, Comparative Constitutional Law, Legislation, Procedure

DAVID B. CRUZ

Professor of Law
Credentials: B.S., B.A., University of California, Irvine; M.S. Mathematics, Stanford University; J.D., New York University
Specialty: Civil rights, constitutional law

CHARISMA AND CLARITY

“Professor Altman’s charisma and love of the law were evident in every class session. He treated us as equals, approached each class as a discussion, and revealed the real-world impact of his subjects by intertwining law and policy.”
— Annika Martin, *New Canaan, CT*. “Professor Altman has an amazing gift for presenting complicated information clearly. He also goes out of his way to help students during finals.”
— Christina Moore, *Riverside, CA*.



Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Edward R. Becker, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Served as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General in Washington, D.C.
Published work: “‘The Sexual Freedom Cases’: Contraception, Abortion, Abstinence, and the Constitution”; “Controlling Desires: Sexual Orientation Conversion and the Limits of Knowledge and Law”; “Piety and Prejudice: Free Exercise Exemption from Laws Prohibiting Sexual Orientation Discrimination”
Classes: Constitutional Law; Federal Courts; seminar on Identity Categories in Life and the Law

MARY L. DUDZIAK

*Judge Edward J. and Ruey L. Guirado
Professor of Law and History*
Credentials: A.B., University of California, Berkeley; J.D., M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. American Studies, Yale University
Specialty: Impact of foreign affairs on U.S. civil rights policy after World War II.
Published work: “The Little Rock Crisis: Race, Resistance, and the Image of American Democracy”; “The Supreme Court and Racial Equality During World War II”; “Josephine Baker, Racial Protest and the Cold War”; *Cold War Civil Rights: Race and the Image of American Democracy*; *September 11 in History: A Watershed Moment?* (editor)

Join The Family

“Remember that what makes USC special is the people. Sure, students are smart, and they compete. But there is an atmosphere and an attitude of caring, of decency, of compassion, of family, that really is unique, and that is part of the university’s character. It’s the Trojan Family.”

– Professor Susan Estrich



Classes: Constitutional Law; Constitutional Law in the 20th Century; Immigrants and the Constitution; Procedure; seminar on Law and Social Change in Post-war America

SUSAN ESTRICH
Robert Kingsley Professor of Law and Political Science

Credentials: B.A., Wellesley College; J.D., Harvard University

Specialty: Law and politics, criminal law, gender discrimination

Experience: Clerked for The Honorable J. Skelly Wright, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and The Honorable John Paul Stevens, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Taught at Harvard Law School. Served as special assistant to Senator Edward M. Kennedy and staff counsel and special assistant to

the chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. Served as national campaign manager for the Dukakis-Bentsen campaign in 1988. Is a weekly columnist for *USA Today*, a contributing editor for the *Los Angeles Times*, a radio talk show host, and a frequent national commentator on law and politics.

Published work: *Sex and Power; Getting Away with Murder: How Politics is Destroying the Criminal Justice System; Real Rape; Dangerous Offenders: The Elusive Target of Justice* (with Moore, McGillis, and Spelman)

Classes: Criminal Law, Gender Discrimination, Election Law

Best advice to someone choosing a law school: If you’re desperate to get into a certain school and don’t, relax – what will be, will be.

From the time I was nine or 10, I was desperate to go to Radcliffe, formerly the women’s side of Harvard. And I worked hard – joined all the groups in high school, twirled a baton, was valedictorian for my class, got excellent recommendations. Still, that thin envelope came in the mail. I thought my fate was sealed – until I got a fat envelope from Wellesley College, an all-women’s school, and the last place on earth I wanted to go – with a big scholarship to boot. It ended up being the best place in the world for me.

Law school class you thought you wouldn’t survive as a student:

Property. I could never figure out what would happen if A left something to B, then B left it to C, but C died or got divorced, and then D split it in half, and then the rule of perpetuities came into play ... don’t ask.

How you made it through: I was sure I’d do terribly, and guess what, I did – one of the worst grades in a class of 140. But here I am. I just don’t teach Property.

Most important thing you’ve learned from a USC student: Courage and determination. And the stories I’ve heard and the courage I’ve seen ... students fighting cancer and HIV; students who have endured terrible home lives, crushing poverty and abuse, harassment, crime, horrors hard to imagine. And they haven’t lost their determination to make a difference, or to succeed.

Next frontier in your field: Developing an action agenda for women, and men who support us, to force change. I began law school in the days when the most liberal Supreme Court justice wouldn't hire me because I was a woman, when law firms routinely had one spot for a woman, when you had to dress like a man and work like a dog to succeed. But here's the truth: It's still too hard to combine work and family, and you shouldn't have to choose between children and success. Change hasn't come easily; power won't be given to us. So how do you make change happen? I'm helping a group of students who want to become more activist in their approach, but smart about it, using their legal skills in a sophisticated and fun way to get under the skin of those who resist change, and make them see that it's in their interest to make progress. EDWARD J. FINEGAN <i>Professor of Linguistics and Law</i> Credentials: B.S., Iona College; M.A. English, Ohio University; M.A. Linguistics, University of Michigan; Ph.D. English, Ohio University Specialty: Legal writing Experience: Served as director of the American Language Institute/National Iranian Radio and Television. Consults with several publishing houses. Published work: <i>Language: Its Structure and Use, Looking at Languages</i> (with Frommer) Classes: Legal Writing	NIELS W. FRENZEN <i>Clinical Professor of Law</i> Credentials: B.A., Beloit College; J.D., Drake University Specialty: Immigration law Experience: Practiced with non-profit legal organizations in Los Angeles and Miami. Serves on board and is past president of the Coalition for Humane Immigrants' Rights of Los Angeles and El Rescate Legal Services in Los Angeles. Serves on the Advisory Committee of the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center in Miami. Published work: "National Security and Procedural Fairness: Secret Evidence and the Immigration Laws"; "Selected Evidentiary Issues Related to Deportation Proceedings" Classes: Immigration Clinic, Immigration Law, Terrorism Seminar Smartest thing you did in law school: Began volunteer work with the American Civil Liberties Union. It helped me decide what I wanted to do after law school and helped open the door to summer employment and work after graduation. RONALD R. GARET <i>Carolyn Craig Franklin Professor of Law and Religion</i> Credentials: B.A., Harvard University; M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. Religious Studies, Yale University; J.D., University of Southern California	Specialty: The role of interpretation in law, theology, and literature and the legal and moral rights of social groups. Experience: Taught at Yale University in the Divinity School and in the religious studies and sociology departments. Published work: "Proclaim Liberty"; "Judges as Prophets: A Coverian Interpretation"; "Creation and Commitment: Lincoln, Thomas, and the Declaration of Independence" Classes: Constitutional Law; Constitutional Law and Religious Ethics; The Rights of Groups; Law, Language, and Ethics Best advice to someone choosing a law school: Choose a school that offers a sound general education in the law and that allows you to form close personal and professional relationships. Your specialty may change as you learn more, but sound basic legal knowledge and lifelong friends and colleagues are critical to any career in law. Best advice to someone who chooses USC Law: Get to know your classmates, socially and through study groups. It's hard to get the most out of law school as a loner, and at USC Law there's no need to go it alone. Most important thing you've learned from a USC Law student: That excellence takes many forms. I've taught a student who could barely see, yet read all the assignments, graduated, and is a successful lawyer ... a student who took her professional responsibilities so seriously that,
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while Moot Court finalists were honing their arguments, she was preparing to speak at a hearing for her client, a federal prisoner ... students who fled their native countries under extreme danger and persecution, whose appreciation for American law is as great as their appreciation for American opportunities ... and students who missed class to care for sick or grieving classmates. These examples of excellence motivate me to do everything I can to deserve the trust USC Law students place in me as their teacher.

ELIZABETH GARRETT

University Vice President of Academic Planning and Budget, and Sydney M. Irmas Chair in Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics, Political Science and Policy, Planning and Development

Credentials: B.A., University of Oklahoma; J.D., University of Virginia

USC Law role: Director of the USC-Caltech Center for the Study of Law and Politics

Specialty: Statutory interpretation, the legislative process, direct democracy, the federal budget process, and administrative law.

Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Stephen Williams, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and for The Honorable Thurgood Marshall, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Served as legal counsel, legislative director, and tax and budget counsel for U.S. Senator David Boren. Taught law and served as deputy dean for academic affairs at the University of Chicago Law School.

Published work: *Cases and Materials on Legislation: Statutes and the Creation of Public Policy, Third Edition* (with Eskridge and Frickey);

Legislation and Statutory Interpretation (with Eskridge and Frickey); "Is the Party Over? Courts and the Political Process;" "The Congressional Budget Process: Strengthening the Party-in-Government."

Classes: Law and the Political Process, Statutory Interpretation, Administrative Law, Civil Procedure

Best career move: My best career move has been to be open to new and unexpected opportunities – not to stick to a predetermined game plan for my career when more interesting options suddenly appeared. When I went to law school, I didn't know about judicial clerkships after graduation, but when a professor suggested I apply, I did. I was able to clerk for three judges – including Justice Thurgood Marshall on the Supreme Court and Judge Howard Holtzmann on the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in the Hague. I thought I would eventually become a banking litigator in Dallas, but I switched gears entirely when Senator David Boren (D-Okla) offered me a position on his staff as his tax and budget counsel. I had never thought about a career in law and politics or the possibility of working full-time for a Senator, but when the opportunity came, I took it and never looked back! Since I've graduated from law school, I've had lots of different jobs – as a law clerk, as a legislative policy aide, and as an academic.

Get Political

"USC is the best place for me to pursue projects in law and politics because of our commitment to interdisciplinary research, our connections with the best scholars in Southern California and the nation, and the exciting political environment of the largest state in the union."

– Professor Elizabeth Garrett



Think Ahead

“The smartest thing I did in law school? Revised and submitted a lengthy paper I’d written for a taxation seminar to law reviews. Publication helped me obtain my faculty position at USC Law.”

– Professor Thomas Griffith



I would have never predicted this career path when I started law school – but when exciting new opportunities opened up, I changed direction with enthusiasm!

Next frontier in your field: As Director of the Center for the Study of Law and Politics, my scholarly energy will be directed toward the work of the Center. The Initiative and Referendum Institute, the nation’s most prominent institution studying direct democracy, has moved to USC and joined our Center. This move means that USC Law School is the leading place to study the tools of popular government – initiative, referendum, and recall. Our location in California – the epicenter of direct democracy – ensures that the work we produce will influence other scholars, policy makers, and the media.

THOMAS D. GRIFFITH

John B. Milliken Professor of Taxation

Credentials: A.B., Brown University; M.A.T., J.D., Harvard University

Specialty: The normative grounding of the income tax; criminal law

Experience: Practiced law in Boston

Published work: *Federal Income Tax: Examples and Explanations* (with Bankman and Pratt); “Do Three Strikes Make Sense? Habitual Offender Statutes as a Method of Crime Control”; “Theories of Personal Deductions in the Income Tax”; “Social Welfare and the Rate Structure: A New Look at Progressive Taxation” (with Bankman)

Classes: Criminal Law, Topics in Criminology, Federal Income Tax

Best advice to someone choosing a law school: Pick a school where the students are happy with their experience.

Best advice to someone who chooses

USC Law: Get involved in student organizations. It’s a good way to get to know people who aren’t in your section.

Most important thing you’ve learned from a USC Law student: The great value of a culturally diverse student body.

Next frontier in your field: Use and misuse of gang databases and gang injunctions.

ARIELA J. GROSS

Professor of Law and History

Credentials: B.A., Harvard University; M.A. History, J.D., Ph.D. History, Stanford University

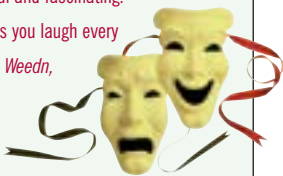
Specialty: American legal history, with an emphasis on the ante-bellum South

Experience: Taught law and history at Stanford University.

Published work: *Double Character: Slavery and Mastery in the Antebellum Southern Courtroom*; “Beyond Black and White: Cultural Approaches to Race and Slavery”; “Litigating Whiteness: Trials of Racial Determination in the Nineteenth Century South”

COMPASSION AND HUMOR

“Professor Griffith is enthusiastic about his classes and genuinely cares about student learning. He goes above and beyond teaching to help students who seek him out. – Vanessa Soto, San Juan Capistrano, CA. “Taught by Professor Griffith, a dry subject like Taxation becomes useful and fascinating. Plus, he makes you laugh every day.” – Isaiah Weedn, Novato, CA.





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Classes: Contracts; American Legal History; Race, Gender, and the Law
Best advice anyone ever gave you about law school: Go to your professor's office hours even if you don't have a specific question. Choose upper-level courses based on the professors you want to learn from – not on whether it's on the bar exam.
Next frontier in your field: Multi-disciplinary examination of the history of race, combining the quantitative methodology and rigorous archival research of traditional social historians with the close text readings and attention to rhetoric of literary theorists and the doctrinal analysis of legal scholars.

GILLIAN HADFIELD
Richard L. and Antoinette S. Kirtland Professor of Law and Professor of Economics
Credentials: B.A.H., Queen's College; J.D., M.A., Ph.D. Economics, Stanford University

Specialty: The design of legal and dispute resolution systems, contract law and theory, economic analysis of law, and gender in economics and law
Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Patricia Wald, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. Served as a National Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution and as Senior Visiting Olin Fellow at Columbia Law School. Served as president of the Canadian Law and Economics Association and director of the American Law and Economics Association.
Published work: *The Second Wave of Law and Economics* (with Richardson); "The Price of Law: How the Market for Lawyers Distorts the Justice System"; "Of Sovereignty and Contract: On Damages for Breach of Contract by Government"; "An Expressive Theory of Contract: From Feminist Dilemmas to a Reconceptualization of Rational Choice in Contract Law"
Classes: Contracts, Legal Profession, Theories of Conflict and Dispute Resolution, Empirical Studies of the Legal System
CARRIE L. HEMPEL
Clinical Professor of Law
Credentials: B.A., University of Southern California; J.D., Yale University
Specialty: Clinical legal education
Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Richard A. Gadbois,

Judge of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Practiced law in Los Angeles and Minneapolis. Served as a fellow for the Center for Law in the Public Interest. Serves on faculty of the National Association of Women Judges and on the board of the Southern California American Civil Liberties Union. Serves on California State Bar's Standing Committee on Legal Services for Prisoners.
Classes: Criminal Law; Post-Conviction Justice Project; seminar on Gender, Crime, and Justice
LEEANNA IZUEL
Assistant Dean and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law
Credentials: B.A., University of California, Los Angeles; J.D., University of California, Los Angeles; LL. M. Taxation, Loyola Law School
USC Law role: Responsible for continuing legal education activities
Experience: Practiced law with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, specializing in finance, securities, and mergers and acquisitions transactions.
Published work: "Tax-Exempt Organizations and Internet Commerce: The Application of the Royalty and Volunteer Exceptions to Unrelated Business Taxable Income," "Property Owners' Constructive Possession of Treasure Trove: Rethinking the Finders Keepers Rule"

EHUD KAMAR*Professor of Law*

Credentials: LL.B., LL.M., The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; LL.M., J.S.D., Columbia University

Specialty: Corporate law

Experience: Was Olin Fellow and Fulbright Fellow at Columbia Law School. Following admission to Israel Bar in 1991, began legal career as a lieutenant prosecutor in military courts. Later became captain, deputy director of prosecution, in military court of appeals in Israel.

Published work: “Price Discrimination in the Market for Corporate Law” (with Kahan), “Shareholder Litigation Under Indeterminate Corporate Law,” “A Regulatory Competition Theory of Indeterminacy in Corporate Law”

Classes: Business Organizations; Mergers and Acquisitions

Best advice to someone choosing a law school: Don’t focus too much on costs, which will have little impact on your life in the long run. Choose the school you feel good about – and visit it first.

Best advice to someone who chooses USC Law: Don’t worry about grades; if you choose the subjects you like, they will be fine. And don’t expect the subjects you choose to determine your career path. They might not.

Law school class you thought you wouldn’t survive as a student: Conflict of Law

How you made it through: I barely made it through ...

Best advice anyone ever gave you about law school: Be patient and confident. You can do anything.

GREGORY C. KEATING*William T. Dalessi Professor of Law*

Credentials: B.A., Amherst College; M.A. Politics, Princeton University; J.D., Harvard University; Ph.D. Politics, Princeton University

Specialty: Legal reasoning, legal theory, torts

Experience: Practiced law in Massachusetts. Served as an officer of the Section on Jurisprudence of the Association of American Law Schools. Was a teaching fellow at Harvard University and Princeton University.

Published work: *Cases and Materials on Tort and Accident Law* (with Keeton and Sargentich), “Settlement and

Decline of Private Prosecution in Thirteenth Century England,” “Non-Promotion and Judicial Independence,” “The Theory of Enterprise Liability and Common Law Strict Liability,” “Distributive and Corrective Justice in Tort Law of Accidents,” “Reasonableness and Rationality in Negligence Theory”

Classes: Torts, Legal Profession, Product Liability, Jurisprudence

Law school class you thought you wouldn’t survive as a student: Civil Procedure and Federal Courts.

How you made it through: Not very well ...

Best advice anyone ever gave you about law school: Preserve your ability to think critically about the law.

Next frontier in your field: Trying to determine when justice requires more than efficient precaution against risks of accidental injury and death, and when it doesn’t.

Keep an Open Mind

“Teaching and working with USC Law students is a perpetual learning experience. No matter how many times you’ve taught something, someone who’s just starting to study it will find something that you’ve never seen before.”

– Professor Gregory Keating



DANIEL M. KLERMAN

Professor of Law and History

Credentials: B.A., Yale University; J.D., Ph.D. History, University of Chicago

Specialty: Legal history, class action lawsuits, issues in intellectual property, trademark, unfair competition

Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Richard A. Posner, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and The Honorable John Paul Stevens, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Published work: “Settling Multidefendant Lawsuits: The Advantage of Conditional Setoff Rules”; “An Economic Analysis of Mary Carter Settlement Agreements”; “Earth First? CERCLA Reimbursement Claims

and Bankruptcy”

Classes: Procedure, Intellectual Property

GEORGE LEFCOE

Florine and Ervin Yoder Professor of Real Estate Law

Credentials: B.A., Dartmouth College; LL.B., Yale University

USC Law role: Chair of Property Forum, a program that brings together lawyers and other professionals concerned with development and land-use issues.

Specialty: Real estate and land-use regulation, with a focus on affordable housing, real estate lending, and financing major real estate transactions.

Experience: Served as president of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission, chair of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission, and commissioner of

the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Published work: “Land Development in Crowded Places: Lessons from Abroad,” *Real Estate Transactions*

Classes: Real Estate Transactions, Real Estate Development and Finance

Best advice to someone choosing a law school: Remember, when building your network, that some of your law school friendships could prove invaluable, whether you decide to practice law, enter politics, or go into business.

Best advice to someone who chooses USC Law: Don’t give up your outside interests. Expand them by making the most of what Southern California offers in sports, the arts, and opportunities for public service.

The biggest mistake you made in law school: Choosing courses because they were reputed to be easy, instead of because the subject and professor interested me.

SHMUEL LESHEM

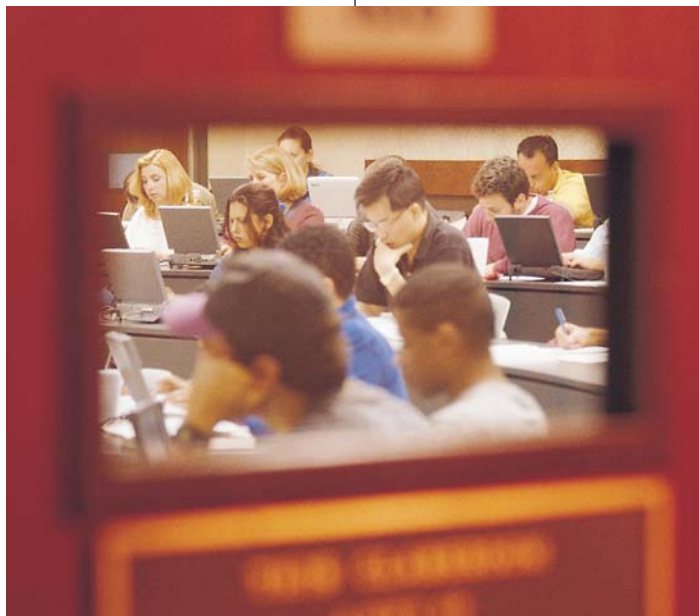
Professor of Law

Credentials: LL.B., MBA, Hebrew University; J.S.D., New York University

Specialty: Corporate Law

Experience: Worked in a private law firm in Tel-Aviv, Israel and was a summer associate in New York City. Conducted research for Israel’s Parliament Committee for Constitution, Law and Justice and was a teaching assistant and lecturer at three law schools in Israel.

Classes: Business Organization



From your first day in class, professors expect you to do more than master the course materials and pass the exams. USC Law wants you to learn to think like a lawyer, then apply the law with integrity and intelligence.

MARTIN L. LEVINE

UPS Foundation Professor of Law, Gerontology, Psychiatry, and the Behavioral Sciences; Vice Provost for Faculty and Minority Affairs; Director of Oxford-USC Institute for Legal Theory

Credentials: B.A., Brandeis

University; J.D., Yale University

USC role: Vice provost for faculty and minority affairs

Specialty: Law and aging, psychoanalysis and law, criminal law

Experience: Clerked for The Honorable J. Skelly Wright, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Serves as president of the International Association of Aging, Law, and Ethics. Also trained as a psychoanalyst.

Published work: *Age Discrimination and the Mandatory Retirement Controversy; Law and Aging: International Variations; Legal Education*. Also editor of *Psychology and Law*, an anthology.

Classes: Criminal Law, Aging and the Law, Criminal Procedure, seminar on Mediation and Dispute Resolution

Best advice anyone gave you about law school: Number your points. To do that, you have to figure out what point you're trying to make, separate it into subpoints, and sequence your subpoints strategically. That's truly "thinking like a lawyer."

Next frontier in your field: In criminal law, combining hard and soft sciences, right and left brain thinking, concern with numbers

and concern for people. Economics and statistics can teach us a lot about what a rational criminal justice system would look like, but we need perspectives from psychoanalysis and the humanistic disciplines as well, so that the law enforcement process is more than "efficient" – it fits the American people's sense of justice.

THOMAS D. LYON

Professor of Law

Credentials: B.A., Dartmouth

College; J.D., Harvard University; Ph.D. Psychology, Stanford University

Specialty: Law and psychology, family law, evidence

Experience: Served as research associate at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Was attorney with Children's Services Division of Los Angeles County Counsel. Taught at Stanford University.

Published work: "Reducing Maltreated Children's Reluctance to Answer Hypothetical Oath-Taking Competency Questions"; "Child Witnesses and the Oath: Empirical Evidence"; "The New Wave of Children's Suggestibility Research: A Critique"; "The Relevance Ratio: Evaluating the Probative Value of Expert Testimony in Child Sexual Abuse Cases" (with Koehler)

Classes: Evidence, Psychology and Law, Quantitative Methods in the Law, Family Violence

Law school class you thought you

wouldn't survive as a student: Tax

How you made it through: Spent almost

ENLIVENING THE TOUGH STUFF

"Professor Lyon made Evidence – an extremely challenging and sometimes boring subject – interesting, fun, and easy to understand. And he was always approachable." – *Jessica Kaplan, Seal Beach, CA*. "He teaches in a way that helps you remember the material, and provides exam practice problems." – *Vanessa Soto, San Juan Capistrano, CA*.



all my time studying it, read a couple books about it, and ended up liking it the most.

Best advice anyone ever gave you about

law school: Don't quit after your first year. The worst part is over.

Smartest thing you did in law school: Cross-registered at the college in psychology classes.

Biggest mistake you made in law school:

Not focusing on what professors said in class on first-year exams. Secondary sources are just that – secondary.

Most important thing you've learned

from a USC Law student: You can succeed without being cutthroat.

Next frontier in your field: I'd like to learn more about linguistics and language development, in order to improve the way we question children in court.

ANDREI MARMOR

Maurice Jones Jr. Professor of Law & Professor of Philosophy

Credentials: B.A., LL.B, University of Tel Aviv; Ph.D. Oxford University

ALL-STAR EXCELLENCE

"Noel Ragsdale deserves great praise for her excellent courses and her work with the Employer Legal Advice Clinic – not to mention her incredible knowledge about sports." – *Jorge Luna, Mexico City, Mexico/Los Angeles, CA.*



USC role: Director of the Center on Law and Philosophy

Specialty: Legal and moral philosophy

Experience: Founder and editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, an online, peer-reviewed journal

Published work: *Positive Law & Objective Values; Interpretation and Legal Theory*; "Do We Have a Right to Common Goods", "Equality and Minority Cultures," "On the Limits of Rights."

Classes: Law, Language, and Ethics

EDWARD J. MCCAFFERY

Dean and Carl M. Franklin Chair in Law and Visiting Professor of Law and Economics, California Institute of Technology

Credentials: B.A., Yale University; J.D., Harvard University

USC Law role: Chair, Planning Committee, Institute on Federal Taxation; faculty advisor, Public Interest Law Foundation

Specialty: Tax and property law

Experience: Served as official consultant to Russian Federation to help design a comprehensive tax code. Practiced law with a San

Francisco law firm prior to joining USC faculty.

Published work: *Fair Not Flat: How to Make the Tax System Better and Simpler; Taxing Women*; "Cognitive Theory and Tax"; "Framing the Jury: Cognitive Perspectives on Pain and Suffering Awards" (with Kahneman and Spitzer); "Slouching Towards Equality: Gender Discrimination, Market Efficiency, and Social Change"

Classes: Corporate Taxation; Federal Income Taxation; Partnership Taxation; Property; Tax Policy seminar

Best advice to someone who chooses

USC Law: Congratulations! Now, relax ...

Most important thing you've learned

from a USC Law student: Take pride in doing your best.

Next frontier in your field: My work so far has focused on tax as an instrument of social justice. I want to broaden that focus to look at property, law, and politics in relation to justice.

LISA M. MEAD

Associate Dean

Credentials: B.S.W., University of Texas; J.D., University of Southern California

USC Law role: Coordinates wide range of public interest and experiential learning programs, including internships and externships, pro bono legal placements and community service efforts". Co-founded Public Interest Law Foundation

Experience: Served as directing attorney of the Homeless Assistance Project of Public Counsel, a Los Angeles public-interest agency. Served as state-office program coordinator for the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice. Served on the Board of Directors of the National Association for Law Placement and was chair of the Public Service Committee.

Published work: "Sharing the Obligation: How Legal Educators and Employers Engender Professionalism, Ethical Responsibility, and Accountability"

Best advice to someone who chooses

USC Law: Work hard, make good friends, reach out to professors, and take advantage of the small-school atmosphere.

Smartest thing you did in law school:

Followed my heart.

Most important thing you've learned

from a USC Law student: If you are truly committed to your dreams, they can come true – even if it seems the odds are against you.

NOEL M. RAGSDALE

Clinical Professor of Law

Credentials: A.B., Harvard University; J.D., University of California, Berkeley

USC Law role: Served as Faculty Athletics Representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association and as president of the Pac-10 Conference Council. Served as Pac-10 representative to the NCAA Division I Cabinet for Academics, Eligibility, and

Compliance. Developed Employer Legal Advice Clinic.

Specialty: Clinical legal education, with a focus on employment issues

Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Charles E. Stewart, Jr., Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Was a journalist and practiced law in Los Angeles.

Classes: Employment Law, Employer Legal Advice Clinic

Most important thing you've learned from a USC Law student: How important it is to get to know students personally. USC Law students have rich and diverse experiences.

CHLOE REID

Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs

Credentials: B.A., J.D., University of Tennessee

USC Law role: Serves as chief enrollment officer for USC Law, overseeing admissions, registrar services and financial aid. Also oversees student affairs, including academic and non-academic counseling, student programming and exam accommodations.

Experience: Has served as assistant director of council affairs for the Law School Admissions Council. Also served as executive dean and interim president at Antioch University, Southern California.

JEAN ROSENBLUTH

Director of Legal Writing and Advocacy and Adjunct Professor of Law

Credentials: A.B., Barnard College, Columbia University; J.D.,

University of Southern California

Specialty: Skills required for effective lawyering

Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Ferdinand F. Fernandez, Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and for The Honorable Alicemarie H. Stotler, Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Held several positions for the Criminal Division and Criminal Appeals Unit of the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California. Served as a reporter or editor for *Daily Variety*, *Billboard*, and *Americana Magazine*; as a freelance journalist, wrote for *The Los Angeles Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Business Week*, *Mademoiselle*, and other publications.

Classes: Legal Research, Writing, and Advocacy

DARIA ROITHMAYR

Professor of Law

Credentials: B.S., University of California, Berkeley; J.D., Georgetown University

Specialty: Critical Race Theory

Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Marvin J. Garbis, Judge of the U.S. District Court in Baltimore, Maryland. Served as special counsel to Senator Edward Kennedy, practiced law in Washington, D.C., and is a consultant for the Education Rights Project in South Africa. Taught at the University of Illinois College of Law.

Classes: Civil Procedure, Critical Race Theory

ELYN R. SAKS

Orrin B. Evans Professor of Law, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Credentials: B.A., Vanderbilt University; Marshall Scholar,

Get Out There!

“Get involved in the intellectual life of the law school. Think about policy and theory as much as you can. You’ll have plenty of time in your career to stay within the confines of the black-letter law. Explore!”

– Professor Elyn Saks





USC Law professors like Associate Dean Robert Saltzman, who teaches *Legislation* and the first-year *Legal Profession* class, are available to explore points raised in class and answer questions about legal theory's applications in law practice.

Oxford University; M.Litt. Philosophy, Oxford University; J.D., Yale University

USC Law role: Also teaches at USC School of Medicine's Institute of Psychiatry and the Law.

Specialty: Mental health law, criminal law, family law

Experience: Practiced family law with Connecticut Legal Services. In training as a psychoanalyst.

Published work: *Jekyll on Trial: Multiple Personality Disorder and Criminal Law* (with Behnke); "Multiple Personality Disorder and Criminal Responsibility"; "Competency to Refuse Psychotropic Medication: Three Alternatives to the Law's Cognitive Standard"

Classes: Family Law, Mental Health Law, Advanced Family Law: The Rights and Interests of Children

Best advice to someone choosing a law school: Choose a place that is intellectually vibrant and attentive to

students' needs and interests, in a setting where professors and administrators are accessible and the ethos among peers is to be cooperative and share in the learning processes. (Not to brag, but USC Law scores high on all these measures.)

Smartest thing you did in law school: Got involved in a clinical program specializing in mental health law and child advocacy. We did interesting cases that really mattered and earned the gratitude of the people we helped.

Next frontier in your field: A deeper study of capacity – one of the central issues of mental-health law – including capacity to consent to treatment and research, and capacity to be executed.

ROBERT M. SALTZMAN
Associate Dean and Adjunct Professor of Law

Credentials: A.B., Dartmouth College; J.D., Harvard University

USC Law role: Responsible for the academic support program.

Specialty: Legislation and the political process, disabilities issues, legal and professional ethics, laws that govern higher education

Experience: Practiced with a Colorado law firm. Served as legal counsel to an elected Los Angeles County supervisor and special counsel to the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Served on the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admission Council and on the Board of Visitors of the Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and Civic Leadership at Dartmouth College. Served as trustee of the Foundation of the National Association for Law Placement, and as chair of the Section on Pre-Legal Education and Admission to Law School of the Association of American Law Schools.

Published work: "Affirmative Action in Law School Admissions and Legal Employment: Facts, Observations, and Suggestions for Gatekeepers"

Classes: Legal Profession, Legal Analysis of Evidence, Legislation

Best advice to someone who chooses USC Law: Be creative in your approach to studying. Don't follow the pack. USC is a small law school with relatively few rules that limit your enrollment pattern. If you want to try something unusual, chances are you can – as long as you approach the project professionally and do the groundwork necessary for success.

Law school class you thought you wouldn't survive as a student: The corporate area of the curriculum, including Business Organizations, Securities Regulation, and Commercial Transactions. It seemed like the other students were way ahead of me on those topics. How you made it through: By realizing that many other students had to “unlearn” much of what they already knew, and that there was value in my fresh and perhaps naive perspectives on these topics. Biggest mistake you made in law school: Relying on the advice of other students when that advice ran contrary to my common sense. As a result, I often took courses in which I had little interest because I thought I “should” take them, rather than choosing subjects that engaged me. I also regret letting my fear of performing inadequately keep me from taking advantage of the clinical curriculum in law school. Representing real clients, supervised by a practicing attorney, is the best way to overcome that fear. Next frontier in your field: I try to combine aspects of my administrative role dealing with students with the topics I teach first-year students in the course called Legal Profession. Despite the changes in society and the law in recent years, the law remains a profession. My goal is to help maintain the standards of professionalism that make us good citizens and good lawyers.	MICHAEL H. SHAPIRO <i>Dorothy W. Nelson Professor of Law</i> Credentials: B.A., M.A., University of California, Los Angeles; J.D., University of Chicago Specialty: Bioethics, dealing with the convergence of legal, ethical, and medical concerns in the context of new medical technologies; constitutional law. Published work: <i>Bioethics and Law: Cases, Materials, and Problems</i>; “I Want a Girl (Boy), Just Like the Girl (Boy) That Married Dear Old Dad (Mom): Cloning Lives”; “Is Bioethics Broke? On the Idea of Ethics and the Law ‘Catching Up’ with Technology” Classes: Constitutional Law, Constitutional Law II, Bioethics, Healthcare Regulation Best advice to someone choosing a law school: Look for high-quality faculty and user-friendliness. Best advice to someone who chooses USC Law: Take advantage of the easy access to individual faculty members. Law school class you thought you wouldn't survive as a student: Commercial Law How you made it through: By the Deity's grace. Smartest thing you did in law school: Not dropping out. Biggest mistake you made in law school: Not studying a course in which a surprise multiple-choice exam was the final. Next frontier in your field: Comprehensive integration of insights involving the joinder of bioethics, Con Law, analytic	philosophy, jurisprudence, and aspects of behavioral science. DAN SIMON <i>Professor of Law</i> Credentials: LL.B., Tel Aviv University; M.B.A., INSEAD; LL.M., S.J.D., Harvard University Specialty: Law and psychology, international human rights, criminal law Experience: Served as a visiting scholar with Harvard Law School's Human Rights Program. Practiced law in Israel, specializing in civil and human rights cases. Published work: “Towards a Psychological Understanding of Judicial Reasoning”; “The Demolition of Homes in the Israeli Occupied Territories” Classes: Law and Psychology, Criminal Law, International Human Rights Best advice to someone who chooses USC Law: Don't hesitate to approach professors. And be sure to assert and build on your personal perspective and intellectual interests. Best advice anyone ever gave you in law school: Know that the law is more THE COURAGE TO QUESTION “The most important lesson I learned from Professor Shapiro is that a black robe doesn't make a person all-knowing. He taught us to be critical of every case we read, whether it's from lower court or the Supremes.” — <i>Gevik Baghdassarian, Glendale, CA.</i> 
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flexible and open-minded than most people imagine. Don't be intimidated by the language of authority; there's room for your interpretation.

Smartest thing you did in law school:

Finally recognizing that legal texts are written by humans, all of whom operate within a set of motivations and objectives. I gained a much deeper understanding of the texts by reading with that recognition in mind.

LARRY G. SIMON

H.W. Armstrong Professor of Constitutional Law

Credentials: B.A., Hobart College; LL.B., Yale University

Specialty: Constitutional law and theory, with emphasis on the normative issues in judicial review

Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States. Taught at Yale Law School.

Published work: "The Authority of the Framers of the Constitution," "The Authority of the Constitution and its Meaning"

Classes: Constitutional Law, Legal Profession, Insurance

EDWIN M. SMITH

Leon Benwell Professor of Law and International Relations

Credentials: A.B., J.D., Harvard University

Specialty: International law, international relations theory, foreign relations law

Experience: Served as attorney for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. Served as special counsel for foreign policy to U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Appointed by President Clinton as a science and policy advisor to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Belongs to the Council on Foreign Relations. Served as vice president of the

American Society of International Law. Has lectured internationally on United Nations-NATO cooperation in peacekeeping.

Published work: "The Endangered Species Act and Biological Conservation"; "Congressional Authorization of Nuclear First Use: Problems of Implementation"; *The United Nations in a New World Order*; "Understanding Dynamic Obligations: Arms Control Agreements"

Classes: Contracts, Public International Law, International Organizations, seminars on the United Nations and International Economic Regulation

Best advice to someone choosing a law school: Visit the school to see how students and faculty interact. Watch to see if people seem satisfied with and invigorated by their experience – and if laughter is a common occurrence.

Best advice to someone who chooses

USC Law: Be prepared to become intensely involved in your own education. Be open to the amazing variety of cultures and environments that make up Southern California.

Smartest thing you did in law school: Stopped believing that the admissions committee had made a mistake ...

Biggest mistake you made in law school: Began to doubt my judgment as professors raised questions I had not considered.



USC Law first-year courses give students the opportunity to learn law's big ideas from some of the profession's greatest teachers. Professors know that the high caliber of USC students means each class of attorneys-to-be will offer new perspectives on law's long-held precepts.



Professor Edwin Smith, a noted expert on international law and foreign policy, challenges students to apply their growing legal knowledge to some of today's most pressing issues, including global politics, arms control, and terrorism.

Next frontier in your field: In international law and relations, developing mechanisms for controlling the threats posed by international terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. The challenge: balancing personal freedom and collective security in a manner that neither endangers constitutional values nor frustrates our civil society and economy.

JAMES C. SPINDLER

Assistant Professor of Law

Credentials: A.B., Princeton University; J.D. Harvard University
Specialty: Corporate and securities law, law and economics, international business transactions
Experience: Taught law and was John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics at the University of Chicago Law School. Practiced law with the New York and Hong Kong offices of Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

Published work: "Corporate Heroin: A Theory of Perks, Conspicuous Consumption, and Final Period Problems"

Classes: Securities Regulation, Commercial Law, Theoretical Inquiries Into Corporate and Securities Law

MATTHEW L. SPITZER

*Robert C. Packard Trustee
 Chair in Law*

Credentials: B.A., University of California, Los Angeles; J.D., University of Southern California; Ph.D. Social Science, California Institute of Technology

Specialty: Law and economics; telecommunications regulation. Recent research has focused on content control in broadcasting.

Experience: Previously taught at Northwestern University, University of Chicago, Stanford University, and Caltech.

Published works: *Public Policy Toward Cable Television* (with Hazlett); *Seven Dirty Words and Six Other Stories: Controlling the Content of Print and Broadcast*; "Experimental Law and Economics"

Classes: Administrative Law, Telecommunications Regulation, Economic Analysis of Law

Best advice to someone who chooses

USC Law: The same thing that's on the cover of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*: "Don't Panic."

Best advice anyone ever gave you about law school: Do the reading *before* you go to class.

Biggest mistake you made in law school:

Deciding not to take Insurance Law and Accounting for Lawyers. Both turned out to be very important in a civil practice.

Most important thing you've learned from a USC Law student: To write clearly and simply, so those who aren't already experts can understand my work.

NOMI M. STOLZENBERG

*Nathan and Lilly Shapell Professor
 of Law*

Credentials: B.A., Yale University; J.D., Harvard University

USC Law role: Director of the Center for Law, History, and Culture

Specialty: Local government law, family law

Experience: Clerked for The Honorable John J. Gibbons, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Published work: "Marriage as a Legal Metaphor"; "Toleration and Assimilation: The Free Exercise Challenge to Public Education"; "He Drew a Circle that Shut Me Out: Assimilation, Indoctrination, and the Paradox of Liberal Education"; a note on "Political Rights as Political Questions: The Paradox of Luther v. Borden"

Classes: Law, Language, and Ethics; Property; Local Government;

seminar on Legal Conceptions of Maternity and Paternity
Best advice to someone choosing a law school: Consider the difference between a big school – impersonal, bureaucratic, but sometimes offering more variety – and a small



The student lounge is a great place to meet with upper-division classmates for study advice, tips on selecting seminars and professors, and feedback about which USC programs and organizations best serve your interest in law.

school – friendly, intimate, less adversarial, and with a greater sense of community.

Best advice to someone who chooses

USC Law: Find your kindred spirits. Seek out professors whose approaches appeal to you. Look for students who might turn out to be soul mates. It makes all the difference.

Law school class you thought you wouldn't survive as a student:

Contracts, taught in traditional “hide-the-ball” style.

How you made it through: Skimmed some great histories on the development of contract law (such as Morton Horwitz's *Transformation of American Law*) to make sense of the doctrine. It helped me see that much of the confusion resided in the law itself – not in my brain.

Best advice anyone ever gave you about law school: Don't lose sight of yourself. And don't confuse your grades with your self – or your

future. (Exam-taking is a skill; it gets better with practice.)

Next frontier in your field: Liberalism and religion in U.S. law, and legal fictions. I'm always thinking about how people's beliefs collide with law, and how law comprehends beliefs.

CHRISTOPHER D. STONE

J. Thomas McCarthy Trustee Professor of Law

Credentials: A.B., Harvard University; J.D., Yale University

Specialty: Environmental issues, the regulation of corporations, law and philosophy

Experience: Served as a principal investigator for the U.S. Department of Energy in legal, institutional, and financial aspects of geothermal resource development. Counseled the U.S. Sentencing Commission on corporate crime. Taught at Yale University and the University of Michigan. Served as consultant to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Published work: *Law, Language, and Ethics; Should Trees Have Standing – Toward Legal Rights for Natural Objects; Where the Law Ends; Earth and Other Ethics; The Gnat is Older than Man: Global Environment and Human Agenda; Should Trees Have Standing? And Other Essays on Law, Morals, and the Environment*

Classes: Business Organizations; International Environmental Law; Property; Law, Language, and Ethics; Rights of Groups

CHARLES H. WHITEBREAD

George T. and Harriet E. Pfleger Professor of Law

Credentials: A.B., Princeton University; LL.B., Yale University

Specialty: Juvenile law, criminal procedure, estate law

Experience: Lectures widely to judges' conferences. Serves on faculty of the FBI's National Academy. Taught at University of Virginia. Belongs to the American Law Institute.

Published work: *Recent Decisions of the Supreme Court; Children in the Legal System; Criminal Procedure; “Free Press v. Fair Trial: Protecting the Defendant's Rights in a Highly Publicized Trial by Approving the Sheppard-Mu'Min Remedy”*

Classes: Juvenile Law; Criminal Procedure; Gifts, Wills, and Trusts

Best advice to someone choosing law school: Visit to get a feel for the community.

Best advice to someone who chooses

USC Law: Buckle your seat belt!

Smartest thing you did in law school: Joined a *Yale Law Journal* project called “Interrogations in New Haven: The Impact of Miranda.” Participating in the project

FRESH INSIGHT

“Professor Stone is quite the Renaissance professor, with an amazing scope – from the environment to philosophy – and a remarkable capacity for seeing a problem from many perspectives, giving each a fair and empathetic voice. He helps students discover the benefits and dangers of various legal solutions.”

– Terri Lilley, Evergreen, TX.



ultimately brought me into law teaching.

Biggest mistake you made in law school:

Taking Antitrust Contracts, Quantitative Methods in the Law, Law and Strategic Behavior

Best advice to someone who chooses

USC Law: Keep in mind that you'll learn as much from your fellow students as you will from your professors.

Most important thing you've learned from a USC Law student:

That students retain impressions from their legal education far into their careers as lawyers, judges, and professionals. This realization underscores for me how important USC Law's educational mission is, and the role I can play in furthering it.

JENNIFER URBAN

Clinical Associate Professor of Law

Credentials: B.A., Cornell

University; J.D., University of California, Berkeley

Specialty: Intellectual property law and policy, trademark law, copyright law, and technology policy as it relates to consumer rights, privacy and copyright.

Experience: Practiced law in Silicon Valley and was a visiting professor at Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.

Classes: Intellectual Property, Intellectual Property Clinic

CHARLES H. WHITEBREAD

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Credentials: A.B., Princeton

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Smartest thing you did in law school:

Joined a *Yale Law Journal* project called "Interrogations in New Haven: The Impact of Miranda." Participating in the project ultimately brought me into law teaching.

Biggest mistake you made in law school:

Taking Antitrust

TEST-TAKING TIPS FROM AN EXPERT

Expect law school exams to be unlike anything you experienced as an undergraduate – longer and formatted in unfamiliar ways. How can first-year students rise to the challenge? Professor Charles Whitebread, author of *The Eight Secrets of Top Exam Performance in Law School*, tells all:

- 1 Consider the time you have for the exam, allocate a portion of that time to each question, and stick to your plan, no matter what. If you can't adhere to your plan, hand in outlines for your answers – but make sure you finish the exam.
- 2 Always read the last two sentences of any question first, so you'll know the call of the question before reading hypothetical fact patterns.
- 3 Organize your response by transaction. For each transaction, organize by legal issue.
- 4 For all debatable issues, use the IRAC method: Recognize the issue. State the rule that applies. Apply the rule, supported by facts. Then, tentatively and briefly, demonstrate how you reached your conclusion.
- 5 Write succinctly. Don't waste time with unnecessary, long-winded introductions.
- 6 Spend as much as one-third of your total exam time organizing, analyzing, and outlining what you have to say before you say it. Organization is crucial to success on law school exams.



USC Network

An open door at a Wall Street law firm. A position in intellectual property law in Los Angeles. A clerkship in Washington, D.C.
A jump start on the career of your dreams.

Recognized scholarship, academic excellence, and a prime location make USC Law an ideal springboard to a career in law. Average starting salaries for alumni rank among the highest for all U.S. law school graduates – evidence that a USC education has measurable rewards.

Career advantages begin before you even search for a job, and continue long after you receive your degree. Our Alumni-Student Sponsor Program provides mentoring for first-year students, connecting you with a graduate who already practices in the area of law that interests you. This early networking opportunity epitomizes our collegial approach to career-building.

Around the world, you'll find USC Law alumni in exciting careers, eager to help recent graduates navigate the job market. This enduring network of professional colleagues perpetuates USC Law's community spirit throughout your career, wherever the law may take you.

CAREER CONNECTIONS

After graduation, some of us stay in California. Others pursue our dreams elsewhere, like New York City or Washington, D.C. Either way, USC Law School offers plenty of support. The Career Services department is ready to help you launch a cross-country job search by providing information about firms and through east-coast recruiting programs and reciprocal career services provided by other universities.





Global Finance

Felipe Prestamo '84

Vice President, Goldman Sachs

Havana-born, Miami-bred, a Wharton finance grad, Felipe Prestamo was destined to be a world citizen. When a mentor suggested he broaden his horizons through law school, Prestamo came to USC, where the Tax and Commercial Law curriculum tapped into his interest in finance and corporate law. After weighing post-graduation offers from top New York and Los Angeles law firms, Prestamo chose Shearman & Sterling as the best place for a bilingual attorney interested in Latin American markets to begin his career. Eventually he was recruited by JP Morgan, then Goldman Sachs, where he helps manage the firm's interests throughout Latin America. Now, as he surveys his colleagues, Prestamo can't



help but notice that many are ex-lawyers who have found that “thinking like a lawyer” offers benefits beyond the practice of law.

Government

Alan Hoffman '91

Vice President, RAND Corporation

Alan Hoffman chose USC Law for its multidisciplinary approach, for the close ties the school engenders, and for the beach. His legal education helped him chart a stellar career in Washington D.C., – strategizing on health-care reform for the Clinton administration, prosecuting criminal intelligence and espionage cases as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, serving as chief of staff for Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE), and advising businesses from the city's premier government relations consulting firm. Now, Hoffman has returned to Southern California and the Pacific Ocean he missed most in order to join one of the nation's most prominent think-tanks. Throughout, Hoffman has maintained the connections



that made USC Law a rich experience. His advice to students: Think big! With USC as your foundation, your career has no limits.

Eric Doering '89

General Counsel, Ticus Biotech Group

Coming from a large, depersonalized undergraduate campus, Eric Doering knew what he wanted from a law school: access to top-notch professors and an intimate community that instills confidence and skill. Both qualities, cultivated at USC Law, have served Doering well along a career path that began in Southern California city government and eventually led to China. With his USC credentials and solid legal skills, Doering first scored a position at Brobeck Hale and Dorr, where he mastered high-tech international mergers, acquisitions, and IPOs and became a partner in five years. Doering then structured the startup of a company that creates, designs, owns, and manages luxury hotels in the Caribbean and Europe. Following that, Doering worked in London as the general counsel for Cambell Gray Hotels, overseeing hotel project development, financing and implementation.



Today, he serves as general counsel for a biotech company located in China – yet another creative application of his USC law degree.

A large, vertical, low-angle photograph of the Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben) in London. The tower is illuminated with warm lights, and its intricate Gothic architecture is clearly visible against a dramatic, cloudy sky. The tower's clock face is prominent in the lower half of the image.

International Business

Entertainment Law

Jean Murrell Adams '77

Entertainment Law Pioneer

A “just-the-facts” sketch of Jean Murrell Adams reveals an impressive biography: head of her own firm, specializing in intellectual property and education law; founder of DreamWorks SKG’s litigation department; founder of Sony Pictures’ bankruptcy department; respected lecturer on entertainment and Internet law, and on women and minorities in law. But no biography reflects the flexible lawyering skills that enabled Adams’ climb to leadership. Forced by injury to forfeit her first job offer, as a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney, Adams refocused on bankruptcy law, then – recruited by Sony, for whom she managed a Supreme Court copyright case – mastered entertainment. Adams credits USC Law with preparing her for the hard work and perpetual



learning that turn a student into “a good lawyer” – key to capturing any opportunity a career in law presents.

Business Leaders

Amy Trask '85

CEO, Oakland Raiders

Amy Trask learned the letter and spirit of the law at USC. Her love of football – that came naturally. Trask combined vocation and passion in her work for the Oakland Raiders, first as an attorney, now as the team's first designated chief executive officer. Trask says the most important thing she learned at USC Law was the importance of critical analysis and clear thinking – lessons that serve her well when she's making deals for her team and striving toward her ultimate goal as CEO: winning championships. Today, Trask doesn't consider herself an attorney and business person who happens to be in the field of football. She's a football



person who also happens to be a seasoned attorney, with personal success measured by team achievements on the field.



Nora Manella '75

Judge of U.S. District Court

Some people can't wait to finish law school and start practice. For Nora Manella, U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, exploring law's underlying ideas with USC's terrific faculty was sheer pleasure. Since graduation, Manella's career has taken the fast track, from a clerkship on the U.S. Court of Appeals in New Orleans, to counsel to a U.S. Senate subcommittee, to private practice, to service as a federal prosecutor, to California state court judge-ships, to U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles, the nation's largest district. Along the way, Manella has benefited from her former professors' continuing counsel. Featured in the *National Law Journal* as one of the 50 most



influential women lawyers in America, she now sits on the federal bench, resolving issues of national significance with equity and intelligence.

Judiciary

CAREER SERVICES

USC Law's powerful combination of scholarship, reputation, and location opens a wide variety of job options – within California and beyond – to our graduates. We augment these advantages with career services that help you make the most of your USC Law education.

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Although many USC Law graduates prefer a Southern California location and a Pacific Rim vantage point when selecting a career, others start their professional lives outside the area, primarily in Washington, D.C., and New York. Our Career Services program is equipped to help you secure the opportunity of your dreams, wherever it may be, and maintains a strong placement record. Virtually all graduates secure legal employ-

ment before graduation or upon successful completion of the bar exam.

Many USC Law graduates win coveted berths as judicial law clerks to federal and state judges. USC faculty members who began their careers in similar fashion are eager to counsel students who seek clerkships. Career Services and members of the faculty clerkship committee can prepare you for the specialized application and interview process required to clerk.

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

Each fall and spring, hundreds of private law firms, government and public-interest agencies, and corporations from around the country visit USC Law to interview students for permanent and summer jobs.

Fall interviews cover a four- to six-week period. To prepare, you can meet with career counselors, attend workshops to develop interviewing skills, and research potential employers through the Career Services Resource Library.

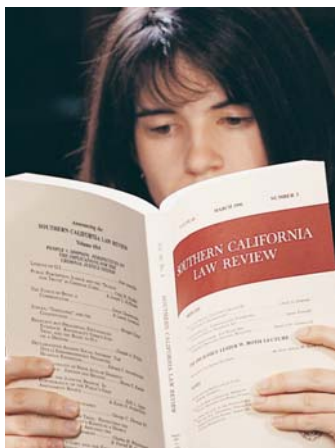
The spring program helps first-year students find summer jobs and prepare for on-campus interviews in the fall of their second year. Spring also includes Career Days, which draw local, state, and federal government agencies and public-service organizations to campus.

OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

To support students who seek careers beyond California, Career Services schedules special interviews with legal employers located out of state. Each fall, participating students travel to Chicago, New York, and Washington, D.C., to meet with prospective employers.



Through USC Law, you can pursue a career that will challenge and reward you, whether you practice law in Southern California, across the country, or around the world. On- and off-campus interviews, career days, the famous "Trojan Network," and other career services enable you to investigate opportunities well before graduation.



Law firms often look for graduates who have honed their research, writing, and editing skills on the editorial board of a law review. USC Law students who work on any of three legal journals also earn academic credit.

CAREER COUNSELING

USC Law's Career Services counselors are professionals who understand the legal job market and seek to help students make the right connections. Each first-year student meets individually with a counselor to map out a job-search strategy, sometimes focused in specific areas of practice. Throughout your time at USC, counselors are available for individual career guidance, help with resumes, and videotaped, simulated interviews to improve your skills.

Career Services also holds special first-year career workshops prior to spring on-campus interviews, and sponsors career-related workshops during the academic year, for students and graduates.

Workshops include:

Careers in Law Series: Corporate Law, Family Law, Taxation, Bankruptcy, Entertainment, International Law

Teaching Law as a Career

Judicial Clerkships

Effective Interview Techniques

Resume Preparation

Careers in Public Interest Law

Alternatives to the Traditional

Law Firm: Consultants,

Corporate Counsels, and

Legislative Positions

ALUMNI/ALUMNAE-STUDENT SPONSOR PROGRAM

USC Law graduates are enthusiastic about their education and eager to help students preparing to enter legal practice. Each spring, the Graduate Relations Office pairs every first-year student with a graduate who practices in the student's field of interest. Your graduate mentor is there to guide you on your career path and introduce you to other USC Law graduates throughout the country, creating a broad and valuable network to support your job search.

ALUMNI MOCK-INTERVIEW PROGRAM

As members of the extended USC family, alumni often volunteer their time to conduct practice interviews with students. These sessions, popular with students, provide a great opportunity to get feedback from attorneys who know what firms and other legal employers are looking for.

USC ALUMNI AT-A-GLANCE:

CLASS OF 2005

EMPLOYMENT RATE: 96%

Median Starting Salary/Private Practice: \$125,000

AREAS OF PRACTICE —

PRIVATE PRACTICE: 63%*

- 39% went to firms of 251 or more attorneys with a median base salary of \$125,000
- 17% went to firms of 101-250 attorneys with a median base salary of \$122,500
- 11% went to firms of 26-100 attorneys with a median base salary of \$112,50.
- 27% went to firms of 2-25 attorneys with base salary from \$66,000-\$91,000

CORPORATE/BUSINESS PRACTICE: 14%

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS: 10%

GOVERNMENT: 7%

PUBLIC INTEREST: 4%

ACADEMIC POSITIONS: 2%

**Does not include graduates who accepted judicial clerkships, but who also have offers in private firms and will join those firms upon completing their clerkships.*

Next Steps

A straightforward application. An admissions committee interested in the real you. Terrific opportunities — and all the support you need to pursue them. The next move is yours.

The students who come to USC Law bring big dreams, extraordinary credentials, enviable achievements, rich life experiences, open minds, and the hunger for a challenge — the stuff we think makes lawyers of exceptional quality. Like our faculty and alumni, our students are committed to exploring, analyzing, interpreting, applying, and advancing the law in the style that defines USC.

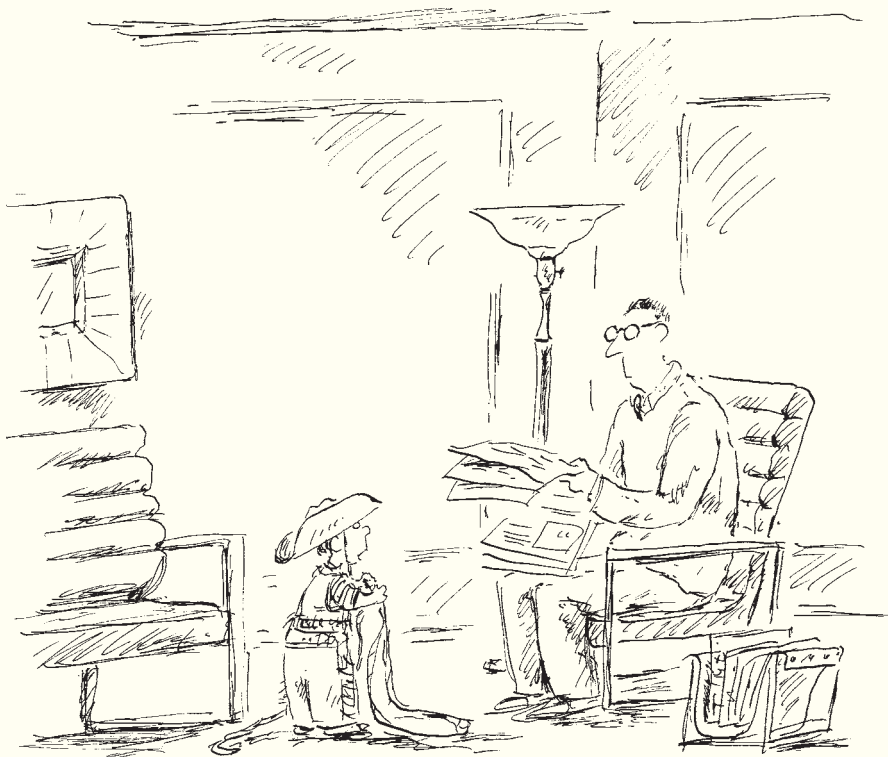
If you think this community reflects your ambitions, values, and abilities, we'd like to know more about you. But remember, we must be selective. USC Law receives over 6,000 applications for an incoming class of roughly 200 students.

USC Law is committed to helping students finance their education. More than 80 percent of students receive financial aid; approximately 40 percent receive scholarships. So, as you consider an application to USC Law, let your future — not finance — be your guide.

FIRST-NAME SUPPORT

Your first day at USC Law, you'll notice something different: The school really goes out of its way to make law school less stressful for students. When you walk into the admissions office, don't be surprised if people know your name — an experience many students never forget.





B. Sneller

"Well if I can't be a cowboy I'll be a lawyer for cowboys."

What sets USC Law students apart from their peers at other institutions? Extraordinary academic credentials, and a rich diversity of background and experience.

Each year USC Law receives over 6,000 applications. With roughly 200 spaces to fill in the entering class, admission is highly selective. Our application deadline is February 1, 2007, but early applications receive priority review. We strongly encourage you to submit your application prior to the deadline.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply, you must plan to receive a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university before enrolling at USC Law. We base our admission decisions on academic record, LSAT score, personal statement, letters of recommendation, and other information in your application file.



USC Law's admissions committee takes care to admit students who will bring exceptional talent, broad life experience, new perspectives, and strong potential to our campus.

USC Law has a long tradition of striving to provide equal opportunity, and is firmly committed to a policy against discrimination based on ethnicity, national origin, disability, race, religion, political beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

In reviewing application files, the committee focuses on college grades, academic major, selection of courses, and significant scholarly achievements. Although USC Law does not require specific college courses for admission, we look favorably on students who have selected intellectually challenging courses of study.

Whatever your discipline, we urge you to concentrate on developing strong writing and analytic skills. Courses that require intensively researched written projects and active participation in classroom dialogue also will be helpful in preparing you to study law.

OUR ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

All admission decisions at USC Law are made by the Faculty Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid. The committee is composed of members of the faculty, the associate dean, the director of admissions, and an elected student representative. The committee reads all files thoroughly and considers each application on an individual basis. All committee decisions are final.

YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

The admissions committee gives careful attention to your personal statement. We are particularly interested in your motivation for studying law, your academic background, and qualities you possess that may enhance the diversity of our student body. If you are a college senior or recent graduate, you may wish to mention your work history and extracurricular activities. If you have spent a year or more in the work force after college, tell us about your employment experience; enclose a resume to illustrate your chronological work history.

There is no specific word or page requirement or limit for your personal statement. However, the committee values carefully crafted

essays that are clear, concise, and compelling.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

The most influential letters of recommendation focus on your academic potential. They are written by people who know you well and can evaluate your academic performance. Although recommendations not pertaining to academic abilities are helpful, academic recommendations carry the most weight with the admissions committee.

CONTRIBUTION TO DIVERSITY

USC Law's admissions process is guided by the view that a student body that reflects the broad and rich diversity of our society

provides a superior educational environment for all law students. The primary goal of our admissions process is to enroll students who demonstrate outstanding academic and professional promise and whose background and experience will enrich USC Law's educational environment or enhance the diversity of our student body or the legal profession.

You may be regarded as potentially contributing to student diversity if your background or experience would not ordinarily be well-represented in the student body or the legal profession. Examples include (but are not limited to) students who:

- have struggled against prejudice, economic disadvantage, family or personal adversity, or other social hardships (perhaps as a result of



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disability, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation or religious affiliation);

- lived in a foreign country or spoke a language other than English at home;
- have unusual career goals, employment history (perhaps military or law enforcement experience), or educational background (including graduate study);
- demonstrate unusual extracurricular achievement (including school or community service).

If you believe your background or experience can contribute to USC Law's goal of diversity and educational enrichment – and if you would like this factor considered in the admissions process – please include detailed written information about your background or experience in your

application. (Providing such information is voluntary.)

ADMISSION DECISIONS

The committee normally begins to mail admission decisions in January and continues through May.

Applications that are completed prior to the February 1 deadline receive priority review.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT

If you are admitted to USC Law, you must return the Enrollment Response Forms and pay a tuition deposit by the specified deadlines. Enrollment instructions included with your admission letter will specify the amount of this deposit.

Prior to enrollment, you must submit an official transcript, verifying your receipt of a bachelor's

IN GOOD HANDS

"USC Law students are wonderfully spoiled. You don't have to worry about missing any financial aid deadlines or bar applications because reminders always appear in your mailbox. USC Law takes care of its students." – Lizzle Singian, Pasadena, CA.



degree from an accredited college or university, to the USC Law Registrar.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend you familiarize yourself with the rules governing admission to the bar in the states where you intend to practice. You can obtain information about bar requirements by writing to the appropriate state board of bar examiners.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the admissions process, please call the Office of Admissions at (213) 740-2523 or send an email message to admissions@law.usc.edu. Applicants with hearing disabilities may call (213) 740-2503 (TTY/TTD).

OUR NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

USC Gould School of Law is firmly committed to a policy against discrimination based upon ethnicity, national origin, disability, race, religion, political beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, or age.



The history of the USC Gould School of Law – named for James Gould, founder of the first law school in the United States – is peopled by legal innovators who went on to head firms, guide companies, govern, and crusade for justice. We look for students who will follow these examples, but find their own paths.

Tuition and fees for the 2006–07 academic year are \$19,736 per semester, including mandatory health, student government, and activity fees. Resident and nonresident students pay the same tuition. Rates for tuition and fees are set annually and are subject to change.

FINANCIAL AID

USC Law provides several options to students seeking to finance their legal education. Applying for financial aid is simple and straightforward, but requires close attention to detail and deadlines. Begin the process by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1, 2007. Carefully read the information provided here, and follow the instructions in the Financial Aid Application Checklist on page 84.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are admitted to USC Law, you will receive our Application for Scholarships and Financial Aid in your admission packet. Be sure to submit the application immediately. All admitted applicants who submit the application in a timely manner will be considered for scholarship assistance.

All scholarships awarded to incoming first-year students are guaranteed for three years. Scholarships are awarded in amounts ranging up to full tuition. Most scholarships are based on need and merit, although the Admissions

FRANK ROTHMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

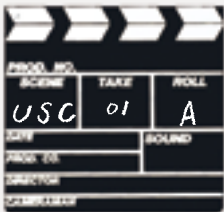
USC Law recruits and supports exceptionally qualified law students through the Frank Rothman Scholars Program. One student is selected from each incoming class to receive a full-tuition scholarship for three years at USC Law. Recipients also receive a Summer Fellowship that provides a guaranteed job in the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, following the first year of law school.

The admissions office invites top admitted applicants to apply for the Rothman scholarship; to be considered for an invitation, you should submit your admissions application early.

Frank Rothman Scholars are selected entirely on the basis of merit. Criteria include strong undergraduate record, LSAT score, and additional accomplishments, such as publishing books and articles, running a business, inventing useful devices, and other similar, highly significant achievements. Finalists are provided with airfare and lodging in order to participate in interviews and meetings at USC Law. Final selections are made in the spring.

The program honors the late Frank Rothman '51, one of the nation's most respected sports and entertainment lawyers. Rothman served an impressive roster of clients – including the NFL, the PGA, Warner Brothers, Walt Disney, Paramount Pictures, and 20th Century Fox – and acted as chairman and CEO of MGM studios from 1982 to 1986. In later years, he worked as an antitrust specialist and partner in the Los Angeles office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

Called a legendary litigator by the *National Law Journal* and often included on that publication's list of the country's 100 most influential lawyers, Rothman was admired and respected by colleagues, judges, and courtroom opponents. He was especially beloved at USC Law, where he maintained close personal friendships and advised the school's administration as a member and chairman of the board of councilors.





Attending USC Law means joining a close-knit community of legal scholars who share a commitment to excellence, collaboration, and maintaining the USC family tradition of colleagues helping each other succeed.

and Financial Aid Committee occasionally awards a small number of scholarships based solely on the applicant's potential, as indicated by the strength of the admissions file. If you receive a scholarship your first year, you can expect the same level of assistance in your second and third years.

LOAN PROGRAMS

To be eligible for loan programs, file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) soon after January 1, 2007. Do not wait for an admissions decision before submitting the FAFSA.

Admitted applicants who apply for financial aid will first be packaged with any scholarships awarded. The next \$20,500 of financial need is met by the Federal

Stafford Loan. While you are enrolled at USC Law School, a portion of this loan may be interest-free. The Federal PLUS Loan or private alternative educational loans are available to meet any additional needs. These loan programs are available to all credit-worthy students without regard to need, and provide enough funds at competitive rates to meet the budgeted expenses of most students. If you are admitted to USC Law, our financial aid office will send you information on applying for both the federal loans and private alternative loan programs.

OTHER RESOURCES

Second- and third-year students may be eligible for work-study funds. The work-study program enables you to earn money toward

your law school education by working in government or a non-profit law office, or as a research assistant for law faculty. Many USC Law students also help finance their education through lucrative, law-related work assignments during the summers or during the second and third years of law school.

USC Law's Office of Financial Aid maintains a directory of scholarship programs offered by outside philanthropic and legal organizations. These opportunities are available primarily to students in their second and third years of law school.

The Veterans Affairs office on campus can assist veterans in receiving educational allowances.

LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The USC Law Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) provides assistance in repaying loans to graduates who accept employment with low-paying public-interest organizations. If you work for a qualifying organization after graduating, you may apply a specified percentage of your earnings to your annual loan-repayment obligations; USC Law will advance LRAP funds to cover the remainder. If you are employed by the organization for more than three years, LRAP assistance will be forgiven in part. All LRAP assistance will be forgiven if you remain in qualifying employment for six years.

Financial Aid Checklist

Use the checklist below to ensure that you follow all steps necessary to apply for financial aid, including scholarships and loans.



All Applicants

☐ Complete the 2007–2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

☐ When completing the FAFSA, list University of Southern California (code #001328) in the schools release section of the form, so that USC Law will receive your data. If your tax information is not yet available, you may use estimates. Parental information is not required.

☐ Submit the FAFSA to the processor as soon as possible after January 1, 2007. To be considered for all available financial aid, be sure the processor receives your FAFSA no later than March 2, 2007.

Admitted Applicants

☐ USC Law's Application for Scholarships and Financial Aid is included in the packet with your admission letter. For optimum consideration, submit this application immediately after you are admitted. Once we receive the application, we will review your file for scholarship assistance and loan eligibility.

☐ To help ensure that you receive a timely offer of financial aid, carefully follow the additional instructions provided with your admission letter. For example, submit copies of your 2006 federal income tax return and schedules (or non-filing statement) and W-2s. Be sure to provide the requested documentation soon after being admitted, and no later than May 4, 2007.

If you have questions about financial aid, please call the Admissions and Financial Aid Office at (213) 740-2523 or send an email message to lawfao@law.usc.edu.

10 Good Reasons to Submit Your Application to USC Law

Ask students, alumni, and even faculty why they chose USC Law and they'll list benefits as diverse as their experiences and interests. Some mention small, intimate classes and unforgettable professors and peers. Others cite top-flight reputation and unmatched support getting careers off the ground. (OK, some say it's the Pacific Ocean beaches – a cool antidote to the heated intensity of law school.) Here are our top 10 picks – great reasons to make USC the foundation for your future in law.



4.

Trojan Family Connections

Experts estimate that the typical law-school graduate will change jobs eight or nine times over the course of a career. USC's Trojan Family can make those transitions easier to pursue and more pleasant to accomplish. The strength of this alumni network is legendary – and real. Join the Trojan Family and enjoy a lifetime of professional contacts, friends, and support.

5.

L.A. Resources

If you're looking for the largest U.S. government center outside Washington, D.C., look no further than L.A. The Los Angeles Superior Court is the busiest court system in the country, handling more than 600,000 cases per year. And as home to industries as diverse as entertainment and aerospace, this world-class city also offers some of the most exciting work experiences available in the private sector.

6.

Scene

If you like a dynamic, rich, urban environment, USC Law has what you're looking for. Our campus is located along a major arts-and-education corridor, with plenty of museums, theaters, and other fun-and-culture destinations. And because even seasoned city-dwellers care about security, you'll be pleased to know that, statistically, USC is safer than a host of other urban universities.

1.

Small Classes

Don't expect to hide in a large lecture hall here. In our small classes, everyone has the chance to join discussions, answer and ask questions, and get to know professors and classmates. We create an intimate learning community by dividing our first-year class into smaller sections for each course. More than one-third of our second- and third-year courses have enrollments of fewer than 15 students; more than 60 percent have enrollments of fewer than 25.

2.

National Placement Opportunities

As the first law school established in the Southwest, USC Law has been a major feeder for legal employers throughout the region for more than a century. With its large and lucrative legal market and enviable weather, California is a great place to start a career, but expect to be lured by jobs throughout the country. Beyond the West, New York City and Washington, D.C., are the most popular placement areas for USC graduates.

3.

Accessible Faculty

You don't have to navigate a legion of secretaries to speak to a professor. Just knock on the office door! Even our nationally recognized stars, such as Susan Estrich and Elizabeth Garrett, are available to students and work closely with a number each year on independent research projects. If you come to USC Law from a large public institution where the faculty seemed inaccessible, get ready for the college experience you always wanted.

7.

Four Honors Programs

Prominent law firms look for strong academic performance or participation in an honors program. We offer four programs to build your resume: Hale Moot Court, to hone your courtroom skills, plus *The Southern California Law Review*, *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*, and *Southern California Review of Law and Women's Studies*. Approximately 70 percent of first-year students are invited to participate in one of these programs.

8.

National Research University

One of USC Law's top advantages is the University of Southern California, which has climbed to the top ranks among national universities. *Time* magazine recently named USC "College of the Year," and the university is among the top ten destinations for National Merit Scholars. Don't forget to count the benefits of USC's fully resourced campus: libraries, tree-lined parks, fountains, theaters, art galleries, concert halls, and 18 dual-degree programs.

9.

Return on Your Investment

No degree from a small, highly ranked, private institution comes without its cost, and USC Law is no exception. Yes, our tuition is high – but so is the return on your investment. Over the course of a career, lawyers in private practice can earn \$5 million to \$10 million, and USC Law graduates start out with top-rung salaries. Other career choices offer equally generous pay-back in job satisfaction and lasting friendships.

10.

Summer Fellowships

A unique opportunity to experience the law, explore career options, build relationships, and help fund your legal education.

Real experience, a guaranteed position, and a paycheck – what a great way to spend the summer after your first year of law school!

Each spring USC Law's Admissions Office awards top admitted applicants our Summer Fellowships, which provide a guaranteed paid position during the summer following the first year of law school.

The Fellowship is offered in partnership with prestigious law

firms, businesses, and public-interest organizations. Fellows spend half the summer at a law firm and half at a business – learning about legal transactions from both sides – or spend the whole summer at a public-interest organization. When they return to their second year of law school, Fellows bring solid work experience to guide the next steps in their education.

Law Firms

Christensen, Miller, Fink, Jacobs, Glaser, Weil and Shapiro
Fulbright & Jaworski
Greenberg, Glusker, Fields, Claman & Machtinger
Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp
Morrison & Foerster
Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker
Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood
Stoel Rives

Businesses and Public Interest Organizations

Allbritton Communications
Disney Studios
DreamWorks
Majestic Realty
Nike
Public Counsel
USC General Counsel
Warner Brothers Studios



In downtown Los Angeles, with its robust legal community, students fortunate enough to be selected for a USC Summer Fellowship can work happily into the night at prominent law firms. Afterward they can meet friends to explore downtown's growing cultural and entertainment scene — and be back on campus in just 15 minutes.

USC Law Application Fall 2007

Checklist

Postmark Deadline: February 1, 2007

A complete, accurate, and timely application is the first step to being admitted to USC Law. Use the following checklist to stay on top of our admissions application process.

LSDAS REPORT AND THE LSAT

☐ Subscribe to the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS), and take the LSAT no later than December 2006. For more information, contact the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) at www.LSAC.org or by calling (215) 968-1001.

APPLICATION FORM AND PERSONAL STATEMENT

☐ Complete USC Law's Application for Admission and write your personal statement. You may use the application in this book, or you may transmit your application electronically using LSAC's electronic application service. LSAC will send both

printed and electronic versions of your application directly to USC Law. (Applications will be considered postmarked on the day they are submitted electronically.)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

☐ Submit two letters of recommendation. At least one letter should specifically address your academic abilities. We strongly recommend that you submit your letters through the LSDAS Letter of Recommendation Service. Letters submitted through LSDAS will be copied and sent to us along with your LSDAS Report. To use this service, follow the directions outlined in the 2006-2007 LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book, page 21.

APPLICATION FEE

☐ Submit the \$70 application fee. (USC students and graduates are not required to pay the application fee.) Make checks payable to the University of Southern California. Please be sure to list your name, address, and social security number on your check. If you submit your

application electronically, you may pay your application fee with a credit card.

If you wish to request a waiver of the application fee due to financial hardship, please submit a request letter with your application. You must also submit proof of hardship (pay stubs, copies of tax returns) and evidence of any financial aid previously received.

MAILING ADDRESS

☐ Mail application materials, postmarked by February 1, 2007, to Director of Admissions, USC Gould School of Law, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0074. Please do not use staples or paper clips in any of your application materials. We will review your file when all application materials – plus your LSDAS Report – are received at USC.

LSAC will provide you with a copy of your LSDAS Report. Be sure to check the report to ensure that it is accurate and complete, and keep it for your records.

We urge you to submit all application materials ahead of the February 1 deadline. Although we cannot guarantee an early decision, your file will receive priority review if submitted early.