



USC LAW

University of Southern California

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The USC Campus

Enlivened with the spirit of collaborative learning, USC sits in the heart of Los Angeles. Here you'll find a true academic community where faculty and students share a passion for learning and a commitment to the rule of law.





Spirit of Self-determination

With a rigorous multi-disciplinary curriculum, USC Law prepares new generations of attorneys to define their own futures and change the world. It's intense and tough, but worth it.

University of Southern California

The Trustees of the University by virtue of the authority vested
in them and on the recommendation of the faculty of

Gould School of Law

have conferred the degree of

Juris Doctor

on

Thomas Trojan

who has successfully completed the requirements

in Los Angeles, in the State of California, on the thirteenth day of May, in the
year two thousand and thirteen

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Robert R. Kass





100 Year Heritage

Today's USC Law reflects a distinguished past built on the principles of equity and excellence. Courage to break new ground drove the past and fuels the future.

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We are committed to creating a place where learning, community, public interest and multidisciplinary study combine to create the nation's most exciting legal education program. USC Law is a small, selective national law school with a 100+ year history and a reputation for academic excellence.

Our admissions standards are high. Our classes are tough enough to challenge the brightest students. If this academic setting suits your goals and learning style, read on. And make an informed, confident decision. USC Law is a place where your success is our highest priority.

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Robert K. Rasmussen
Dean and Carl Mason Franklin Chair In Law



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Student to Faculty Ratio

27

Average class size in second and third year classes

9,582

Alumni network worldwide

6,587

Applications received for class enrolling in Fall 2010

220

Entering class size for Fall 2010

40%

Self-identified students of color enrolling in Fall 2010

96%

Graduates employed 9 months after graduation

(based on Class of 2009)

\$160,000

Average starting salary/private practice

(based on Class of 2009)

91% *vs.* 79.3%

July 2009 California Bar
passage rate for USC graduates

July 2009 average
California Bar passage rate

3,918

Number of hours of pro bono service by USC Law students
(Academic Year 2009-10)

Curriculum

USC Law's curriculum is comprehensive, interdisciplinary and designed to challenge. 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 actually work by participating in clinics, internships and externships.

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.

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. We stress the interconnections among law and other academic areas, from economics and history to public policy and health care. USC Law's scholarly yet practical approach ensures that you will gain the skills and perspective every lawyer needs.

Whether you think you would like to enter private practice, public service, academia or the corporate arena, USC Law will help you design a course of study that meets your plans for the future. USC Law provides an innovative take on traditional law, and we encourage pioneering viewpoints. Through mind-expanding course work and hands-on experience with real clients, USC Law really prepares you for practice.

Juris Doctor Degree

USC 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.

First Year

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, and statutes. 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 17 to 80 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 Values: 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 economics, philosophy, and psychology—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 analytic, 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.

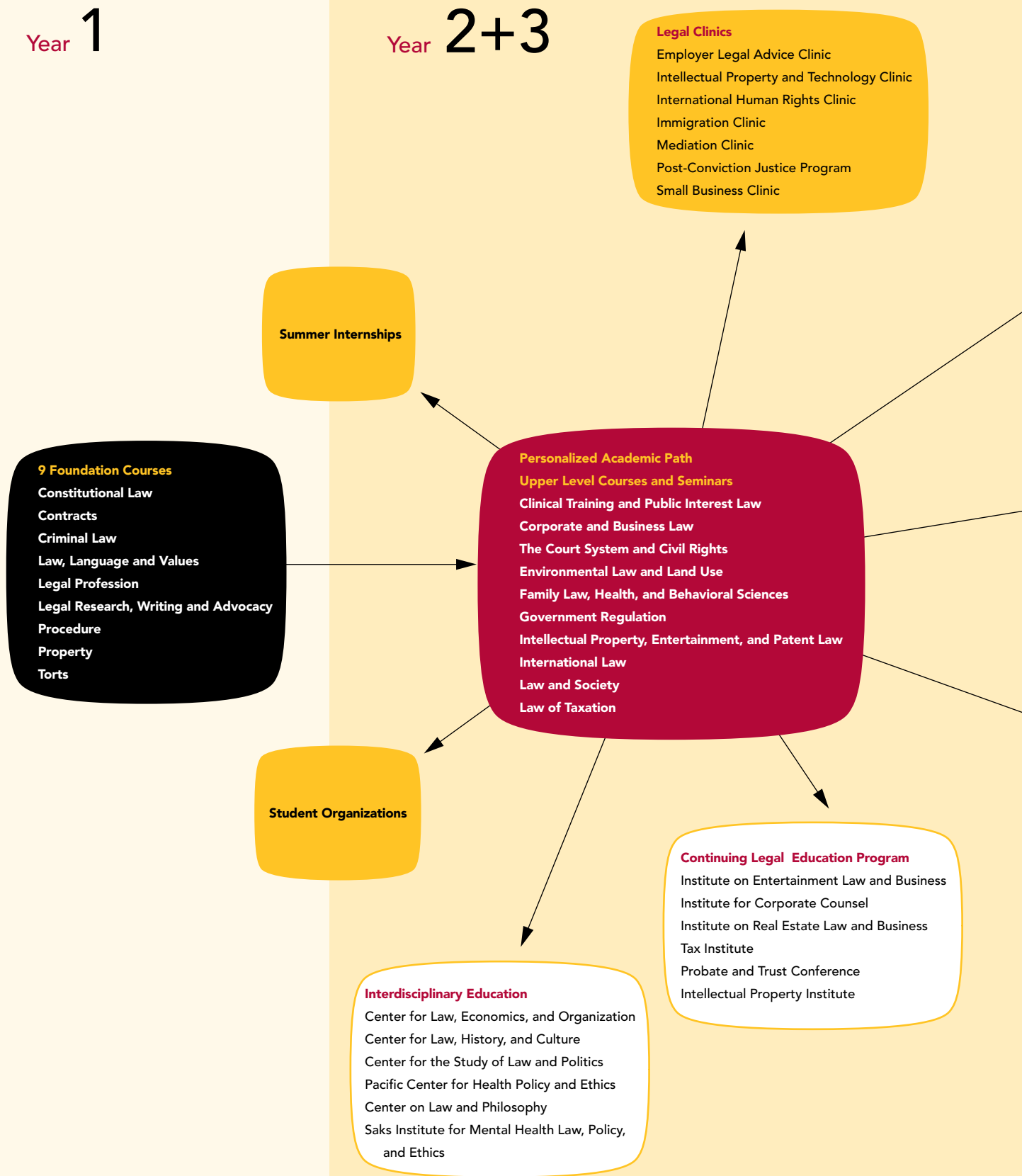
Property: Analyze the development of rules dealing with land, water, and other natural resources from historic and economic perspectives. Your study includes the controls placed on use and exploitation of land by local, state, and federal governments.

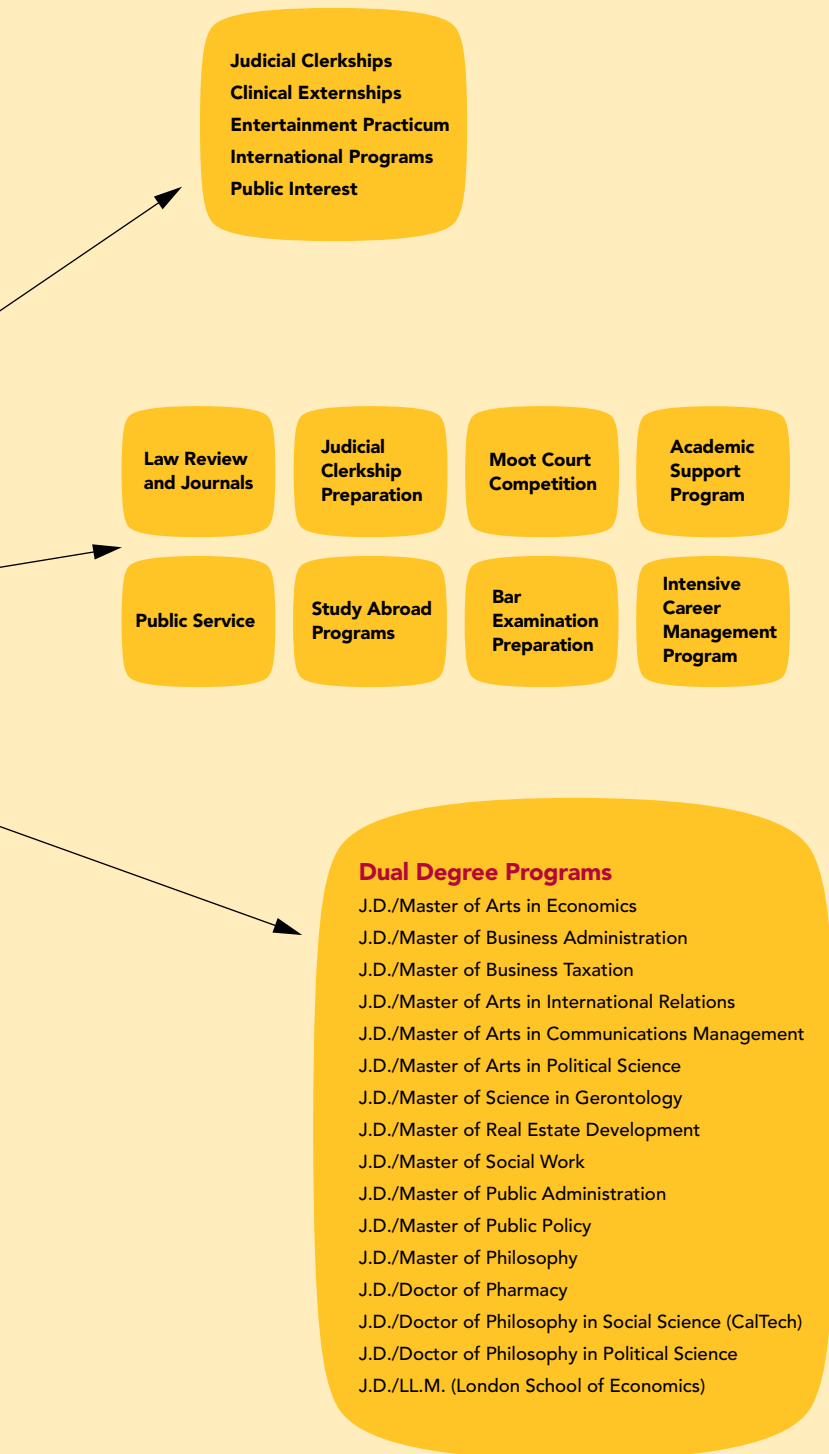
Torts: Explore the individual’s obligation to refrain from harming others. Study the bases for compensating the injured either by holding responsible whoever is at fault for harm or by invoking other principles of liability, including the efficiency of resource allocation and the spreading of losses.

In classrooms, library carrels, computer labs, student lounges or even outside on a grassy lawn, USC Law is alive with students immersed in the study of the law. From morning until evening, there are theories to master, clinical skills to hone, oral arguments to perfect and hot topics to debate.

Year 1

Year 2+3





88 Credits Required to Graduate

Curriculum Overview

Year 1

9 Foundation Courses:

Constitutional Law
 Contracts
 Criminal Law
 Law, Language and Values
 Legal Profession
 Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy
 Procedure
 Property
 Torts
 Student Organizations
 Summer Internship

January: Public Interest Career Day
 Interview Program

February: Spring On Campus Interview Program

Year 2

Foundation Courses completed.

Pursue your personal interest in the law.
 Recruitment Interviews
 Moot Court Competition
 Public Service Opportunities
 USC Law Journals and the *Law Review*
 Academic Honors Programs
 Student Organizations
 Part-time Employment
 Summer Internship

August: Early Interview Week

August: Off Campus Interview Programs in
 New York and Washington, D.C.

September: Fall On Campus Interview Program

February: Spring On Campus Interview Program

Year 3

Continue pursuing your areas of interest.

Prepare for Judicial Clerkships.
 USC Law Journals and the *Law Review*
 Academic Honors Programs
 Student Organizations
 Part-time Employment
 Bar Examination Preparation

August: Early Interview Week

August: Off Campus Interview Programs in
 New York and Washington, D.C.

September: Fall On Campus Interview Program

February: Spring On Campus Interview Program



2nd and 3rd 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 programs. Some upper-division courses explore basic subjects, such as taxation, evidence, and criminal procedure. Others provide advanced instruction that assumes knowledge of basic subjects. Upper-level courses and seminars are small, and instruction is intensive. Seminars are offered on many topics and are designed to facilitate in-depth, small-group discussion.

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.

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. Outside the classroom, students can get involved with six interdisciplinary centers that explore and shape the law in a larger context.

In addition, 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.

Center for Law, History, and Culture:

Encourages the study of law as a historical and cultural institution with USC's College of Letters, Arts and Sciences.

Center for Law, Economics, and Organization:

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

**Center for the Study of Law and Politics:**

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

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).

Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics

Allows law students to work collaboratively with faculty members across seven USC departments: law, psychiatry, psychology, social work, gerontology, philosophy and engineering to affect important mental health policy issues.

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 seven client clinics (six of which are live client clinics and not simulated) that give you the opportunity to put theory into practice. Los Angeles itself allows USC Law to offer an incredible diversity of legal clinics with exposure to both litigation and transactional work.

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.

Small Business Clinic: The Children's Legal Issues clinic provides Los Angeles-area businesses with a wide range of services while teaching students the ABCs of business law, primarily relating to the formation of small businesses. Clinical work will focus on business transactions, such as contract negotiations, creating partnerships and limited liability companies, and taxation issues.



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 and Technology Law 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.

Mediation Clinic: Created to give students hands on experience with an essential task of lawyering—helping people solve problems creatively, effectively, and efficiently—the Mediation Clinic teaches students the dispute resolution skills required to become professional mediators. Unlike traditional litigation clinics where students advocate for one side in a dispute, USC students do not represent one side or the other. Instead, they are third party neutrals who act as facilitators to help craft a resolution to the lawsuit. By the end of the semester, students will have mediated six or more Los Angeles County Superior Court cases.

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.

International Human Rights Clinic: The International Human Rights Law Clinic gives students the opportunity to work on projects and cases, both local and international, which confront the most pressing human rights concerns of our day. In the clinic, students seek accountability for human rights violations and progressive development of human rights law. Through this experience, students acquire knowledge



and skills for effective human rights advocacy and international lawyering more generally.

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 habeas corpus 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, and gender and racial bias in the criminal justice system. Students have argued their cases before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals—an exciting preview of the work they can do as attorneys.

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.

Dual-Degree 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 Philosophy
 J.D./Master of Arts in Political Science
 J.D./Master of Arts in Public Policy
 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./Doctor of Pharmacy
 J.D./Doctor of Philosophy in Politics and International Relations
 J.D./Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science (Caltech)
 J.D./LL.M. (London School of Economics)



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. 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.

Study Abroad 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. 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 little more than 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.

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 dealmaking.

Institute for Corporate Counsel:

Keeps in-house and outside counsel abreast of the latest legal developments affecting corporate clients. Also maintains an 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.

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.

Entertainment Practicum

Southern California is the ideal place to explore options in entertainment law. This 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 businesses. Students also may participate in USC Law's Institute on Entertainment Law and Business seminars.

Certificate Programs

Certificate in Entertainment Law*: With a focus on the understanding and expertise required to practice Entertainment Law, this certificate program delves thoroughly into intellectual property, as well as taxation, antitrust and other specific business organization issues.

Certificate in Business Law*: This certificate signals to employers that students have the knowledge and skills—from organizational and financial aspects to deal making—required to be top-notch business lawyers.

**Both of these certificate programs are pending University approval in Fall 2010.*

The benefits of hands-on experience are undisputed. Taking advantage of the many opportunities for nonacademic learning, such as working on a law journal or in a clinic, lets you explore your interests and helps to focus your career goals. It's a chance for real-world lawyering and honing your leadership skills.

Clinical Externships

Put classroom learning into practice through an externship with a government agency, public-interest organization, or legal services program in your area of interest. Supervised by practicing attorneys and faculty members, you'll earn academic credit while representing real clients and learning important government processes. This program, which offers academic credit, provides a valuable opportunity to observe and affect government and legal processes from the inside.

Choose from more than 70 pre-approved agencies, some of which are listed below:

Alliance for Children's Rights
American Civil Liberties Union
Asian Pacific American Legal Center
Bet Tzedek
California Attorney General: Civil Law and Public Rights
Division, Criminal Division, Environmental Division
Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking
Community Benefits Law Center
Directors Guild of America
District Attorney
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Federal Trade Commission
HIV and AIDS Service Center
Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund
Mental Health Advocacy Services
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
National Immigration Law Center
Natural Resources Defense Council
Neighborhood Legal Services
Public Defender, Federal and County
Screen Actors Guild
United States Attorney: Civil Division, Criminal Division,
Tax Division
United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Wage Justice Center

Summer Fellowships

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.

There is no formal application process; all USC Law applicants are considered for these prestigious fellowships.

Fellowship Law Firms

Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp
Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker
Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood

Businesses and Public Interest Organizations

Disney Studios
Majestic Realty
Pinkberry
Public Counsel
USC General Counsel
Warner Brothers Studios



Judicial Clerkships

Judicial Clerkships are a key credential for your future practice of law—no matter what the area of legal specialty. Many USC Law graduates win coveted berths as judicial law clerks to federal and state judges. By beginning their legal careers in a judge’s chambers, and taking on these prestigious clerkships, USC Law graduates find themselves in the enviable position of being later courted for a wealth of amazing career opportunities in both the public and private sectors. It’s commonly noted that a judicial clerkship can help accelerate a young attorney’s path to law firm partnerships and other prestigious positions.

The experience in and of itself is considered unmatched and prestigious amongst lawyers. Offering a unique glimpse behind the scenes, clerkships let young lawyers see how judges think and courtrooms work. Invaluable insights, useful for all of an attorney’s future dealings with any kind of judge, are gained.

Judicial clerks serve judges in trial and appellate courts, typically engaging in legal research and writing to meet their judge’s obligations.

USC Law alumni have held judicial clerkships in the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals, the United States District Court, and State Courts throughout the United States.

Clerkship positions are highly competitive. However, USC Law mentors students who wish to be judicial clerks through the process. Starting in the first year, students review the possibility, and find out more information about various opportunities. Clerkship workshops are held to further assist students. USC Law conducts a number of receptions and lunches throughout the academic year so that students can learn first-hand from the judges themselves the importance and prestige of clerkship positions. Then in the beginning of their third year, students apply for clerkships. USC Law has created a faculty clerkship committee to help students with the application process, and will even pay for application expenses involved. In addition, when possible, USC Law supports clerkship candidates by helping to pay for travel to interviews with judges outside the greater Los Angeles area.







Moot Court

Moot Court allows USC Law students to take part in simulated court proceedings before mock appellate-court panels made up of seasoned practicing attorneys and sitting judges from the local community and across the country. Actually preparing cases that mimic real cases often pulled from current events provides you with lively hands-on experience. It's an exciting opportunity to research, write and present in order to hone these important skills in a controlled environment.

Through USC Law's Hale Moot Court honors program you will take mock cases 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. The courtroom is one of USC's special studio classrooms. It is equipped with state-of-the-art technology to enable instructors to integrate multiple media forms into their teaching activities, as well as capture and record proceedings, presentations, lectures, and discussions.

All studio classrooms feature a touch-screen control system, dual projectors and screens, a document camera, an electronic writing tablet, and multiple cameras and microphones for video teleconferencing, online streaming, and digital recording.

Commitment to Public Service

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 a veteran with 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 myriad volunteer opportunities in partnership with Los Angeles’ leading public interest organizations. PILF also provides more than 25 summer grants that enable students to work for a variety of public-interest agencies each summer—gaining practical legal experience while providing desperately needed legal aid to the poor and underrepresented.

USC Law’s Office of Public Service (OPS) supports all student-driven service projects. The OPS also coordinates public-service externships. Approximately 100 students annually earn academic credit and develop their advocacy skills while working for public interest organizations, government agencies, and judges.

USC Law’s Clinical Program offers students an opportunity to participate during the academic year or work full time over the summer for one of several in-house clinics, including: Employer Legal Advice Clinic, Immigration Clinic, Intellectual Property and Technology, International Human Rights Clinic, Post-Conviction Justice Project, Small Business Clinic, and Mediation Clinic.

There are many ways to get involved in public interest projects at USC Law. Legal Aid Alternative Breaks (LAAB) sponsored spring break trips to the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast,

where students provided crucial legal services to residents rebuilding their lives. Students stood up for migrant workers in Coachella Valley during winter break 2010. LAAB worked with California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) to identify the effects closure of the Desert Mobile Home Park might have on the thousands who would be left homeless. Other student-led service projects include Latino Law Students Association’s Teen Court, a diversion program for first-time juvenile offenders in lieu of formal juvenile court proceedings, and Street Law, a nationally recognized educational outreach program that teaches legal literacy to local high school students.

USC encourages students to pursue careers in public interest, pro bono opportunities, and other public service beyond law school by providing:

PILF’s Irmas Fellowship:

An annual fellowship for a one-year, post-graduate position with the nonprofit agency of the fellow’s choice

Clinton-Orfalea Fellowship:

A one-year, post-graduate opportunity to work on one of the foundation’s domestic or international initiatives

Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP):

Funds which help repay student loans for graduates working in public service

PILF’s Outstanding Public Interest Graduate Award:

Honors alumni commitment to public-interest careers



Interested in learning more? Visit:

Office of Public Service:

<http://law.usc.edu/why/public/ops.cfm>

Public Interest Law Foundation:

<http://law.usc.edu/why/students/orgs/pilf.cfm>

Latino Law Students Association Teen Court Program:

<http://law.usc.edu/why/students/orgs/laRaza.cfm>

Street Law Outreach Program:

<http://law.usc.edu/why/students/orgs/streetLaw.cfm>

Number of Students*

6587

Applications

1435

Admitted (21% Selectivity)

220

First Year Students

45%

Female Students

40%

Students of Color

9%

Advanced Degrees

32%

Students from
Outside California

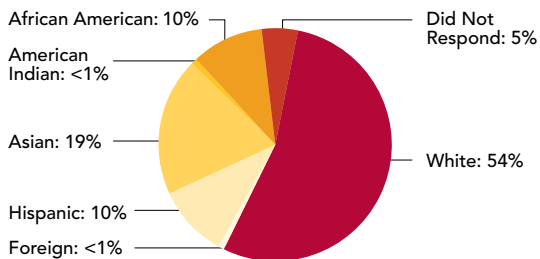
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Colleges & Universities
Represented

24

Average Age of Students

Student Ethnicities, 2010 Entering Class*



GPA Range, 2010 Entering Class*

3.46

25th%

3.64

Median

3.73

75th%

LSAT Range, 2010 Entering Class*

166

25th%

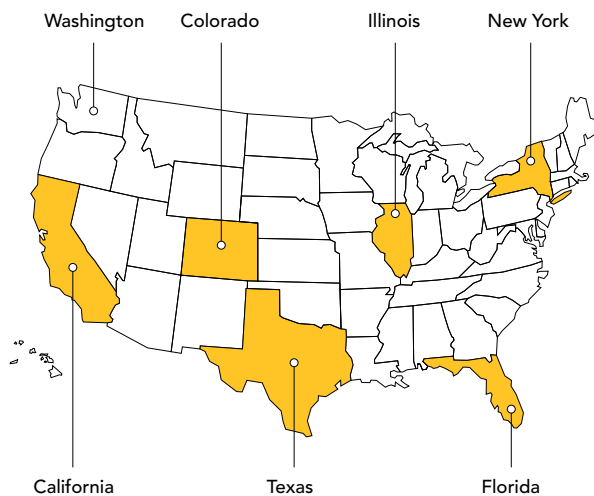
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Median

169

75th%

Top 6 States Where USC Law Graduates Take the Bar Exam



*Data reflects demographic information as of 8/19/2009

Employment Information: Class of 2010

\$160,000

Median Starting Salary/Private Practice

79%

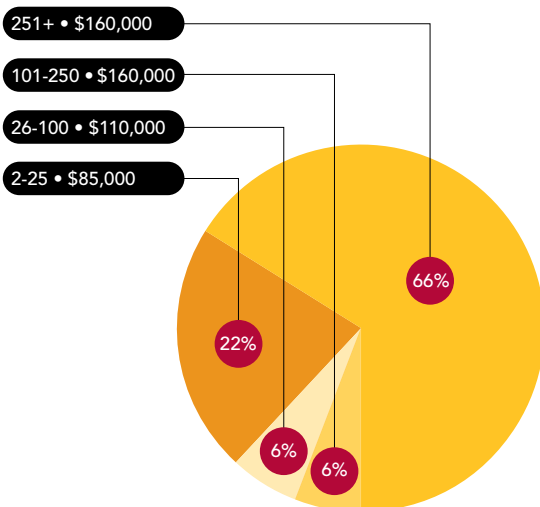
Graduates Employed in Private Practice

Employer Type • Median Base Salary

Private Practice	\$160,000
Business	\$85,000
Judicial Clerkships	\$60,000
Government	\$55,000
Public Interest	\$45,000

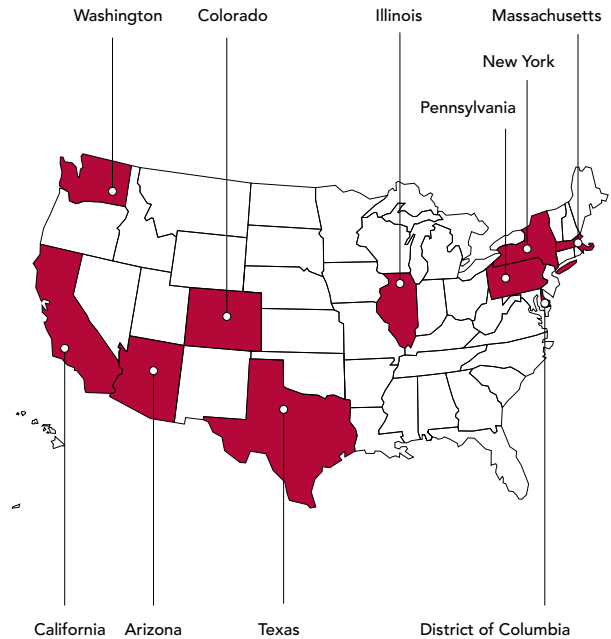
Private Practice Salaries by Law Firm Size

Number of Attorneys/Median Base Salary • Private Practice



The tally of graduates who accepted jobs in private practice does not include those graduates who accepted judicial clerkships positions, but who also have offers in private law firms and will join the firms at the completion of their clerkships.

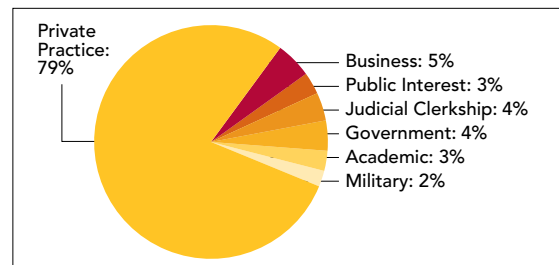
Employers Participating in USC Law Recruitment Events (Top 10 States Represented)



96%

Percentage of Graduates Employed
(9 months after graduation)

Breakdown by Employer Type (USC Law Class of 2010)



This is who we are:

USC Law boasts 52 full-time faculty and more than 75 adjunct professors with legal expertise in a variety of areas, including politics, intellectual property, business, international, entertainment, ethics and tort reform. USC Law's interdisciplinary focus is strengthened by these faculty members, many of whom hold doctorates in other fields.





Jody David Armour
Roy P. Crocker Professor of Law



Kim Shayo Buchanan
Associate Professor of Law



Alexander M. Capron
University Professor, Scott H. Bice
Chair in Healthcare Law, Policy
and Ethics, and Professor
of Law and Medicine



David B. Cruz
Professor of Law

Education: 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 Decision-makers Break the Prejudice Habit”; *Negrophobia and 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.”

Education: B.A., Queen’s University; J.D., University of Toronto; LL.M., Columbia University; J.S.D., Columbia University
Specialty: Constitutional law; torts; prisoners’ rights; reproductive rights; race, gender and sexual regulation
Experience: Litigation associate at McCarthy Tétrault and at Sack Goldblatt Mitchell, in Toronto; Senior Fellow, Center for Reproductive Rights, in New York City
Published work: “Impunity: Sexual Abuse in Women’s Prisons” and “Lawrence v. Geduldig: Regulating Women’s Sexuality.”
Classes: Constitutional Law; Prisoners’ Rights; Reproductive Rights
How you made it through law school: “When discussions in my law school classes got too far removed from reality, clinic work always reminded me that law does matter in the lives of ordinary people. There may have been a few parties, as well...”
Next frontier in your field: “In my area of research, we’re trying to advance a human-rights analysis in American constitutional law while simultaneously trying to prevent the erosion of the hard-fought gains earned by the generation before us.”

Education: B.A., Swarthmore College; LL.B., Yale University
USC Law role: Co-director of the Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics; also teaches at USC School of Medicine.
Specialty: Legal/medical issues, biomedical ethics
Experience: Served as director of Ethics, Trade, Human Rights and Health Law at the World Health Organization. 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

Education: B.S., B.A., University of California, Irvine; M.S. Mathematics, Stanford University; J.D., New York University
Specialty: Civil rights, equality issues, constitutional law
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: “Spinning Lawrence, or Lawrence v. Texas and the Promotion of Heterosexuality”; “Making Up Women: Casinos, Cosmetics, and Title VII”; “Disestablishing Sex and Gender”
Classes: Constitutional Law; Federal Courts; Sexual Orientation and the Law; International/Comparative Perspectives on Sex, Gender, and Sexual Orientation; Identity Categories; Law, Identity, and Culture
Next frontier in your field: “Two frontiers I see in my fields are the legal treatment of gender identity and expression and transgender persons and the possibilities for progressive constitutionalism in the presence of a conservative federal judiciary.”



Mary L. Dudziak

Judge Edward J. and Ruey L. Guirado Professor of Law, History and Political Science



Susan R. Estrich

Robert Kingsley Professor of Law and Political Science



Niels W. Frenzen

Clinical Professor of Law



Ariela J. Gross

John B. and Alice R. Sharp Professor of Law and History

Education: A.B., University of California, Berkeley; J.D., M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. American Studies, Yale University
Specialty: International influences on American legal history; history of law and war

Published work: *Exporting American Dreams: Thurgood Marshall's African Journey*; *Legal Borderlands: Cold War Civil Rights: Race and the Image of American Democracy*; *September 11 in History: A Watershed Moment?*;

"The Little Rock Crisis: Race, Resistance, and the Image of American Democracy"; "The Supreme Court and Racial Equality During World War II"

Classes: Constitutional Law, The Constitution in the 20th Century, Law and War in the 20th Century

Next frontier in your field:

"First, historians took an international turn, showing that the narrative of American legal history isn't contained within American borders. Now historians are thinking transnationally, so that legal historians will explore the ways law travels around the world and the role of law in global events and movements."

Education: 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. She is a weekly syndicated columnist, a regular contributor to *Fox News*, a radio talk show host, and a frequent national commentator on law and politics.

Published work: *The Case for Hillary Clinton*; *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

Education: 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."

Education: B.A., Harvard University; J.D., Stanford Law School; Ph.D. History, Stanford University

Specialty: American legal history, with an emphasis on the antebellum South

Experience: Taught law and history at Stanford University.

Published work: *What Blood Won't Tell: Racial Identity on Trial in America*; *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"

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."



Gillian K. Hadfield

Richard L. and Antoinette
S. Kirtland Professor of Law
and Professor of Economics



Thomas D. Lyon

Judge Edward J. and
Ruey L. Guirado Chair in Law
and Psychology



Daria Roithmayr

George T. and Harriet
E. Pfleger Professor of Law



Camille Rich

Associate Professor of Law

Education: B.A.H., Queen's University; 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 an Olin Fellow at Columbia and Cornell Law Schools. Served as president of the Canadian Law and Economics Association and director of the American Law and Economics Association.
Published work: "Legal Barriers to Innovation: The Growing Economic Cost of Professional Control Over Corporate Legal Markets"; "Levers of Legal Design: Institutional Determinants of the Quality of Law"; "Framing the Choice Between Cash and the Courthouse: Experiences with the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund"; "Don't Forget the Lawyers: Legal Human Capital and the Role of Lawyers in Supporting the Rule of Law"
Classes: Contracts; Legal Profession; Theories of Conflict and Dispute Resolution; Empirical Studies of the Legal System

Education: 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: "Complex Questions Asked by Defense Lawyers But Not Prosecutors Predicts Convictions in Child Abuse Trials"; "Maltreated Children's Understanding of and Emotional Reactions to Dependency Court Involvement"; "Coaching, Truth Induction, and Young Maltreated Children's False Allegations and False Denials"; "Truth Induction in Young Maltreated Children: The Effects of Oath-Taking and Reassurance on True and False Disclosures."
Classes: Evidence; Law and Psychology; Child Interviewing
Best advice anyone ever gave you about law school: "Don't quit after your first year. The worst part is over."
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."

Education: B.S., UCLA; 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 M. 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.
Published work: "Locked in Segregation" and "Access, Adequacy, and Equality: The Constitutionality of School Fee Financing in Public Education."
Classes: Civil Procedure; Critical Race Theory
How you made it through law school: "Because I was a single mom, I had limited time to spend in the library around really stressed out people. Hanging out with a 3-year-old (or other "normal people") helped keep things in perspective! An exercise routine and regular recreation was equally essential."
Best advice to someone who chooses USC Law: "Remember, legal practice is a team sport!"

Education: B.A., Brown University; J.D., Yale University
Specialty: Constitutional law, feminist legal theory, legal ethics, employment discrimination, and children and the law.
Published work: "Performing Racial and Ethnic Identity: Discrimination by Proxy and the Future of Title VII"
Experience: Postgraduate research fellowship at Yale Law School. Clerked in the Southern District of New York for District Judge Robert L. Carter., and on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals for Circuit Judge Rosemary Barkett. Joined Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP, for general commercial litigation and internal investigations. Also, worked on various pro bono matters involving Title VII retaliation claims and disability rights.
Classes: Children, Sexuality and the Law; First Amendment (also called Constitutional Law II); Legal Profession
Next frontier in your field: "Negotiating the law's need for stability in defining racial and ethnic identity as well as individual plaintiffs' desire for anti-discrimination laws that are dynamic enough to fully reflect the complexity of their lived experiences."



Christopher D. Stone
J. Thomas McCarthy Trustee
Chair in Law



Education: 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: "Common but Differentiated Responsibilities in International Law"; "The Environment in Wartime: An Overview"; *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: Property; Globalization; Rights of Groups; International Environmental Law

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Student Experience

USC Law offers support in many areas of student life. From the moment you begin law school, you'll have access to programs, workshops, organizations, and activities that provide personal, academic, and professional enrichment. Through USC Law's Student Services, we offer the Academic Support Program as well as the Office of Student Affairs. We're here to help you have the best possible law school experience.

A great benefit for USC Law students is that we are a small, tight-knit community, amidst a large and vibrant campus with resources that serve thousands of students. USC Law's School Office of Student Services recognizes and addresses the unique needs of law students.

Academic Support

It is common for first-year law students to seek guidance in learning the new language and analytic skills that confront them in law school. The Academic Support Program assists students as they learn how to study law. It also works to support students seeking to improve their academic performance throughout their studies. With the guidance of peer tutors and faculty, new students learn to hone their writing skills through periodic co-curricular workshops as well as specialized courses, myriad online resources, and individual counseling. All of these resources and approaches are designed to help students achieve success in their classes, on the Bar examination, and in law practice.

Office of Student Affairs

USC Law's Office of Student Affairs provides personalized support for students. There are many programs and services that help students with the personal issues associated with transitioning to law school, and then thriving once here. Some things you can access through Student Affairs:

Mentorship: We offer a Peer Mentor Program that helps incoming students transition into law school by providing trusting interactions with a second-year student mentor. Mentors guide new students to social and developmental resources that help them become an integral part of the law school and alumni community.

Health and Wellness: Law school involves a great investment of time and effort that can often lead to anxiety and stress. We help students maintain a healthy balance between school and life. Through on-campus counseling and medical services, students receive the assistance required to face mental and physical challenges. For students with disabilities, we work with other university services to coordinate necessary accommodations and support.

Awards: Each spring, USC Law presents the Edward and Eleanor Shattuck Awards, the Miller Johnson Equal Justice Award and the Mason C. Brown Award to selected graduating law students.



Student Organizations: The diversity of USC Law’s student population is reflected in over thirty political, religious, social, cultural and ethnic organizations. Students play an active and valued role in the day-to-day operation of the law school and are encouraged to pursue their interests through the creation of new student organizations and events. The Office of Student Affairs oversees the following student organizations you may wish to participate in:

American Indian Law Student Association
 Ampersand (“&”) Literary Magazine
 Armenian Law Students Association
 Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)
 Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
 Consumer Attorney’s Association of Los Angeles (CAALA)
 Christian Legal Society
 Community Service Affairs
 Corporate Law Society
 Critical Legal Studies Association
 Diversity Affairs Committee
 Diversity and Inclusion Strategy Committee
 Entertainment Law Society
 Environmental Law Society
 Federalist Society
 Gould/Marshall Alliance
 Hale Moot Court Board (Honors Program)

Health Law and Bioethics Society
 Intellectual Property and Technology Law Society
 Interdisciplinary Law Journal (Honors Program)
 International Law and Relations Organization
 J. Reuben Clark Law Society
 Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA)
 Latino Law Students Association
 Law Students Campaign Against Sexual Assault
 Legal Aid Alternative Breaks (LAAB)
 Law Students for Reproductive Justice
 Los Angeles Public Interest Law Journal (LAPILJ)
 Middle Eastern South Asian Law Association (MESALA)
 Muslim Law Students Association
 OUTLaw
 Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)
 Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)
 Real Estate Law
 Review of Law & Social Justice (RLSJ)
 Southern California Law Review (Honors Program)
 Street Law
 Student Bar Association (SBA)
 Slumbusters: Club for Housing and Unlawful Detainer Law (CHUD)
 Surf Law Society
 USC Law Democrats
 USC Sports Law Society
 USC Trial Practice Association
 Women’s Law Association (WLA)



Jacqueline Shaprow • Chicago, Illinois

What's your favorite place on the USC campus and why?

The fountain in front of the law school. It's nice to sit there and read on a sunny day.

Where do you study on campus?

The Lincoln Room in the Law Library.

Do you get involved in any sports, cultural events, students groups, and/or extracurricular activities at USC?

I like to inspire students to come to USC because it's a great school. I have informally mentored several USC students who were in their first year of law school when I was a second year law student. Outside of school, I am a Yale Alumni Interviewer and I have coordinated several Master's Teas at Yale with prominent figures in the entertainment industry since graduation. I have arranged for inspirational speakers to visit low-income schools in Los Angeles to motivate students of color. I've published articles in the *California Family Law Monthly*, *The Los Angeles Daily Journal*,

The Journal of Health Psychology, *Yo! Raps Magazine*, and *Down South*. I also have a short story of mine sitting in the law library in a book called "Reaching the Bar," which is about the lives of women working within the legal profession.

What's been your favorite class so far and why?

Gender Discrimination with Susan Estrich because she is very entertaining, has a lot of energy, and always gets the students involved in her lectures.

What's your best advice to people considering law school?

Figure out which law school you can see yourself spending time at each and every day.

Why did you choose USC Law?

I fell in love with my husband the summer prior to law school and he proposed to me a day before school started, and he was attending USC Law at the time—so of course I had to go there. I also love LA!



Jessica Walker • Austin, Texas

What's your favorite place on the USC campus and why?

Overall, I really love walking around campus... the paths by architecturally awesome buildings are very peaceful.

Where do you study on campus?

The big blue couches in the law school; they are incredibly comfortable!

Where do you hang out on campus?

There is a fountain outside of the law school that is the perfect place for a lunch in the sun, or a moment of quiet thinking.

Where do you eat on campus?

The big secret they don't tell you about law school is that there is such a thing as a free lunch! So usually I eat at whatever meeting I'm going to on a particular day. Another favorite of mine is the Greek place near the university bookstore.

Do you get involved in any sports, cultural events, students groups, and/or extracurricular activities at USC?

I am involved in Street Law, which is an organization that goes to local schools to teach kids about legal topics, the Women's Law Association, and the Corporate Law Society.

What's been your favorite class so far and why?

Law, Language, and Ethics, a class that is unique to USC. We explored the intersection between our identities as people and as lawyers, and how to be loyal to both of those personalities. It was a really great way to start the law school experience, and a way to connect with classmates.

What's your best advice to people considering law school?

Make sure you think about what attracts you to law school, and what you want to be able to do with your degree. Find a school that will help you reach those goals, and find a place you're comfortable... because finals everywhere are stressful, but having a supportive community makes a huge difference.

Why did you choose USC Law?

Out of all the law schools I looked at, the community at USC was the most welcoming. I wanted a school that was challenging without being cutthroat, that had professors who were brilliant yet focused on teaching, and USC was the best fit.



Natalie Hardwick • Nichols, South Carolina

What's your favorite place on the USC campus and why?

The Law School (that's where all the cool kids are).

Where do you study on campus?

Mostly the top floor of the library, but occasionally, outside by the fountain and at Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf across the street.

Where do you hang out on campus?

The blue couches on the first floor of the law school.

Where do you eat on campus?

Chipotle! (although, technically, I suppose that is off-campus), The Lot, and at the Law School Café.

Do you get involved in any sports, cultural events, students groups, and/or extracurricular activities at USC?

I'm the Secretary of the Sports Law Society and a Legal Writing Fellow. I also participated in Street Law last year.

What's been your favorite class so far and why?

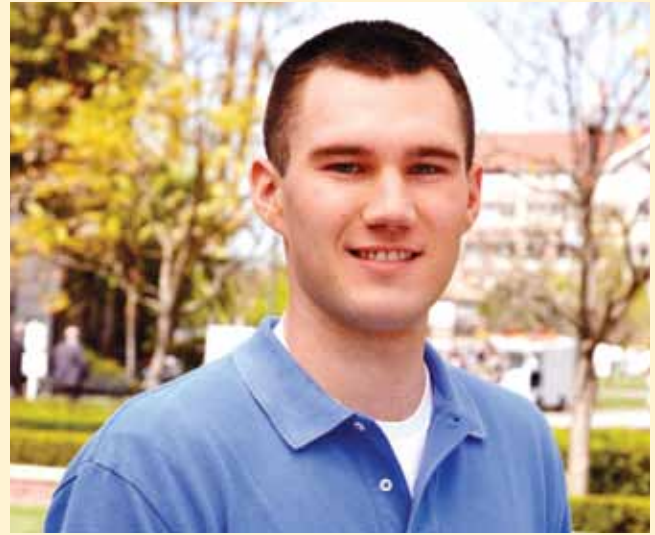
I enjoyed almost all of my classes my first year and I think that is because I found both the material interesting, and the faculty to be great.

What's your best advice to people considering law school?

I would suggest that anyone considering law school really think about the things he/she hopes to gain from the experience and what matters most to him/her, and then pick the school that best provides those things.

Why did you choose USC Law?

I was seeking something very different from what I had already experienced. I spent my entire life before law school on the East Coast (first in South Carolina, then in North Carolina for college, then Northern Virginia /Washington D.C. for work) and wanted to see what the West Coast was like. Law school seemed like the perfect way to transition to a completely new place, while still having a support system and established social network through school. I'm not getting any younger, so it was time to start living a little and try something new! Plus, when I visited, I fell in love with the campus and the people—it is hard not to!



Matthew Cave • Farmington, Michigan

What's your favorite place on the USC campus and why?

The Lyon Center (one of USC's recreation centers) because it's where I go to unwind.

Where do you study on campus?

I usually study in the Law Library, but sometimes I go to the Doheny Library for a change of scenery.

Do you get involved in any sports, cultural events, students groups, and/or extracurricular activities at USC?

I play pick-up basketball with a group of law students as often as I can. We put together a few teams for the intramural league last year and we plan to do the same in the future. I also teach for the Legal Research, Writing, and Advocacy Program.

What's been your favorite class so far and why?

My favorite class so far has been Constitutional Law with Prof. Cruz. The content of the class was very interesting and we had some great group discussions. Also, I think Con Law is an incredibly important class because of its relevance to our daily lives, not only in our roles as law students and lawyers.

What's your best advice to people considering law school?

I really enjoyed taking a year off after undergrad to gain some work experience and relax. I recommend at least considering some time off before starting law school. Also, remember to enjoy yourself during the first year of law school. There will always be more work that you could be doing, but overworking yourself can be counterproductive. If you feel overwhelmed, talk to your classmates about it—everyone's going through the same thing together and you can and should support each other.

Why did you choose USC Law?

The location, reputation, and the school's incredible connections.

What's the best thing about Los Angeles?

There's something fun to do around every corner; you'll never get bored here. Also, the career opportunities are fantastic.



Ephraim Walker • Antioch, California

What's your favorite place on the USC campus and why?

The Lyon Center, because I am a gym rat. I spend all of my away time from the books there.

Where do you study on campus?

The law library and McCarthy Quad soaking up some rays.

Where do you hang out on campus?

The law school on the blue couches or the Lyon Center in the gym. Or sometimes the law school café.

Where do you eat on campus?

The law school café or Chipotle.

What's been your favorite class so far and why?

Stereotypes, Race and the Rule of Law with Professor Armour. That class really opened up my eyes to the issues that affect black people, and society as a whole. I thought the class discussions were insightful and revealing. I would recommend the class to anyone who wants to get a deeper insight into race relations in the law school and in society as a whole.

What's your best advice to people considering law school?

Know what you're getting yourself into. This is a HUGE decision in your life. Do not take it lightly, and be ready to sacrifice three years of your life to the library. Good luck!

Why did you choose USC Law?

Reputation and diversity. Oh yeah, the Tier 1 ranking and the national championship football team didn't hurt!



Becky Raizman • Wyncote, Pennsylvania

What's your favorite place on the USC campus and why?

I'd have to say the quad (though my friends make fun of me for calling it that—must be an East Coast thing)—the big green space outside Leavey Library where I can lay out and tan... I mean, study.

Where do you study on campus?

I occasionally can be found in the law library or at Doheny Library, but I actually prefer to study at random coffee-shops off-campus to remind me that there is life outside the law school bubble.

Do you get involved in any sports, cultural events, students groups, and/or extracurricular activities at USC?

I've been involved in PILF, the Women's Law Association (the 1Ls were Powderpuff Football champs!), and the Jewish Law Students Association. I also got to see *The Color Purple* the musical with a group of USC student through the Arts and Humanities initiative. I like to take part in the law school's social activities, whether they are bar reviews or sports tournaments or tailgating for football games.

What's been your favorite class so far and why?

Constitutional Law—Professor Garett's passion for the material and his dedication to his students is unparalleled. It's also a class where we examined current issues so you don't ever feel like you're studying law in a vacuum.

What's your best advice to people considering law school?

I'd advise people considering law school to definitely take some time, whether during an internship or preferably, taking some time off between undergrad and law school, to work in a legal setting. After working as a government paralegal for two years and volunteering at some legal clinics, I was able to find out what kinds of things I'd be doing as a lawyer on a day-to-day basis, and this confirmed my desire to ultimately attend. At least I knew what I was getting into!

Why did you choose USC Law?

I chose USC Law because of its small size and supportive environment, the public interest opportunities, the opportunity to live in Southern California, and the scholarship/financial aid package.



Cherise LaTortue • New York, New York

Where do you study on campus?

I study best at home. The library is too quiet, and I prefer “background noise” when I study—television, radio, or talkative roomie.

Where do you hang out on campus?

Other than the classroom, the infamous blue couches.

Do you get involved in any sports, cultural events, students groups, and/or extracurricular activities at USC?

Student Groups: BLSA, WLA, Corporate Law Society, Street Law, and PILF.

What’s been your favorite class so far and why?

Civ Pro. I like structured courses, rather than theoretical (e.g. Torts) Plus Professor Roithmayr is great. I also loved Crim Law. Professor Simon made the class innovative and interactive.

What’s your best advice to people considering law school?

Hmmm... think twice! If law school is just your default choice, I would say reconsider your choices. Law school takes determination, commitment, and passion. If you enter law school only because you had no better alternative, your life would be hell. But if you think you really want to be a lawyer, then law school is only a hurdle (albeit a high one) that you must jump in order to achieve your dream. Don’t get me wrong, life will still be hell, but at least you will have a light at the end of the tunnel.

Why did you choose USC Law?

Climate! Climate! Climate! I attended undergrad in NYC and lived there for 7 years. I hated the cold. However, it did not hurt that the school was in the Top 20 in the nation, and the best school for minority students. I remained at USC because the alumni network is strong, and the people at the school are helpful and I appreciate its open-door policy.



J. Alejandro Borbon • Glendale, Arizona

What’s your favorite place on the USC campus and why?

One of my favorite places on campus is the intramural field. It’s where I play soccer with other law students from time to time. Playing soccer at the intramural field helps me relax and forget about law school for at least a couple of hours.

Where do you study on campus?

It varies depending on the intensity of the studying that I plan to do. Serious studying = Law library, second floor, big tables

Casual studying = Law school café
Stressed out, hating my life, and don’t want to see any other law students studying = Any USC library except the law school library

Do you get involved in any sports, cultural events, students groups, and/or extracurricular activities at USC?

Sports: I like to play soccer whenever I get the chance. I usually play with other USC Law students because most of them play at my skill level (my skill level being slightly above terrible).

Student Groups: I am involved in La Raza and participate in most of the events that the organization coordinates. Our biggest event is Judges and Lawyers Night which takes place in the spring. The event allows USC Law students to meet prominent judges and lawyers from the Los Angeles legal community. Activities: I do my part to support every law school organization/club by attending any organization’s event that provides free food and/or drinks.

What’s your best advice to people considering law school?

If you can, take a year off after undergrad before attending law school. The first year will be a lot of work so you should come in rested. Also, once you get to law school, don’t study every moment of every day! Give yourself at least one day to just rest and do something fun in L.A. Go to the beach, hang out with family/friends, or do something else not related to law school. Trust me, a little down time once a week will do wonders for your stress level.

This is our legacy:

With more than 100 years of renowned legal education, USC Law is 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 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 by “reading law” at local firms. Then, in 1896, a band of ambitious apprentices brought organized legal education to Los Angeles. Their goal: Create “a school of permanent character,” and educate lawyers of exceptional quality. Today’s USC Law reflects a distinguished past built on the principles of equity and excellence, and the courage to break new ground.

Diversity Pioneers

From its informal beginnings, the fledgling institution made diversity its earliest hallmark and embraced this innovation every step of the way. USC Law’s early yearbooks showcase the school’s deep commitment to diversifying the profession. The faces of students reflect the communities that USC alumni have gone on to lead.

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, 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 became the first woman appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court. In recent years, USC Law graduates formed the majority on the California Supreme Court—unprecedented among law schools.

Women in the Law

The five women on the committee that founded USC Law began a tradition of women in leadership perpetuated throughout the school’s history. In 1911, USC formed the nation’s first female law-student sorority, Phi Delta Delta. By 1930, USC was a national leader in preparing women for careers in law, and, in 1968, became the first leading law school with a female dean. Today, women constitute approximately half of each class, making way for a new generation of trailblazers.

Law Without Boundaries

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 as early as the 1960s. Today, USC Law continues to transcend traditional boundaries through the many professors who hold advanced degrees in economics, history, political science, and psychology, in addition to law credentials.

Public Interest

Believing that practical experience is essential, in 1928, USC became one of the country’s first law schools to establish a public-interest clinic. 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 programs put students to work in diverse communities through seven clinics: post-conviction matters, children’s legal issues, employment law, business law, intellectual property, immigration, and mediation.

Like Los Angeles itself, USC Law has become a national player. In academic circles, it enjoys a reputation for intellectual vitality. Nearly half the faculty hold doctoral or master’s degrees in addition to their JDs. Uniquely multidisciplinary in character, the school has strong programs in law and economics, law and humanities and clinical legal education.

Also driving the school’s reputation are its graduates. Today as in years past, the accomplishments of USC Law alumni in private practice, public service, government, teaching, the judiciary and business add luster to USC’s name.

Philanthropy—much of it from alumni—has lifted the school to new heights. Our endowment ranks among the nation’s 10 largest private law school endowments. Another key indicator of academic competitiveness is the number of chairs and professorships, which now total 37.





SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW Volume 35 (1961-1962)

First Row - Arnold P. Mordkin, J. Thomas DeSilva, Abraham Sonner, Richard Shari L. Dennis, George H. Baffa, Edwin Preston, John Hutchins
Prof. Curtis Berger.



1900

Program becomes affiliated with USC; the university awards degrees for study completed at the Los Angeles Law School. As early as 1885, USC officials had contemplated forming a law school. This affiliation realized the dream of early advocates Robert Widney and George I. Cochran, both Los Angeles attorneys and USC trustees.



1896

Year established. Judge David C. Morrison “threw open the doors of his courtroom” for 36 law apprentices—five of them women—to hear prominent local attorneys praise the concept of a formal law school. James Brown Scott (above), who was to head the nascent institution, exhorted the students to create a “law school of permanent character.”

1901

USC begins awarding law degrees. Gavin W. Craig receives the first diploma.

1907

USC Law gains membership into the Association of American Law Schools.

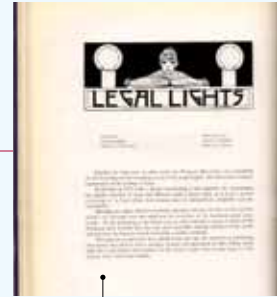
1911

USC Law moves to the Tajo Building (below). After 15 years of changing headquarters, USC Law found stability in this downtown building, at the corner of First Street and Broadway. The school remained at this site until 1925.



1912

Stare Decisis—the school’s yearbook—reflects an increasingly diverse and international student body. Japanese, Filipino, Armenian and Russian Jewish students are represented in photographs, along with women and the school’s second black student. The yearbook includes a section (above) devoted exclusively to “co-education.” A year earlier, students had founded Phi Delta Delta, the nation’s first women’s law student sorority.



1924

You Chung Hong '24, LLM '25 (below) graduates. Hong was the first Chinese American admitted to practice in California and became the nation's foremost Chinese civil rights attorney.



1927

Southern California Law Review is first published. Edited and managed by law students, this flagship USC Law journal is known for publishing high quality, cutting-edge scholarship by nationally known academics. Today, the *Review's* circulation is among the largest in the nation, and its articles among the most frequently cited.



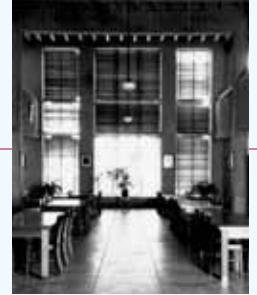
1930

Manuel Ruiz Jr., USC Law's first known Latino alumnus, graduates. Ruiz was considered the "California dean of Mexican American lawyers." He was appointed by President Nixon to the U.S. Commission of Civil Rights, and he authored numerous works, including the seminal *Mexican American Legal Heritage in the Southwest*.



1949

First William Green Hale Moot Court competition.



1925

USC Law moves to the University Park campus.

1928

Among the first public interest law clinics in America. Students pioneered the practice of providing pro bono legal advice to the poor through the USC Legal Clinic.

1931

African American, Edwin Jefferson graduates (above). He rose to leadership positions in Los Angeles, and was appointed to the bench in 1940. Other early outstanding African-American alumni include David Williams '37, who became a federal judge; Bert McDonald '23, the first black lawyer in the Los Angeles City Attorney's office; and Crispus Attucks Wright '38, who together with McDonald, Williams and others founded the John M. Langston Bar Association in 1943 (other bar associations had racial restrictions).

1948

The first USC Institute on Federal Taxation is held. The flagship of USC Law's continuing legal education programs, the Institute on Federal Taxation is one of only three such law school-sponsored institutes in the country today.

1961

Southern California Law Review, first published in 1927 is edited and managed by law students, like these from 1961 (below). This flagship USC Law journal is known for publishing high quality, cutting-edge scholarship by nationally known academics.



1965

"Law, Language, and Ethics" first offered. This signature course, required of all first-year law students, transformed the way law is taught at USC. Drawing on fields such as philosophy, psychology and economics, the course encourages students to examine legal issues in a comprehensive context.



1970

Chicano Law Students Association is founded.

USC Law moves into its current headquarters, the Elvon and Mabel Musick Building (below). The five-level, 88,000-square-foot facility provides state-of-the-art resources, including a computerized library.



1973

Exchange program with Caltech begins, enabling professors at both institutions to co-teach and co-author works in law, economics and political science. The partnership evolved into the Program in Law and Rational Choice in 1992, allowing for enhanced interaction between the schools, joint faculty workshops, and a joint degree program.

1981

Post-Conviction Justice Project is founded. The program gives students real-world training as advocates for prison inmates.

1989

Children's Legal Issues Clinic founded.

1955

Legion Lex is founded. This active and successful volunteer fund-raising support group for USC Law has generated millions of dollars in annual contributions—erecting buildings, supporting faculty research and teaching, and providing student scholarships.

1968

Judicial administration expert Dorothy W. Nelson LLM '56 (above) becomes the first woman dean of a leading American law school.

1971

Asian Law Students Association is founded.

1987

The Public Interest Law Foundation is founded. The foundation subsidizes hundreds of student-advocates serving the elderly, abused and neglected children, homeless families and other vulnerable populations.

1969

The Black Law Students Association is founded.

1990

The Musick Building's new wing opens. Adding 62,000 square feet to the 1970 facility, this expansion yielded the Ackerman Moot Courtroom, new seminar classrooms, offices for student organizations and clinical programs, lounges and a cafeteria, computer and video labs and a greatly enlarged law library.

1991

Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics is founded.



1992

Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal is founded. This student-managed publication focuses on the scholarly work of legal academics, economists, physicians, anthropologists and experts in other fields who analyze law from their particular perspectives. The *Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice* (below), inaugurated in 1991, explores legal issues relating to gender and society.

1998

Employer Legal Advice Clinic is founded.

The USC Center for Communications Law and Policy opens.

2000

The Center for the Study of Law and Politics is created: A unique network of inter-connected scholars, drawn from diverse disciplines such as law, political science, economics, public administration, psychology, and communications.

2001

Two new interdisciplinary institutes formed: The Center in Law, Economics and Organization as well as The Center in Law, History and Culture.

2002

Graduate and International Programs are launched with an inaugural class of 12 students. Now the Master of Laws and Master of Comparative Law programs include 100+ international students from dozens of countries on five continents.

2005

The Center on Law and Philosophy and the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic are founded, promoting additional interdisciplinary scholarship.

A new café and refurbished law library (below) opens. The library features a new multimedia room and computer lab.



2006

Office of Public Service is formed to expand opportunities for pro bono legal work, internships and service-learning programs. USC Law students provided assistance to Gulf Coast hurricane victims.

2007

Robert K. Rasmussen becomes Dean of USC Law.

Small Business and Mediation Clinics are founded.



2010

The International Human Rights Clinic is launched. Students will represent victims of human rights violations before international tribunals, and in US courts under the Alien Tort Statute.

This is who we become:

Leaders in the practice of law. Career advantages begin before you even search for a job, and continue long after you receive your degree. From our Alumni Mentor Lunch in your first year which introduces you to the USC Law Alumni Network, to our Career Services support throughout your career, USC Law networking epitomizes a collegial approach to career-building.



Jen Flory '05

**Staff Attorney
Western Center on Law
& Poverty (WCLP)
Los Angeles, California**



Jen Flory joined WCLP as a law clerk in 2003 and was a Skadden Fellow from 2005-2007. As a clerk, Flory coordinated a project to increase access to health care for immigrants. Her fellowship project focused on health care for low-income Californians by monitoring the implementation of new reforms, identifying best and worst practices of providers, and advocating on affordability issues.

Flory continues her work in WCLP's health unit. "My primary substantive areas are access to health care services for low-income persons and dealing with medical debt," explains Flory. "I work on impact litigation, administrative advocacy with state and county agencies, provide technical assistance on legislation, and train legal services advocates around the state." While a student at USC, Flory also worked at Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, and in the USC Immigration Clinic. She was president of USC's Public Interest Law Foundation and recipient of the Miller-Johnson Equal Justice Prize for her commitment to social justice. Prior to attending law school, Flory earned an M.A. in Comparative Literature from Penn State and taught at Cerritos and Fullerton colleges.

When asked about her transition from teacher to attorney, Flory says, "I saw public interest law as an opportunity to combine my interest in social causes, research and advocacy." USC made it possible for Flory to get experience while still a student. She received funding through the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) and a private grant to work summers at public interest agencies. Flory notes, "I don't know that other law schools make it as easy to get so much hands-on experience."

Ben Wang '03

**Associate
Irell & Manella LLP
Los Angeles, California**



"USC, of course, taught me the fundamentals of the U.S. legal system, including subjects that impact my life on a daily basis, such as constitutional law, civil procedure, contracts, and professional responsibility," states Ben Wang. "USC also exposed me to the multitude of policy considerations that guide our legal system and shed light on what we expect from our government and peers. It also prepared me for the demanding and challenging nature of the legal profession. Successfully juggling classes, extra-curricular activities, and jobs prepared me well for the long hours that come with being a lawyer."

While at USC, Wang was the Executive Notes Editor of the *Southern California Law Review*. Additionally, Wang was a teaching assistant for Professor George Lefcoe's Real Estate Transactions and Real Estate Finance classes, and a legal writing instructor. After graduation, Wang joined Irell & Manella LLP as an associate working in the firm's litigation workgroup. Within a few months of arriving, Wang participated in a four week trial in Federal district court during which he conducted the direct examination of a witness, assisted in the opening and closing statements, prepared direct and cross examination questions, and was specifically mentioned during the Judge's bench ruling as a positive example of allowing young lawyers to participate in trials. Further, the Judge ruled in Wang's client's favor on all issues.

Prior to Irell & Manella, Wang served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ferdinand F. Fernandez, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and to the Honorable George H. King, United States District Court for the Central District of California. Both judges are also USC Law alumni.

2-5

years alumni

Norma García Guillén '02

Associate
Sheppard Mullin Richter
& Hampton LLC
Costa Mesa, California



Norma García Guillén specializes in business law and has been at the center of intellectual property cases, as well as unfair competition, securities, business torts and breach of contract claims. She has successfully prosecuted and defended cases in both state and federal courts. García Guillén is also a founding member of Sheppard Mullin's Latino Business Practice Group, a unit charged with providing representation to the emerging Latino business sector. To further support these goals, García Guillén serves as President of the Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County.

Born and raised in Santa Ana, California, to immigrant parents from Guerrero, Mexico, García Guillén graduated Smith College with a B.A. in Government and Latin American Studies. While at Smith College, she co-founded the national award-winning mock trial team and headed the on-campus Latina organization, *Nosotras*.

At USC, García Guillén was a member of the Jessup International Moot Court program, the Immigration Clinic, and president of La Raza Law Students Association. She was awarded USC's Shattuck Award for her leadership, dedication and service.

Numerous publications have recognized García Guillén's accomplishments and humble beginnings: the *Orange County Register*; *Latina* magazine; *Selecciones*; and *La Opinion*. *OCMetro* named her one of 20 Women to Watch.

In her current role as President of the Hispanic Bar Association (HBA), García Guillén works tirelessly to diversify the legal profession, build bridges with the Hispanic legal communities in both the U.S. and other countries, and help increase opportunities for HBA members and Latino law students. Activities include: Annual MCLE Travel Seminar to Mexico, roundtables with Mexican and U.S. legislators, Immigration Law Clinic, and monthly bar reviews.

Dana S. Treister '94

Partner
Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP
Los Angeles, California



As a real estate partner at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, Dana Treister's practice focuses on all forms of real estate transactions, with an emphasis on the acquisition and sale of commercial properties, loan transactions, land use and entitlement work, real estate finance, and leasing transactions. He also has extensive experience representing developers and in forming joint ventures.

Treister received his B.A. degree from Stanford University and J.D. degree from the USC Law, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif. At USC, he was managing editor of the *Law Review* and a legal writing instructor. Following law school, Treister served as a law clerk to the Honorable John G. Davies in the Central District of California.

Currently, Treister teaches Real Estate Transactions as a Lecturer in Law at USC Law. He is a founder of the Adam Freeman Scott '93 Memorial Endowment, which awards a summer grant to students working in public interest. Treister is also very active in the community, serving on the board of trustees for the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, the Los Angeles Chapter of Facing History and Ourselves, and the Pacific Oaks College and Children's School. Treister has also served on the steering committee of the Construction and Development Committee of the State Bar of California and is an active member of the Real Property Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

"Enjoy law school," advises Treister. "Students who focus too much on their career while still in school will miss a lot of the enjoyment that comes from being in an environment where learning and education are the goal without the everyday pressures of a busy practice."

5-10

years alumni

Suzanne L. Bell '90

Deputy Director for Legal
Recruitment and Outreach
Office of Attorney Recruitment
and Management
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.



Before becoming a lawyer, Suzanne Bell was an assistant treasurer for Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York. Since graduating from USC, she has worked in just about every legal environment, except a corporation. Bell served as a Research Attorney for the Los Angeles Superior Court, and was an associate at the law firm, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips. Since 1995, Bell has worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, first as an Assistant United States Attorney, then as Deputy General Counsel.

Currently Deputy Director, she provides general oversight of the DOJ's legal recruitment programs and retention and diversity initiatives and works with DOJ components in developing a strategic plan for enhancing the DOJ's outreach and recruitment efforts to ensure continued success in attracting and retaining highly-qualified legal talent from diverse backgrounds.

Bell has a challenging job—the U.S. Department of Justice is the largest legal employer in the world with more than 9,500 attorneys nationwide. Annually, the DOJ hires approximately 120-150 entry-level attorneys through the Attorney General's Honors Program, 100 second-year law students through the Summer Law Intern Program, 650 lateral or experienced attorneys, and 1800 law student volunteers. In addition to conducting the Honors Program interviewer training for the attorneys in the DOJ, Bell's team has also expanded management training initiatives, including workshops lateral or experienced attorneys.

"My career has evolved," says Bell. "I had no idea that I would be involved in recruitment for the Department of Justice. It's important to develop a reputation for excellence. Excellence helps create opportunity. I recognized and landed this great opportunity because I was flexible and open to new ideas."

Karen B. Wong '86

Partner
Global Project Finance
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley
& McCloy LLP
Los Angeles, California



Karen Wong has been a Milbank partner since 1996. Her practice focuses on the representation of sponsors and financing parties in connection with the development, acquisition, financing and/or restructuring of power, petrochemical and other infrastructure facilities in North America, Asia, and Latin America. In her over twenty-one years of practice, she has led numerous development, financing and acquisition transactions involving electric generation assets (including large scale coal, gas and LNG fired cogeneration plants, as well as solar, hydroelectric, geothermal, wind, biomass, waste energy and other renewable energy facilities), transmission lines, and oil and gas pipelines.

Wong's current transactions include several developments of coal and petroleum coke gasification poly-generation and substitute natural gas projects, and financing transactions in the renewables (wind and solar), ethanol and biofuels sector throughout the United States. "Find a career path that will make you happy," Wong advises young attorneys, "because your best work doesn't come out when you don't like what you're doing. After practicing for over 21 years, I am happy to say that I am still find the legal work I'm doing to be interesting, challenging and fulfilling."

Hailing from a Trojan family, Wong received her B.S. in Business Administration from USC magna cum laude, then received a J.D. from USC Law. She served on the editorial boards of *Major Tax Planning* and the *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal* (formerly known as the *Computer/Law Journal*). She is listed as a leading lawyer in the 2008 edition of *Chambers USA for Projects* in California and was recommended in *PLC Which Lawyer?* for banking and finance.

On the international arena, she is representing the sponsors of a mine mouth power project in Lao PDR that will sell electricity to the Thai and Lao state-owned utilities.

10-25

years alumni

Mark L. Karasik
'81

Principal
Baker & McKenzie LLP
Chicago, Illinois



Mark Karasik has defended and prosecuted scores of commercial civil litigation matters. He is a trial lawyer who has defended products manufacturers in product liability cases, employers in wrongful termination and employee discharge cases, and professionals in breach of fiduciary duty litigation. Karasik has been involved in jury trials, bench trials, national and international arbitrations. He also has significant trial experience in the areas of negligence, product liability, contracts, and professional and fiduciary litigation.

Karasik specializes in complex litigation that helps insure success for his clients. He has worked for U.S. health care conglomerates and insurers and handled litigation matters for national and international product manufacturers as well. Karasik's litigation clients include AH Robins, Addison-McKee, Inc., Ford Motor Co., Intercraft, McDonald's Corp., 6 N. Michigan Avenue Trust, Hubbell, and The Beitler Company.

In addition to his litigation work, Karasik is also a frequent speaker and author on topics relating to areas in his particular practice expertise. He has been elected to membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates. Karasik is also a current appointee to the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Hearing Board, and acts as a Hearing Board Chairman, appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court.

Karasik received his B.A. at USC in 1978, before continuing his studies at USC to receive his J.D. in 1981. "My education at USC Law was intense and far-reaching," says Karasik. "It exposed me to most areas of the law. My education at USC Law showed me that, as a trial lawyer, one can be successful in many different areas of the law, following my philosophy that variety is the spice of life."

Joyce L. Kennard
'74

Associate Justice
Supreme Court of California
San Francisco, California



Court Watch calls Judge Joyce Kennard, "possibly the most individualistic justice on the Supreme Court." Kennard has a legacy of dissent and championship of liberal-leaning causes. She has a record of significant rulings, including *Sands v. Morongo Unified School District* regarding religious observance in public schools, *Kasky v. Nike* regarding labor practices and commercial speech, and *Stevenson v. Superior Court*, regarding age discrimination and public policy. Kennard works hard to look through the formalities to discover the real people at the heart of important issues.

Born of a Dutch father and a Chinese-Indonesian mother, Kennard has braved internment in World War II Japanese and New Guinea prison camps, the early death of her father, the amputation of her leg due to infection as a teenager, and on-going discrimination due to being mixed-race. She eventually moved to California, attending USC and receiving a B.A. magna cum laude in German, then simultaneously attaining her J.D. from USC Law and an M.P.A. from USC's School of Public Administration. Prior to her position on the Supreme Court of California, her previous judicial experience includes serving as Associate Justice on the state Court of Appeal in Los Angeles; judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court; Associate Justice pro tempore on state Court of Appeal in Los Angeles; judge on Los Angeles County Municipal Court; senior attorney on state Court of Appeal in Los Angeles; and Deputy Attorney General in Los Angeles.

Kennard has received numerous awards and accolades for her many accomplishments over the years, including the Alumni Merit Award from USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development; the Public Service Award from the Asian Pacific American Bar Association; and inclusion in the Marin Women's Hall of Fame. She was included in *The Counselors, conversations with 18 courageous women who have changed the world*, by Elizabeth Vrato, and the law review article entitled *Joyce L. Kennard: An Independent Streak on California's Highest Court* (65 Albany Law Rev., p. 1181, July 2002).

25+ years alumni

Alumni Network

Whether you stay in California, or your dreams take you elsewhere, USC Law offers plenty of support. The Career Services Office is ready to help you launch a cross-country job search by providing information about firms, scheduling special interviews, participating in recruiting programs, and tapping into reciprocal career assistance provided by other law schools. 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.

USC Law's Career Services understand the legal job market and how to best launch you into it. They work closely with students through leading career management workshops and providing individualized counseling. Career Services also works closely with alumni, bringing them back to campus to speak about their careers, participate in workshops and mock interview programs that allow students to practice their job interview skills.

USC Alumni work in firms and governmental agencies all over the globe, including:

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Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Europe

Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett LLP
U.S. Air Force Jag Corps
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps
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Living

If you're going to spend three years as a law student 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.

From outdoor adventures to late-night hot spots, cultural venues to career options, it's all here waiting for you. Los Angeles is a global center for business, technology, culture, media, and world trade—the perfect backdrop for your legal education. USC Law takes full advantage of L.A. as a living laboratory by allowing students to put their legal skills to use within the community through various public service and other opportunities.

USC is at the center of one of the most exciting urban environments of the 21st century. Los Angeles is ethnically diverse, culturally vibrant, and has a fantastic and varied climate that permits unparalleled year-round recreational activities. 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.

All aspects of high and popular culture are represented in Los Angeles; L.A. is an incredible center of outstanding and innovative film, music, theatre and dance. L.A. is also one of the most affordable and diverse cities in which to eat. From the fresh produce in numerous farmers' markets to sidewalk stands that are L.A. institutions, you will find not just the best hamburgers and hot dogs, but also amazing *sushi*, *burritos*, *dim sum*, *pho*, *kalbi* and *pupusas*.

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. 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, a show at LA Live downtown, or a small rock gig at the Roxy on just about any given night of the year.

If it's drama you long for, choose from 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. Enjoying sports is a year-round activity here. Local opportunities include skiing in the San Gabriel mountains, hiking and camping in the California desert or the Santa Monica Mountains, and swimming or surfing in the Pacific Ocean. Weekend trips from Los Angeles include some of the most awe-inspiring places on earth, including the Sierra Nevada mountains, Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Parks, the Mojave Desert, and the Baja coast.

Living in Los Angeles means choices. Just pick a neighborhood from Downtown L.A. to Beverly Hills to Silver Lake or Pasadena to Venice Beach, Los Angeles' eclectic and varied neighborhoods offer a wide range of lifestyles. Each one has housing options, shops, restaurants, and parks with its own unique flavor and vibe.







This is where we are

9,107 law firms in Los Angeles County, of which, 3,259 are located in the city, Fortune 500 businesses and thousands of start-ups, 52 courthouses, 841 museums and galleries, theaters, hiking trails, and dance clubs. 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.



Victoria Linn, Culver City

Where do you live and why?

I live in Culver City, which is about 9 miles west of campus. When I moved to LA, I wanted to live closer to the water and in a neighborhood where a lot of other young professionals lived. Culver City fit both of those requirements, and the rental rates there are still affordable for a law student on a tighter budget.

How do you get to USC?

I drive to school, and the commute is only about 20 minutes door-to-door.

What do you like best about your neighborhood?

I love the fact that my neighborhood doesn't feel too congested or too suburban. It's a quiet neighborhood, but there's still a lot to do.



Jameil Johnson, Cardinal Gardens

Where do you live and why?

I live in Cardinal Gardens, which is the USC undergraduate housing. I am a Resident Advisor (RA) for USC undergraduate students. Being an RA and living in the dorms with undergrads is perfect for me. I enjoy mentoring younger students.

How do you get to USC?

I ride my bike.

What do you like best about your neighborhood?

I like being close to campus.



Emily Schroeder, Downtown

Where do you live and why?

I lived in Beverly Hills my first year, but recently moved downtown. I would recommend living close to school for first year students. You have to be at school a lot, and reducing the commute helps with managing your time. Wished I had lived closer because it would have given me more flexibility and free time.

What do you like about where you live?

I really like my new building. It is brand new and has great amenities. My old apartment smelled bad, and made all my clothes smell, so anything was an improvement from there!



Lee Linderman, Downtown

Where do you live?

I live in Parkside Apartments on campus. I will be trying to live as close to campus next year as I can. I have lived in a graduate apartment on campus because I didn't want to waste any time commuting, particularly when I saw how much time I would be wanting to spend on campus anyway.

How do you get to USC? Car? Transit?

I bike, there is no point adding car-troubles to my potential list of concerns.

What do you like best about your neighborhood?

I like the student population in the neighborhood. There is a strong sense of community.



Amanda Rubenstein, The Villas at Park La Brea

Where do you live and why?

I live at The Villas at Park La Brea and love living there. We have a year round heated pool (one of the bonuses of So Cal is year round tanning) and a jacuzzi open late. There's also a gym with big screen TVs and iPod hook ups that I use everyday... and here's the best part: buffet brunch on Saturdays!

How do you get to USC?

I drive to school and it usually takes me about 20 minutes (15 without traffic).

What do you like best about your neighborhood?

The best part about the neighborhood is the relative wealth of plays, musicals, concerts and sporting events that occur within walking distance.



Scott Tillett, Mid-Wilshire

Where do you live?

I live mid-city, near La Brea. I'm south of the Grove Shopping Center and halfway between the beach and USC off of the 10 freeway.

How do you get to USC? Car? Transit?

I drive my car to school because nobody walks in L.A. They are putting in a light rail that will take you from Venice Beach to Downtown (as I understand it) and I would take that if it was up and working.

What do you like best about your neighborhood?

I have interesting neighbors and friends. They are involved in the music industry. I live in the top story of an old 2-story building with character. I don't feel as if I live in a box like dorm rooms and apartments.





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Largest city in the U.S.A.: City of Los Angeles

3,900,000

Approximate population: City of Los Angeles

470

Square miles in size: City of Los Angeles

224

Different languages spoken: City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles

Los Angeles is 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: cafés, restaurants, beaches, galleries, and every sporting event under the sun.

Hollywood & Highland

In the heart of Hollywood, the Hollywood and Highland Center is a great place to shop, dine, or stay. Its crown jewel is the Kodak Theatre, home of the annual Academy Awards® Oscar Ceremonies. Los Angeles means celebrity—movie, television, music and Internet stars abound. The entertainment industry in Los Angeles is also big business, employing some 250,000 people. Its products impact culture around the world.

"The Hollywood Bowl is the ultimate L.A. experience... thousands of people enjoying picnic dinners, most with flowers and wine, then hearing some of the world's finest musicians in a lovely outdoor setting. And it isn't expensive!"

– Bill Givens, staff member

Watts Towers

Simon Rodia created this collection of lacy spires between 1921 and 1954 using broken bottles, tile, pebbles, steel rods and seashells. It's a tribute to one man's quirky artistic vision and expresses the iconoclastic nature of the people who live Los Angeles. A population of 3.9 million makes L.A. equivalent to the eighth largest state in the nation.

"The best thing about Los Angeles is its openness. Everyone in Los Angeles tends to be very open and tends to accept you as you are, and treat you like an equal. There is such a breadth of diversity here, you just can't get anywhere being close-minded and you get to see this amazing display of culture and diversity. You can walk down the street and grab a pupusa, a Thai tea, and some Korean BBQ on your way to the Spanish market, all in the same block!"

– Will Coucheron-Aamot, staff member

"There is no one best thing about L.A. Everyone finds different things to love—hiking in the hills, lounging at the beach, clubbing on Sunset, people watching in Beverly Hills, theater, music or opera downtown, the weather, ethnic neighborhoods, the excitement of the entertainment industry..."

– Dan Klerman, faculty

Griffith Park

At 4,210 acres, Griffith Park is one of the largest urban parks in North America. Los Angeles' "Central Park" has something to offer everyone, including miles of hiking and equestrian trails, the Greek Theatre with its open-air concerts, one 9-hole and two 18-hole golf courses, a 113-acre Zoo, and the newly renovated iconic observatory atop Mount Hollywood.

"I love the Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens. You can spend the entire day just walking all of the gardens. The Art Gallery houses one of the largest collections of British art work in the country. Nice tearoom and café for lunch."

– Amy Stevens, staff member

Mountain Hiking Trails

L.A.'s weather is renowned. With only 15 inches of rainfall and moderate temperatures all year, it's a perfect place for adventuring outdoors. Hike, jog or walk through rugged hills and leafy canyons throughout the city. Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, for instance, is a contiguous conglomeration of 350 public parks and 65,000 acres that is home to deer, coyotes, foxes, hawks, and quail.

"My three favorite places in Los Angeles are The Coliseum, Staples Center and USC. I love sports and I love the University of Southern California."

– Jameil Johnson, student

"Los Angeles is the only major American city bisected by a mountain range. You don't necessarily think of hiking or mountain biking in L.A., but if you can when you're in L.A., you should go up a trail in the Santa Monica Mountains—beautiful greenery and spectacular ocean views minutes away!"

– Ariela Gross, faculty

"The best thing about L.A. are the local neighborhoods."

– Martin Levine, faculty

Metro

Everyone always hears about its car-crazy culture, but Los Angeles County's Metropolitan Transit Authority has a combined daily ridership of 1.7 million. Besides operating over 2,000 peak-hour buses on an average weekday, Metro also designed, built and operates 73.1 miles of Metro Rail service. In addition to being committed to providing environmentally conscious transportation, Metro has commissioned over 250 artists for a wide variety of projects, including rail stations and streetscapes.

"The best thing about L.A. is with little money there is something to do for any interest a person might have."

– Beverly Moore, staff member

Ethnic Diversity

The City of Angels has always been diverse. Twenty-six of the original forty-four settlers (*pabladores*) were black or mixed ancestry. Most of these people came from Sinaloa, Mexico, where two-thirds of the residents were *mulattos*. Los Angeles has welcomed immigrant populations from all over the globe. Today, Los Angeles boasts a rich tapestry of ethnic groups, including the nation's largest Arab and Asian communities.

"What do I do for fun in Los Angeles?"

Go out to dinner with friends, especially little cafés in West Hollywood, and explore parks and hiking trails with my dog."

– Marcia Mowbray, student

Dodger Stadium

Los Angeles is home to two Major League Baseball teams, two National Hockey League teams, two Major League Soccer Teams, two National Basketball Association teams, one Women's National Basketball Association team, one Major League Lacrosse team, and an Arena Football League team. USC has the third most NCAA national championships, all sports combined, in the United States. You do the math. Los Angeles is a sports town.

"My Three Favorite Places in L.A.:

- The Coliseum on game day—I have never seen a greater sight!
 - Malibu—great views (check out Duke's)
 - The Grove—food/movies/shopping"
- Michael Max Page, student

LACMA

Los Angeles has over 80 stage theaters and 300 museums, more than any other U.S. city. There are historic buildings, libraries with special collections, botanical gardens, and various art and science institutions, all of which make L.A. an international cultural center. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) is one of the largest art museums in the country, housing a collection of over 100,000 artworks.

Walt Disney Concert Hall

The Los Angeles Philharmonic, one of the world's outstanding orchestras, resides in the acoustically superb, stunning Frank Gehry-designed Walt Disney Concert Hall in Downtown. Los Angeles is simply one of the most important sites in the world for the recorded music industry. Composers, musicians, producers, recording engineers, and performers of every style and genre—jazz, heavy metal, rock, rap, opera, symphony, punk, and pop are all drawn here.

"I'd say that my favorite must-see location in this city is the Disney Concert Hall. Whether you're going for a concert or just to see the architecture, the building is truly one of the biggest draws for visitors in the downtown area. You'll never see another building quite like it, and you'll certainly never hear a live concert more clearly."

– Kareem Crayton, faculty

"I'd recommend seeing the Hollywood night life—any of the clubs on Sunset—at least once even if it's not your scene or even if you're really broke."

– Parfait Mwez, student

The Beach

Sun and fun awaits everyone at Los Angeles' 75 miles of coastline. There are 20-plus beaches, each with its own unique experience, including swimming and bonfires at Dockweiler, volleyball at Manhattan, romantic sunsets at El Matador, the new \$1.5 million solar-powered Ferris wheel at Santa Monica, surfing at Zuma, and people-watching at Venice.

"What's the best thing about Los Angeles? The beach, the beach, and the beach."

– Julia Kim, student

Third Street Promenade

Total retail sales in Los Angeles are upwards of \$223 billion. From mega indoor malls to quaint neighborhood shops, L.A. has options for every taste and budget. Some well-known shopping areas are the Beverly Center, Melrose Avenue, The Grove, Robertson Boulevard, the infamous Rodeo Drive, and most recently, Historic Downtown Los Angeles. In Santa Monica, the Third Street Promenade attracts throngs of people with its three-block stretch of pedestrian-friendly shopping, cinema multiplexes, and outdoor cafés.

"My first big excursion in Los Angeles was to Little Tokyo, and I completely fell in love with the area. It's fun, hip, and there are tons of little things to see and do. The combination of Pinkberry, Japanese food, bubble tea, museums and lots of funky knick-knacks makes Little Tokyo an easy choice. Plus it's a great place to study on a weekend (in a tea shop) and it has dozens of opportunities for study breaks built in."

– Elena Taryor, student

"Best thing about L.A.: its diverse population, of course—over 92 languages are spoken by students in the Los Angeles Unified School District!"

– Daria Roithmayr, faculty

Thriving Economy

Agriculture was once the primary source of wealth in the 19th century and early 20th in Los Angeles. Then came the Cold War and the rise of the aircraft and aerospace industries. Entertainment and hospitality have always been a significant part of the economy here. Now, L.A. is one of the top ranked counties in manufacturing in the nation, of such diverse items as dental equipment, games and toys, gas transmission and distribution equipment, guided missiles, and women's apparel.

"What's the best thing about Los Angeles? The light. It's what attracted the movie industry, and there isn't light like it anywhere else."

– Greg Keating, faculty

"The best thing about Los Angeles is that you can be snowboarding in the morning, watching a movie in Hollywood in the afternoon, and then enjoying a nice dinner and walk along a beach in the evening... all in the same day!"

– Cindy Guyer, staff member

LAPL & LAUSD

Los Angeles Public Library System (LAPL) and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) are among the largest such institutions in the country. LAUSD is the second largest school district in the United States, serving grades K-12, with over 2,500 schools, 700,000 students, and 83,967 regular employees. LAPL system operates 72 public libraries throughout the city to serve the diverse population of Los Angeles with extensive collections, electronic resources, and innovative programs for all ages.

Business in Los Angeles

Walt Disney Co., the 7th largest California company, is headquartered in Los Angeles along with a variety of other major corporations, such as Hilton Hotels, Belkin (electronics), Princess Cruises, Cunard Line, CB Richard Ellis (real estate), and every major motion picture studio. The economy is dominated by the entertainment industry, the tourism service sector, retail and manufacturing. Manufacturing of textiles and toys employs huge numbers, while the high-tech industry is gaining a firm foothold in L.A.

"LACMA. On the weekends there are concerts and old movies."

– Michelle Buckley, staff member

La Brea Tar Pits

La Brea Tar Pits, one of the world's most famous fossil sites, is recognized for having the largest and most diverse assemblage of extinct Ice Age plants and animals in the world. It's a step back into ancient Los Angeles, when animals such as saber-toothed cats, giant sloths, and huge mammoths roamed here. This is only one of the many attractions favored by tourists. About twenty-four million people come to Los Angeles every year for their vacation.

"The best thing about L.A. is stepping outside in the morning and smiling because it's 75 degrees, sunny, not humid, and just perfect weather, and you feel incredibly fortunate to live in such a place."

– Becky Raizman, student

"The best feature of the Los Angeles metro region is its diversity, with 'critical mass' of at least a dozen cultures and countries represented in their own 'mini cities' and a choice of living styles as broad as can be imagined (live at the beach, in a canyon, in the hills, in a high rise, in a loft, in a suburban setting, etc.)"

– Scott Bice, faculty

The New Downtown

Downtown Los Angeles is in the midst of a major revitalization. With new construction, of such magnificent buildings as the Staples Center, Walt Disney Concert Hall, and the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, along with thousands of new residential units, typically sleek modern lofts, the city center is itself increasingly vibrant. The establishment of business improvement districts and the construction of subway, light-rail and commuter train systems, has brought major office space users along with shops and restaurants causing a true renaissance downtown.

Los Angeles City Hall

The Los Angeles Civic Center, where City Hall is located, is the largest grouping of government buildings in the U.S. outside of Washington, D.C. City Hall itself was built in 1928 and has a distinct monumental pyramid-capped tower. It is home to the City Attorney, the elected chief prosecutor for the City of Los Angeles. The Office of the City Attorney is the third largest municipal law office in the nation, with over 500 attorneys practicing both criminal and civil law.

"What do I do for fun in Los Angeles? I've gone to a couple TV show tapings, which is an incredible experience. When I have time, I head to Disneyland. Most weeks, my fun is limited to trying new restaurants or going to a movie."

– Jessica Walker, student

Law in Los Angeles

Founded in Los Angeles in 1937, Latham & Watkins is the largest and highest-grossing law firm on the West Coast. It fields 2,100 lawyers in 26 offices around the world, with over \$2 billion in revenue. Other top L.A. firms include O'Melveny & Myers, Neilson Elggren Durkin & Co., Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, and Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker. California has approximately 150,000 resident and active attorneys, according to the American Bar Association.

Central Civil West Courthouse

The Central Civil West Courthouse in Downtown houses The Los Angeles Superior Court. Court Divisions include Appellate, Civil, Criminal, Family, Juvenile, Mental Health, Probate, Small Claims and Traffic. This court is notable for its many high-profile cases, including Los Angeles' infamous celebrity murder cases. With its nearly 50 courthouses, 600 judicial officers, and a staff of 5,400 the Superior Court system serves the 9.5 million people of Los Angeles County with courtrooms spread throughout the 4000 square mile County—from Pomona to Santa Monica and from Lancaster to Long Beach.

"I encourage visitors to sample L.A. architecture. Most people don't associate us with wonderful buildings. And we do have some awful structures. But we also have the Gamble House by Greene and Greene, Frank Lloyd Wright's Freeman House, and of course Frank Gehry's Disney Hall."

– Scott Altman, faculty

"There is some of everything here. L.A. is huge and you can pretty much bet that if there is something you want, L.A. has it!"

– Sunita Bali, student

West Los Angeles Municipal Courthouse

The West Los Angeles Municipal Courthouse is a \$40 million court facility for the County of Los Angeles. It contains eight courts and the offices of the Marshal, the Sheriff, the District Attorney, and the Court Clerk. The District Attorney, elected by Los Angeles county voters, prosecutes felonies throughout the county, and misdemeanors in unincorporated areas, as well as 78 of the 88 cities in the county. The largest local prosecutorial agency in the nation, the Los Angeles' D.A. has a staff of approximately 2,105 that includes 1,017 deputy district attorneys, 277 investigators, and 811 support personnel.

Los Angeles Public Defender

The concept of Public Defender was pioneered by the County of Los Angeles, which responded to the need for legal representation for all citizens as early as 1914. Since then the idea has spread to many other cities and states, and the Public Defender is now a well-established concept servicing courts throughout the U.S. The L.A. Public Defender's Office handles misdemeanors, felonies, juvenile cases, mental health cases, and some civil cases. It employs over 700 attorneys, 78 investigators, 55 paralegals, 17 psychiatric social workers, and a clerical/secretarial staff of approximately 150.

"What do I do for fun in Los Angeles? I don't know where to begin to answer that question. The beach, the Hollywood club scene, watching the Lakers at the Staples Center, the list goes on and on."

– Emeka Orjiakor, graduate

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"I can do anything and everything I feel like in L.A., that is why I love it. I can hike, ski, surf, run, go to a world-class museum, listen to any type of music or eat any type of food I can imagine."

– Wende Nichols-Julien, graduate

Apply: What to do Next

1 August/ September 2010

Register for LSAT and Subscribe to CAS

Subscribe to the Credential Assembly Service (CAS), and take the LSAT no later than December 2010. For more information, contact the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) at www.LSAC.org or by calling (215) 968-1001.

2 October 2010

Get Letters of Recommendation Written and Submit to CAS

We require that you submit at least two letters of recommendation through the CAS Letter of Recommendation Service. At least one of these letters should specifically address your academic abilities. Letters submitted through CAS will be copied and sent to us along with your CAS Report. Applicants may submit up to two Evaluations through CAS.

3 December 2010

Begin Admissions Application

Complete USC Law's Application for Admission and write your personal statement. The application can be found online at law.usc.edu/admissions/applynow.cfm. You must transmit your application electronically using LSAC's electronic application service. LSAC will send an electronic version of your application directly to USC Law. (Applications will be considered postmarked on the day they are submitted electronically.) Applicants seeking need-based and Teach for America application fee waivers should consult the website for instructions.

4 January 1, 2011

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

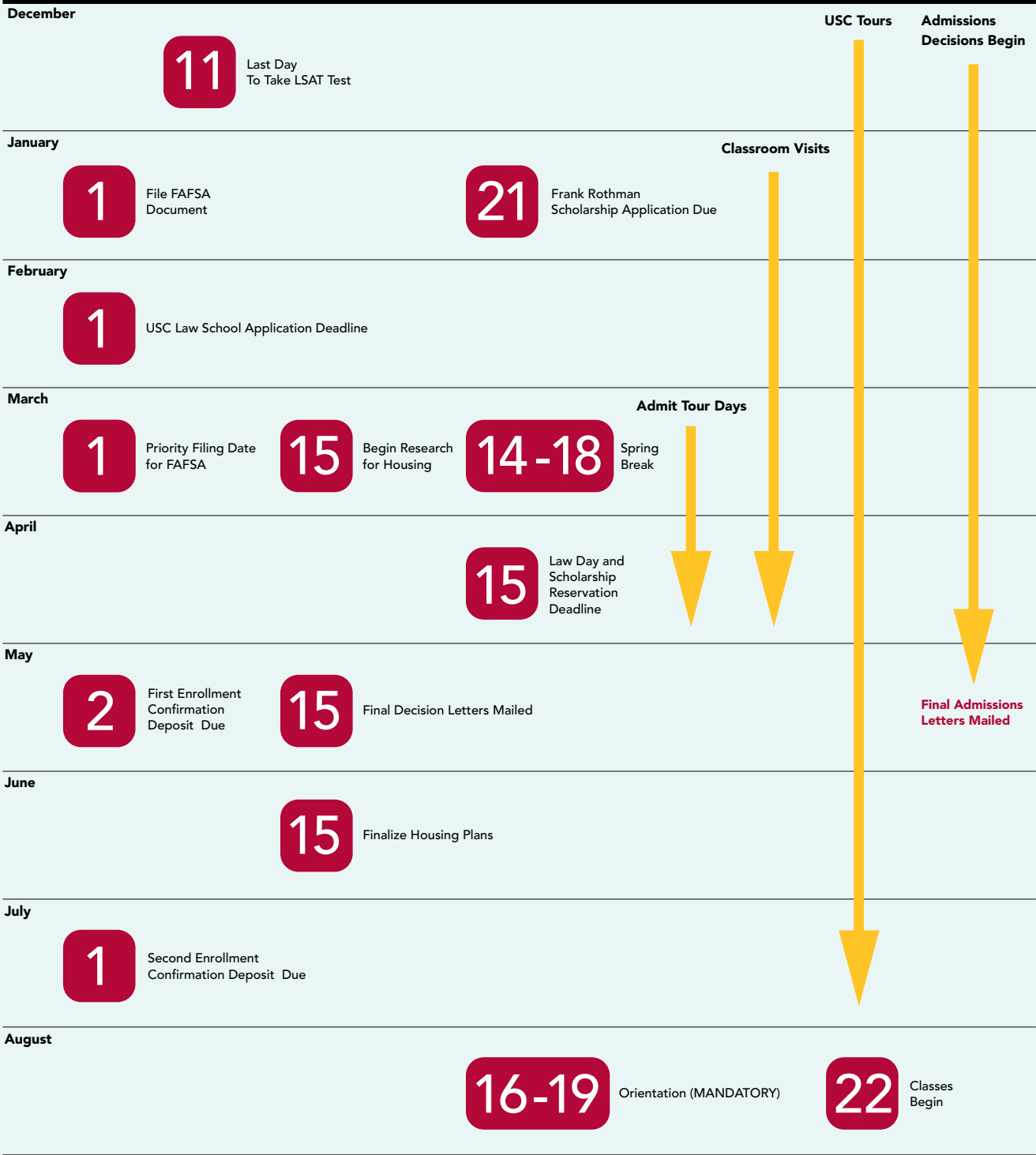
Complete the 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov/. When completing the FAFSA, list University of Southern California (code #001328) in the schools release section of the form, so that USC Law will receive your data. If your tax information is not yet available, you may use estimates. Parental information is not required. Submit the FAFSA to the processor as soon as possible after January 1, 2011. To be considered for all available financial aid, be sure the processor receives your FAFSA no later than March 1, 2011.

5 February 1, 2011

Final Deadline for Application Submission

Priority review will be given to applicants who file a timely application by February 1, 2011. Typically, most applicants who submit by this deadline will receive an admissions decision by April 15.

Important Dates





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.

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

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.

Academic Requirements: In reviewing application files, the committee focuses on college grades, academic major, selection of courses, grade trends 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, leadership qualities and other 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 workforce 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 and LSAC

Evaluations: We require two letters to be sent along with applications. However, we will accept additional letters. 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. In addition, applicants may submit up to two LSAC Evaluations along with their letters of recommendation.

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 disability, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity, 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 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.)

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.



The history of the USC Gould School of Law 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.

Admissions 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 degree from an accredited college or university.

Familiarize Yourself With Your State Bar:

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Board of Bar Examiners of the state(s) in which they intend to practice, in order to secure information regarding the qualifications for admission to the practice of law in that jurisdiction. Additional information can be found on the website of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. For applicants interested in the practice of law in California, information can be found at the State Bar of California website.

Applicants With Disabilities: It is the policy and practice of USC Law to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and state and local requirements regarding students and applicants with disabilities. Under these laws, no qualified individual with a disability shall be denied access to or participation in services, programs and activities of the law school. USC provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations necessary to afford equal access, opportunity and full participation in all programs for students with professionally verified disabilities. Accommodations are based on the present condition of the student's disability and on current and specific assessment data documented by a qualified professional. The law school's Office of Student Affairs handles all disability-related matters in cooperation with USC Disability and Services Programs.

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, sexual orientation or gender identity, or age.

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 (800) 735-2922 (TTY/TTD).

Admissions Applications

Postmark Deadline: February 1, 2011

A complete, accurate and timely application is the first step to being admitted to USC Law. Applicants with hearing disabilities may call (800) 735-2922 (TTY/TTD). You must transmit your application electronically using the Law School Admission Council website. We do not accept paper applications.

Application for Admission for Fall 2011

This application must be postmarked by **February 1, 2011**

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University of Southern California Gould School of Law
699 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90089-0074
(213) 740-2523

CHECKLIST

- ☐ Application Form and \$75 Fee
- ☐ Personal statement
- ☐ Letters of recommendation
(Must be submitted through LSAC's Credential Assembly Service)
- ☐ Résumé

SECTION 1: Type of Application

Check all that apply.

- ☐ First time USC Law Application
- ☐ Reapplicant—Applied for the fall _____ semester.

SECTION 2: Personal Information

Name ☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. _____
First Middle Initial Last

Preferred First Name _____
First

Social Security No. _____ LSAC Account No. **L** _____
E-mail address _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Mailing address _____
Street Street continued

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____ Home Phone (_____) _____

Please use this mailing address from _____ to _____
Month Day Year Month Day Year

☐ Permanent address same as above

Permanent address _____
Street Street continued

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____ Home Phone (_____) _____

Birthdate ____/____/____ ☐ Male ☐ Female State of Residence _____

Country of Birth _____ Citizenship Status ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ Non-Resident

Providing the information below is voluntary. These questions comply with the US Department of Education's new standards for ethnic and racial data collection. We request the data to facilitate reporting of data and to enrich USC Law's educational environment by attracting a diverse student body.

Ethnicity Are you Hispanic or Latino? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Race: Please check any or all that apply. ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ American Indian ☐ Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Chinese ☐ Filipino ☐ Japanese ☐ Korean ☐ Pakistani ☐ Thai ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Other Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Central American ☐ Mexican ☐ Cuban ☐ Puerto Rican ☐ South American ☐ Other Hispanic/Latino ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White/Caucasian
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SECTION 3: Conduct Information

If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, you are required to submit, a separate explanatory statement.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever been dropped, suspended, warned, placed on academic or disciplinary probation, disciplined, expelled, or requested or advised to resign from any post-secondary school, college, university, professional school, or law school? (If yes, you are required to submit a separate explanatory statement from the institution's dean providing information about the incident.)
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic violation)? If yes, then please submit an addendum explaining the circumstances and the resolution.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are any charges pending against you?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever been or are you currently registered at another law school?

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Your first day at USC Law, you'll notice something different. When you walk into the admissions office, don't be surprised if people know your name—an experience many students never forget.

Tuition and fees for the 2010-2011 academic year are \$24,225 per semester, including mandatory health, student government, and activity fees. Resident and non-resident 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, 2011. Carefully read the information provided here, and follow the instructions in the Financial Aid Application Checklist on page 85.

Scholarships: If you are admitted to USC Law, you will receive access to our online Scholarship Application. 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 a combination of need and merit, although the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee may also award 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. USC Law does not offer any strictly need-based grants. In addition, all scholarship awards are made in the incoming first year and funds are not available for reconsideration in the second or third years.

Frank Rothman Scholarship 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.



Applicants invited to apply for the Frank Rothman Scholarship are encouraged to also submit the USC Law Scholarship Application. By doing so they will not miss other scholarship opportunities while awaiting the outcome of the Rothman Scholarship decision.

Loan Programs: To be eligible for loan programs, file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) soon after January 1, 2011. Do not wait for an admissions decision before submitting the FAFSA. List USC (Federal Code 001328) as a school designated to receive the FAFSA report.

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, a portion of this loan may be interest-free. The Federal Graduate PLUS Loan or private alternative educational loans are available to meet any additional needs up to the cost of attendance set by the school. These loan programs are available to all creditworthy 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 student loans.

Other Resources: Many USC Law students also help finance their education through part time work during the summers or during the second and third years of law school. Students working in public service legal

jobs for the summer may be able to receive a grant for their volunteer experience through the USC Law Public Interest Law Foundation.

USC Law's Financial Services Office publicizes scholarship opportunities offered through 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. All LRAP assistance will be forgiven if you remain in qualifying employment for five years.

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83%

Percentage of students receiving some form of financial aid (scholarships or loans)

(based on Fall 2010 entering class)

\$20,000

Median scholarship award

(based on Fall 2010 entering class)

Financial Aid Checklist

Use this checklist to ensure that you follow all steps necessary to apply for Financial Aid, including scholarships and loans.

All Applicants

- ☐ Complete the 2011-2012 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, 2011. To be considered for all available financial aid, be sure the processor receives your FAFSA no later than March 1, 2011.

Admitted Applicants

- ☐ USC Law's Scholarship Application will be provided upon admission. For optimum consideration, submit this application immediately after you are admitted. Once we receive the application, we will review your file for scholarship assistance.
- ☐ To help ensure that you receive a timely offer of financial aid, carefully follow the additional instructions provided with your admission letter.

If you have questions about financial aid, please call the Financial Services Office at (213) 740-6314 or send an email message to lawfao@law.usc.edu.



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