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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
of the law school, in the State of California, on the thirteenth day of May, in the
year two thousand and eleven.

John V. Gould
Chairman



Robert V. Casper
President



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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This is who we are:

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 high 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.

Robert K. Rasmussen

Dean and Carl Mason Franklin Chair In Law



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Ratio of students to faculty

5,595

Applications received for class enrolling in Fall 2008

19

Average class size in second and third year classes

205

Entering class size for Fall 2008

8,966

Alumni network worldwide

34%

Self-identified students of color in enrolling in Fall 2008

96%

Graduates employed 9 months after graduation
(based on Class of 2006)

\$135,000

Average starting salary/private practice
(based on Class of 2006)

89% vs. 68.9%

**July 2007 California Bar
passage rate for USC graduates**

**July 2007 average
California Bar passage rate**

5,410

Number of hours of pro bono service by USC Law students
(Academic Year 2007-08)

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 70 students—small enough to foster class participation, big enough to offer diverse perspectives.

Constitutional Law: Learn how responsibility for creating and administering the law is shared by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches; the nation and the states; and the government and the individual. Topics include federal powers, the role of the Supreme Court, due process, and equal protection.

Contracts: Develop an understanding of the rules that regulate consensual agreements entered into for commercial purposes. Discover what promises the state should and does enforce, and what remedies are available when enforceable promises are broken.

Criminal Law: How does a legislature or court decide that a particular behavior is a "crime?" Find out as you explore the moral, psychological, and philosophical issues involved in ascribing criminal responsibility.

Law, Language, and Ethics: Get your first glimpse of how legal rules and concepts function in the organization of society. True to USC Law's interdisciplinary focus, this class draws on a broad variety of fields—including epistemology, ethics, semantic analysis, aesthetics, sociology, and psychoanalysis—to examine the underlying structure of legal argument and decision.

Legal Profession: Examine the ethical dilemmas attorneys confront in their various roles. Topics include conflicts of interest, confidentiality, and problems inherent in adversarial advocacy.

Legal Research, Writing, and Advocacy: Develop your analytical, research, and communication skills in this two semester course. Start fall semester with short, written exercises, then progress to drafting legal office memoranda. In the spring, concentrate on developing your skills in written advocacy by drafting legal briefs. And in your first-year moot-court program, discover and develop your own eloquence in advocacy by practicing oral argument.

In the Legal Research component, explore the basic sources of law for federal and state jurisdictions. Analyze research methods and techniques. And learn to use a vast array of sources—from books to online research systems.

Procedure: What constitutes fair, adequate, and efficient procedure in resolving legal disputes? Learn how authority for these matters is allocated between federal and state courts and among Congress, the executive branch, and the courts. Your study focuses on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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

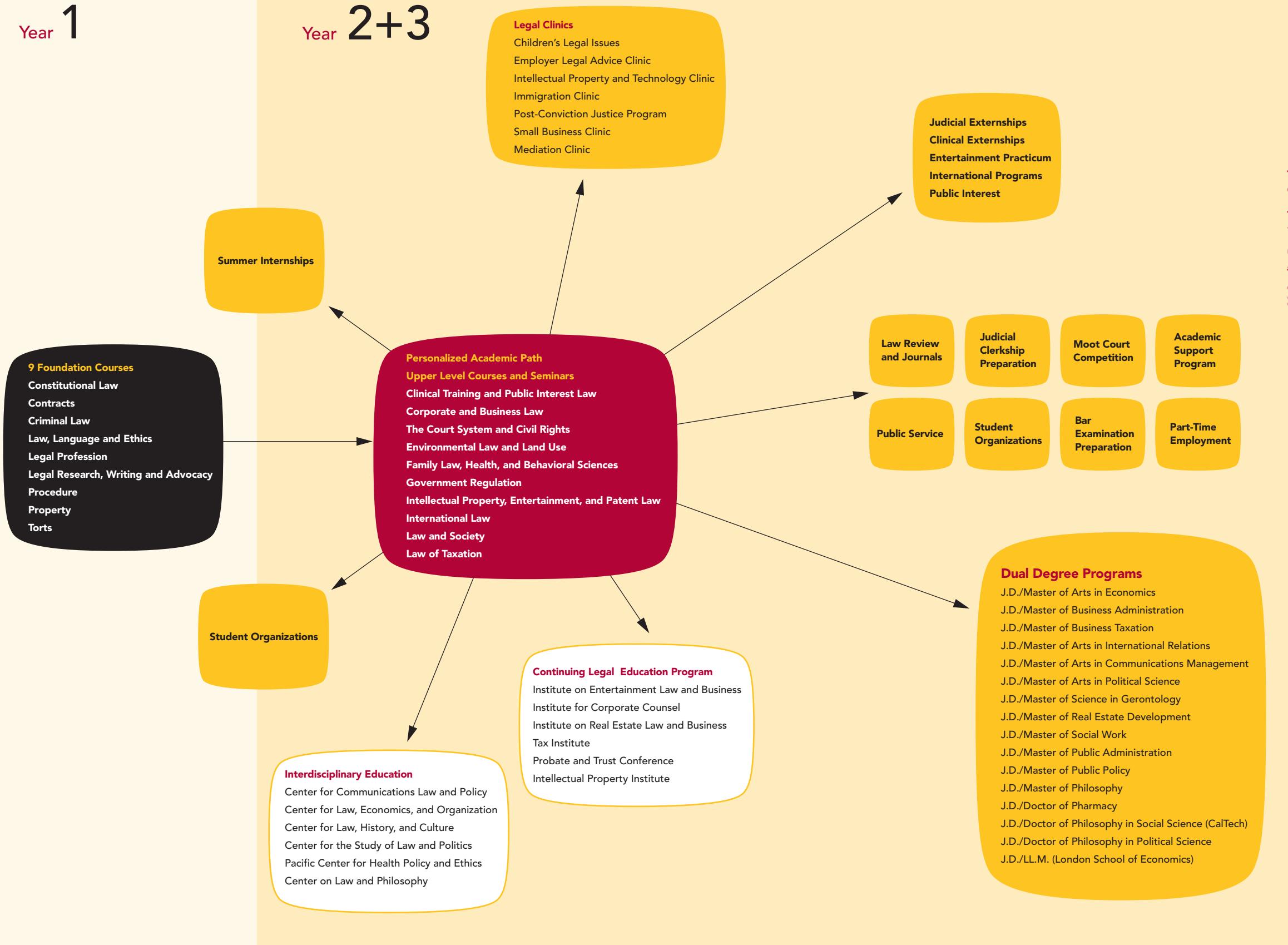
Torts: Explore the individual's obligation to refrain from harming others. Study the bases for compensating the injured either by holding responsible whoever is at fault for harm or by invoking other principles of liability, including the efficiency of resource allocation and the spreading of losses.

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



Curriculum Overview

Year 1

9 Foundation Courses:
 Constitutional Law
 Contracts
 Criminal Law
 Law, Language and Ethics
 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 are complete.
 You 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
January: Public Interest Career Day
 Interview Program
February: Spring On Campus Interview Program

Year 3

Continue the pursuit of 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
January: Public Interest Career Day
 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 Communications Law & Policy:

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

Center for Law, History, and Culture:

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

Center for Law, Economics, and Organization:

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

Center for the Study of Law and Politics:

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

Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics:

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

Center on Law and Philosophy:

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

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.

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

Small Business Clinic: USC Law's newest 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.

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



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.

International Programs

In addition to bringing global perspectives to campus, USC Law gives second- and third-year students the chance to study law abroad. You may apply to spend one semester studying at the University of Hong Kong. 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.

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

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

Christensen, Glaser, Fink, Jacobs, Weil & Shapiro
Fulbright & Jaworski
Greenberg, Glusker, Fields, Claman & Machtlinger
Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp
Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker
Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood

Businesses and Public Interest Organizations

Allbritton Communications
Disney Studios
Majestic Realty
Public Counsel
USC General Counsel
Warner Brothers Studios
William Morris



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, 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: Children's Legal Issues Clinic, Employer Legal Advice Clinic, Immigration Clinic, Intellectual Property and Technology, Post-Conviction Justice Project, Small Business Clinic, and Mediation Clinic.

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

where students provide crucial legal services to residents working to rebuild their lives. LAAB also added a border justice trip to Tijuana, Mexico during winter break 2008. Other student-led service projects include La Raza'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. In support of public interest oriented graduates, USC provides:

PILF's Irmas Fellowship:

The 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/academics/ops.cfm>

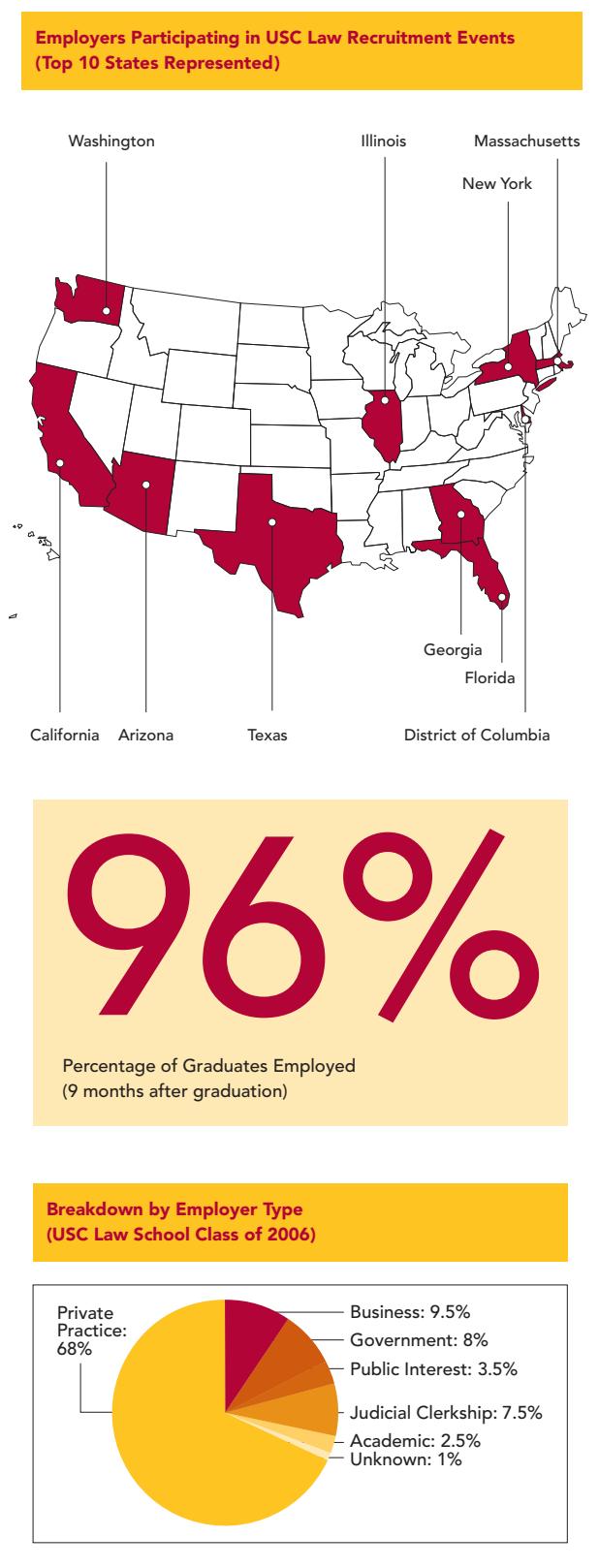
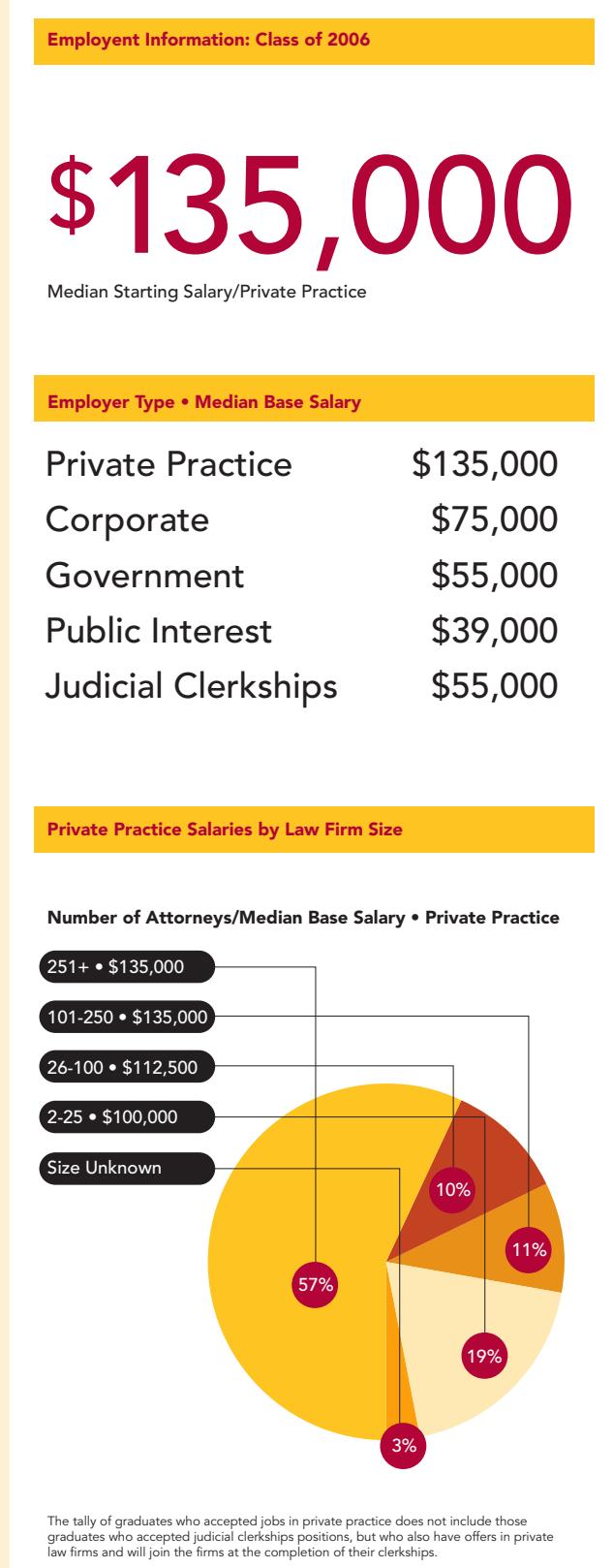
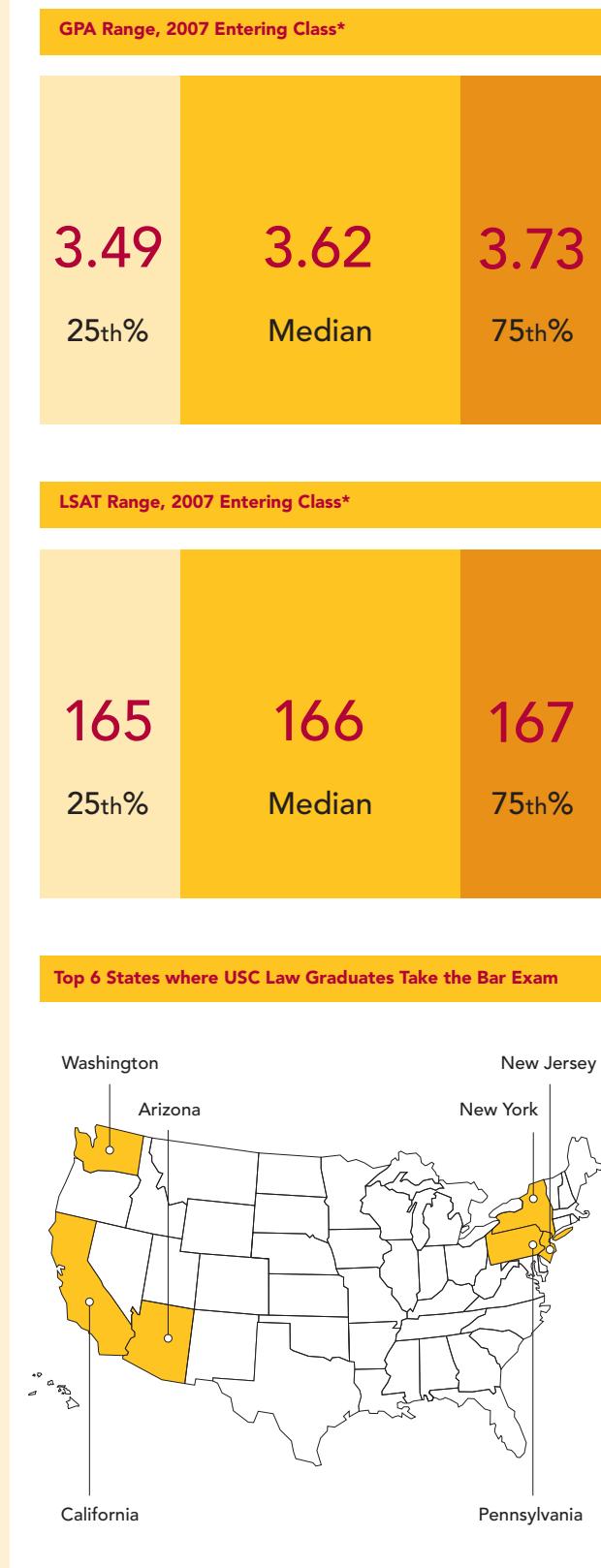
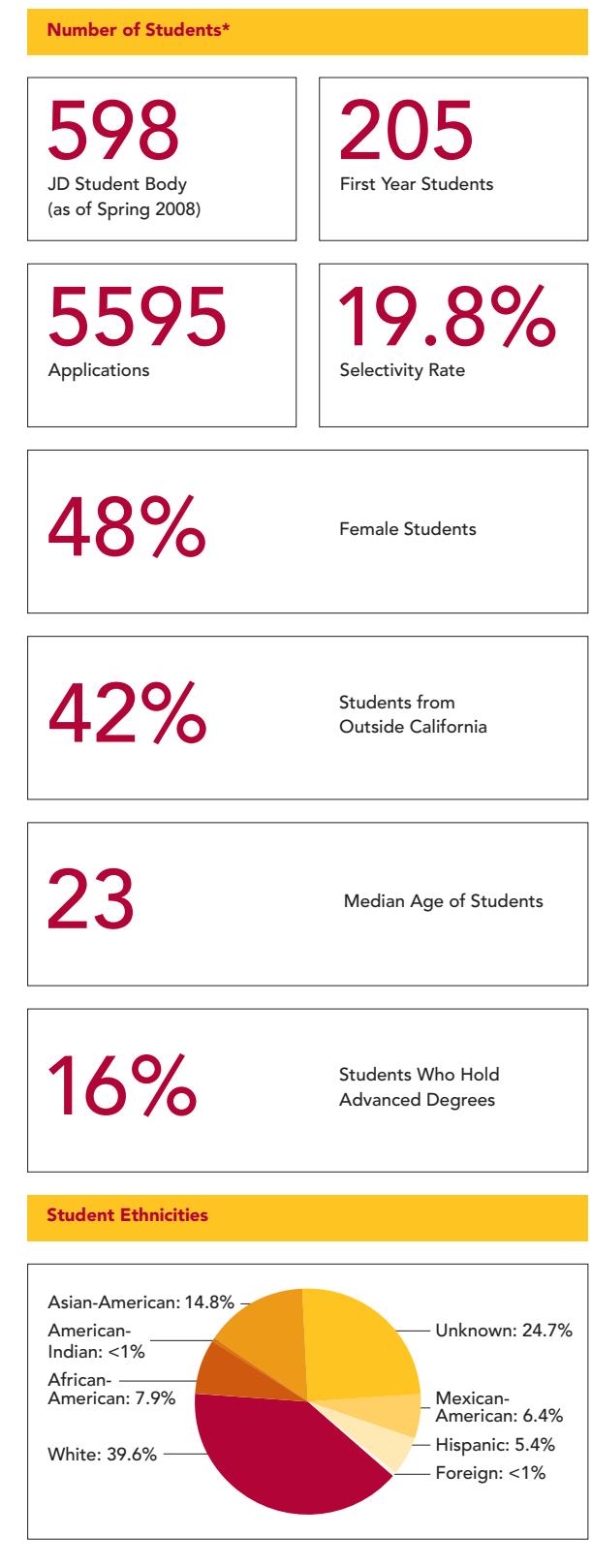
Public Interest Law Foundation: <http://law.usc.edu/students/orgs/pilf/index.cfm>

La Raza's Teen Court Program:

<http://law.usc.edu/students/orgs/raza/TeenCourt.cfm>

Street Law Outreach Program:

<http://law.usc.edu/students/orgs/sl/index.cfm>



*Data reflects demographic information as of 8/1/2008

This is who we are:

USC Law boasts 42 full-time faculty and over 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



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Assistant Professor



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Law, Policy and Ethics, University
Professor of Law and Medicine



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L. Guirado Professor of Law
and History



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: 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: J.D./LL.B., Toronto; LL.M., Columbia University; J.S.D. (in progress) 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: Prisoners' Rights; Constitutional Law

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 USC Pacific Center for Health Law 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, 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: "'The Sexual Freedom Cases?' Contraception, Abortion, Abstinence, and the Constitution"; "Controlling Desires: Sexual Orientation Conversion and the Limits of Knowledge and Law"; "Piety and Prejudice: Free Exercise Exemption from Laws Prohibiting Sexual Orientation Discrimination"

Classes: Constitutional Law; Federal Courts; seminar on Identity Categories in Life and the Law

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."

Education: A.B., University of California, Berkeley; J.D., M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. American Studies, Yale University
Specialty: Impact of foreign affairs on U.S. civil rights policy after World War II.

Published work: *Legal Borderlands: "The Little Rock Crisis: Race, Resistance, and the Image of American Democracy"; "The Supreme Court and Racial Equality During World War II"; "Josephine Baker, Racial Protest and the Cold War"; Cold War Civil Rights: Race and the Image of American Democracy; September 11 in History: A Watershed Moment?* (editor)

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

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.

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."

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., 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."

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Education: B.A.H., Queen's College; J.D., M.A., Ph.D. Economics, Stanford University
Specialty: The design of legal and dispute resolution systems, contract law and theory, economic analysis of law, and gender in and law
Experience: Clerked for The Honorable Patricia Wald, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. Served as a National Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution and as Senior Visiting Olin Fellow at Columbia Law School. Served as president of the Canadian Law and Economics Association and director of the American Law and Economics Association.
Published work: "Don't Forget the Lawyers: Legal Human Capital and The Role of Lawyers in Supporting the Rule of Law"; "On Public versus Private Provision of Corporate Law" (with Eric Talley); "The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund: An Unprecedented Experiment in American Democracy"; and "Feminism, Fairness and Welfare: An Invitation to Feminist Law and Economics."
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; Psychology and Law; Quantitative Methods in the Law; Family Violence
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 three year old (or other "normal people") helps 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: A.B., Princeton University; J.D., Harvard University
Specialty: Corporate and securities law, law and economics, international business transactions
Experience: Taught law and was John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics at the University of Chicago Law School. Practiced law with the New York and Hong Kong offices of Cravath, Swaine & Moore.
Published work: "Conflict or Credibility: Analyst Conflicts of Interest and the Market for Underwriting Business"; "Why Shareholders Want Their CEOs to Lie More after Dura Pharmaceuticals"; and "IPO Liability and Entrepreneurial Response."
Classes: Securities Regulation; Commercial Law; Theoretical Inquiries Into Corporate and Securities Law
Next frontier in your field: "I research primarily in corporate fraud. The field is always changing because firms are constantly figuring out ingenious ways to game the rules, and regulators are constantly bumbling around, making things worse."

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: "Chilling Effects" or Efficient Process? Takedown Notices under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act"; "Legal Uncertainty in Free and Open Source Software and the Political Response"; "Radio Frequency ID and Privacy with Information Goods"; and "Note, Bell & Howell Document Management Products Co. v. Altek Systems."

Education: B.A., Cornell University; J.D., University of California, Berkeley
Specialty: Intellectual property law and policy, trademark law, copyright law, and technology policy as it relates to consumer rights, privacy and copyright.
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: Business Organizations; International Environmental Law; Property; Law, Language, and Ethics; Rights of Groups
Best advice to someone who chooses USC Law: "Engage the big ideas. Law attempts to fulfill fundamental goals of justice and fairness, and lawyers are the keepers of the flame. The better you understand the underlying big ideas in law, the better your foundational skill set will be, and the better lawyer you will become."



Campus life offers welcome diversions from the intensity of law studies, plus opportunities to cultivate a broad circle of friends, in addition to future professional colleagues.



Landscape



Sunita Bali • Los Angeles, California

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

My favorite place on campus is right by the Commons. There is always some sort of promotion going one. Once I even won an iPod.

Where do you study on campus?

If I'm on campus studying with friends I like to get a study room so that we can talk about the material while we're studying. If I'm studying alone, I like to grab a carrell on the second floor so I don't have any distractions.

Where do you hang out on campus?

I'm pretty much at the law school all of the time and the blue couches are definitely the place to socialize.

Where do you eat on campus?

Although the law school café is pretty good, I like to go to the Commons where there is more variety.

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

I'm an active member of BLSA and will be the co-president next year. I also participated in LAAB, Street Law, and PILF.

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

My favorite class so far has been Civil Procedure. Professor Roithmayr is great! She knows how to make civil procedure seem like the most interesting subject ever!

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

Make sure that you are committed because it's a lot of work.

Why did you choose USC Law?

The professors and administration really impressed me at Preview Day. The professors were so articulate and intelligent and the administrators were extremely helpful and available. And even as a student, they continue to impress me.



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.



Kim Bui • Tempe, Arizona

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

I like taking advantage of all the great outside spaces on campus—this means benches, grass lawns and picnic tables.

Where do you study on campus?

Sometimes I escape from the law school to study at Doheny, a lovely undergrad library. It has a great big study hall with massive tables, vaulted ceilings and book-lined walls. Its atmosphere helps me get into the studying mood.

Where do you hang out on campus?

You can often find me at The Coffee Bean across from the law school. They have a nice little courtyard that's great for study breaks and enjoying the Southern California weather.

Where do you eat on campus?

I generally bring my lunch and sit out on the law school's grass lawn to eat with my friends. The grass is green year-round, and it's nice to sprawl out and have picnic lunches like that.



David Michael Borinstein • Beverly Hills, California

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

I was on The Student Bar Association this past year, which is the law school's student government.

Where do you study on campus?

I enjoyed getting involved because it added a separate facet to my school experience, but wasn't another academic activity.

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

Constitutional Law with Professor Garet.

Where do you hang out on campus?

He has great passion for the subject, and it really shines through in his teaching. He makes it very easy to love the class.

Where do you eat on campus?

I usually eat either at the law school café or at the nearby Chipotle/Quiznos. The best food is convenient food.

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

Generally I'm either in the law school or nearby so I spend a lot of time on that corner of campus.

Why did you choose USC Law?

The fountain nearby is always a nice place for lunch.

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

I really enjoyed Professor Griffith's Criminal Law class. Professor Griffith is a very dynamic and interesting speaker with a great sense of humor and an ability to convey complex concepts in a clear, organized, and understandable manner.

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

Take the LSAT. If you are still ready for 9 straight months (x3) of studying about as intensely as you studied for the LSAT then you're probably ready for law school. Also, be sure

that you can focus entirely on your work... you will generally not have the time or energy for friends and relationships. Finally, be aware that law school is a marathon not a sprint... it's a long way to the finish line!

Why did you choose USC Law?

USC is a great place to make connections and to begin a career. The opportunities that USC gives its students are second to none for positions in California.



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?

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?

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.



Becky Raizman • Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

W

hat'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!

W

hy did you choose USC Law?

Reputation and diversity. Oh yeah, the Tier 1 ranking and the National Championship Football team didn't hurt!

W

here 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.

D

o 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.

W

hy did you choose USC Law?

I chose USC Law because of 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

W

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

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

W

here do you hang out on campus?

Other than the classroom, the infamous blue couches.

D

o 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.

W

hat'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.

W

hy 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

W

hat'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.

W

here 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

D

o 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 which provides free food and/or drinks.

W

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

Public Interest

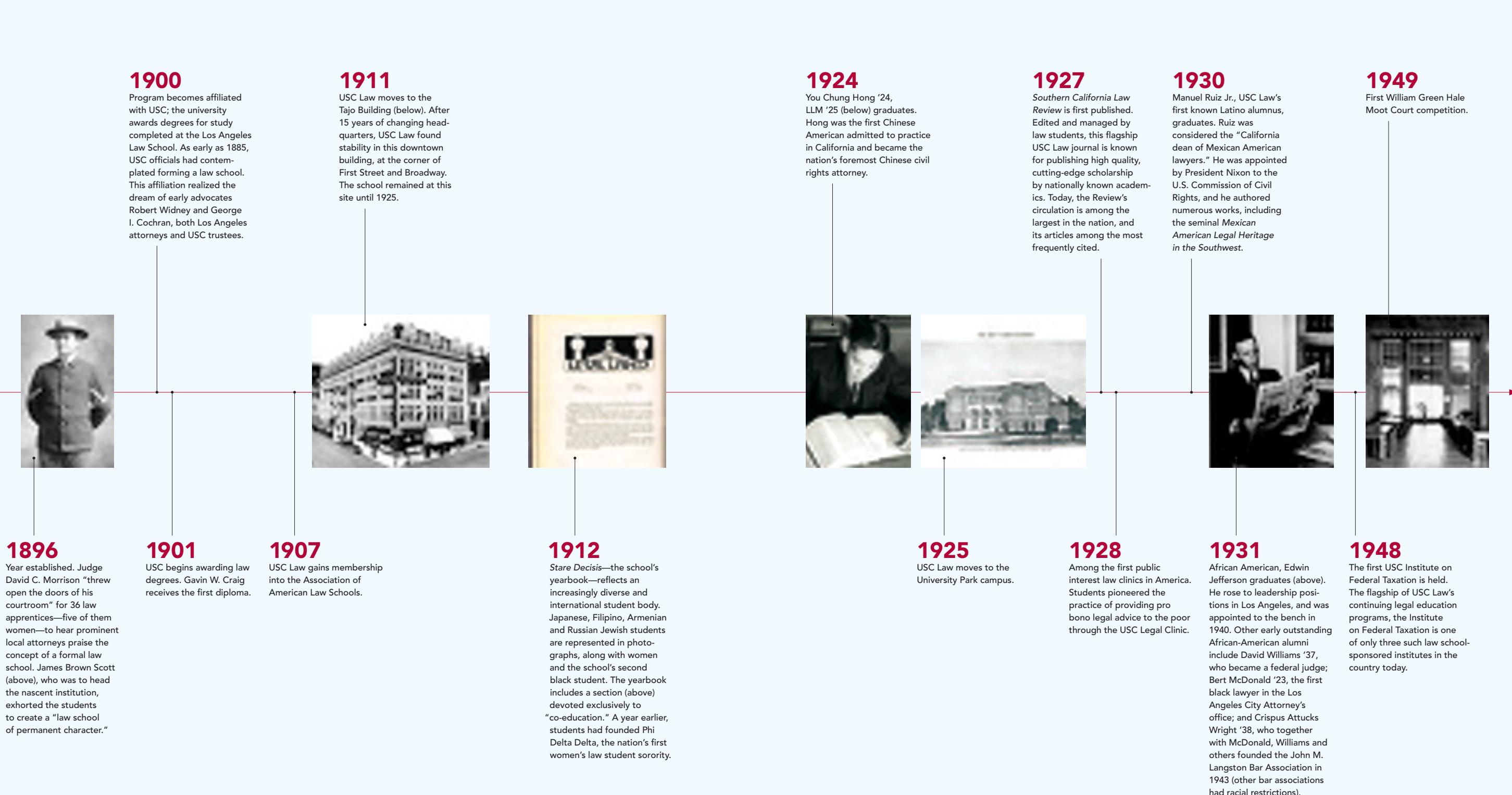
Believing that practical experience is essential, in 1928, USC became one of the country’s first law schools to establish a public-interest clinic. In time, the clinic evolved into the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, one of the state’s largest providers of free legal services and a place where USC 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 J.D.s. 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. With a market value now exceeding \$200 million, its 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.





1961

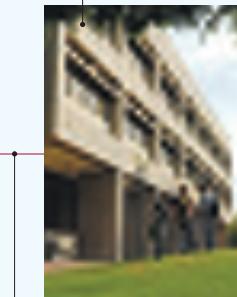
Southern California Law Review, first published in 1927 is edited and managed by law students, like these from 1961 (below). This flagship USC Law journal is known for publishing high quality, cutting-edge scholarship by nationally known academics.

**1965**

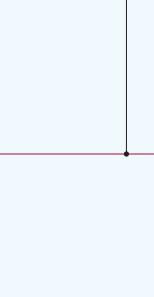
"Law, Language, and Ethics" first offered. This signature course, required of all first-year law students, transformed the way law is taught at USC. Drawing on fields such as philosophy, psychology and economics, the course encourages students to examine legal issues in a comprehensive context.

**1970**

Chicano Law Students Association is founded.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**2001**

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

**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) open. 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 (below) provided assistance to Gulf Coast hurricane victims.

**1955**

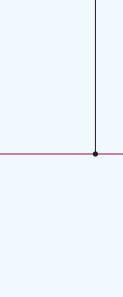
Legion Lex is founded. This active and successful volunteer fund-raising support group for USC Law has generated millions of dollars in annual contributions—erecting buildings, supporting faculty research and teaching, and providing student scholarships.

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.

**1973**

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.

**1987**

Children's Legal Issues Clinic founded.

**1989**

Children's Legal Issues Clinic founded.

**1991**

Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics is founded.

**2000**

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

**1998**

Employer Legal Advice Clinic is founded.

The USC Center for Communications Law and Policy opens.

**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 87 international students from dozens of countries on five continents.

2007

Small Business and mediation Clinics are founded.



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.



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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 Program (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."

Norma García Guillén '02

Associate
Sheppard Mullin Richter
& Hampton LLC
Costa Mesa, 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.

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. García Guillén 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*; in *Latina* magazine; *Selecciones*; *La Opinion*. OC Metro 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 to 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 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 an adjunct professor of 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."

2-5 years alumni

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.

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).

10-25 years alumni

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 all over the globe, including:

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Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

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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.

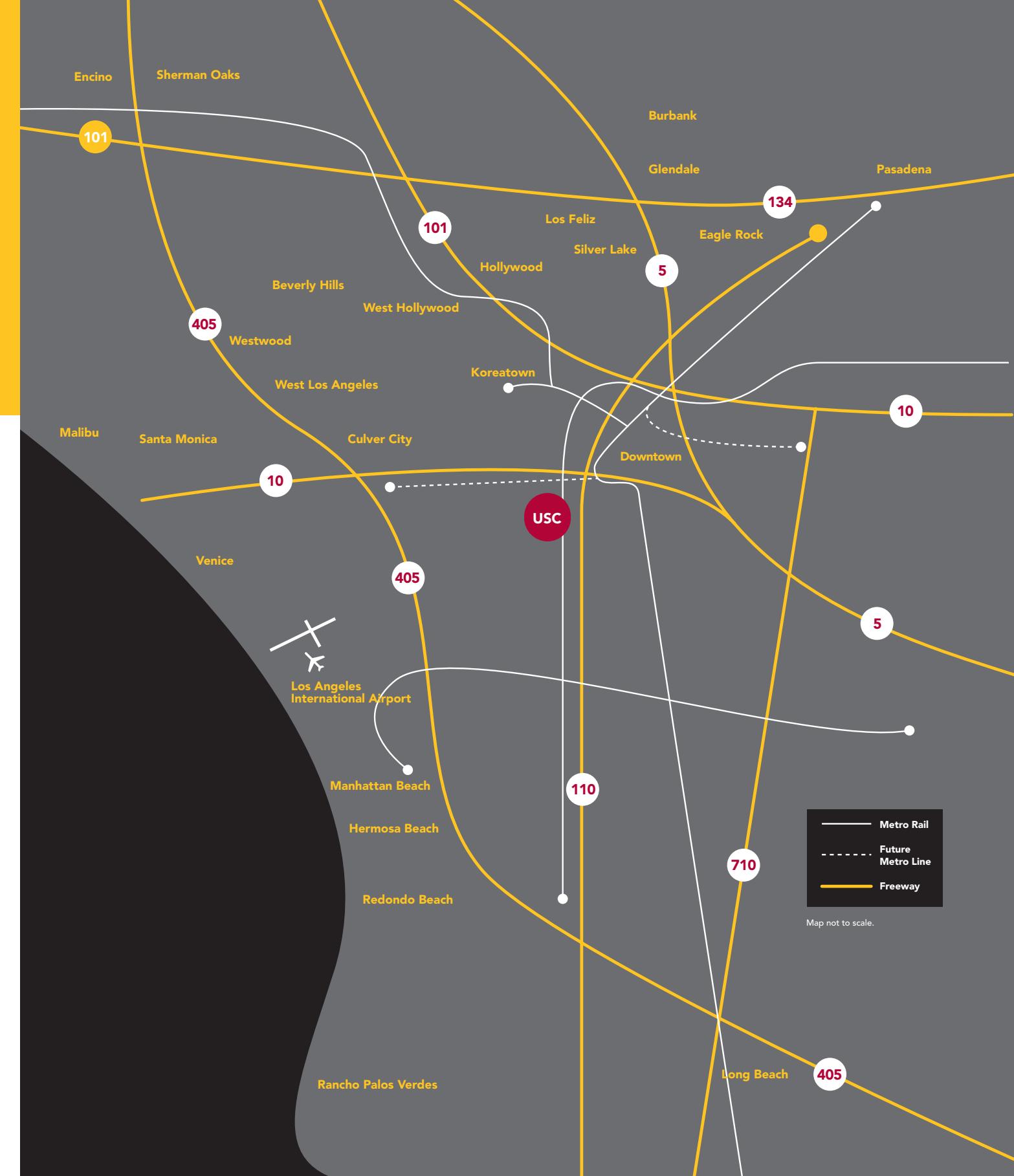
All aspects of high and popular culture are represented in Los Angeles; L.A. is an incredible center of outstanding and innovative film, music, theatre and dance. L.A. is also one of the most affordable and diverse cities in which to eat. From the fresh produce in numerous farmers' markets to sidewalk 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, 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.

**Erin Lapping, Santa Monica****Where do you live and why?**

Santa Monica: I can run on the beach, walk to the grocery store, and hop on the 10 freeway and be at school in 20 minutes. Plus, there are tons of cute boutiques, delicious restaurants, and neighborhood bars all within a few blocks of my apartment.

How do you get to USC?

I hop in my Prius and zip along.

What do you like best about your neighborhood?

The cool ocean breeze—a must-have on a hot summer day.

**Andrew Post, On Campus****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.

**Parfait Mwez, On Campus****Where do you live and why?**

I live in Terrace Apartments because there was an available space and it was the easiest housing solution for me when I needed to find it ASAP.

What do you like best about your neighborhood?

It's close to campus, so some days I wake up half an hour before class.

**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!

**Chris Koepsel, Downtown****Where do you live and why?**

I lived close to school my first year because I didn't want to deal with commuting. I just recently moved downtown, but it is still just a 10 minute drive to school.

How do you get to USC?

I ride my bike to class.

What do you like best about your neighborhood?

The area around SC is not dangerous, it is just urban. L.A. is really just a huge clump of 100 little towns. You can drive a mile in any direction and it will have a totally different feel. That is my favorite part of L.A.

**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.





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. It's 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

Griffith Park Observatory

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.

"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

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 it's 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 (pobladores) 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 Los Angeles are The Coliseum, Staples Center and USC. I love sports and I love the University of Southern California."

— Jameil Johnson, student

"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 than 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.

"What's the best thing about Los Angeles? The weather. Also, the food/dining: there is a wide variety of ethnic food."

– Caroline Boner, staff member

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 of music—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

"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

3rd 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.

"LACMA—on the weekends there are concerts and old movies."

– Michelle Buckley, staff member

"The Garment District has active and interesting street life (people actually walk around which is uncommon in L.A.), broad selection of fabric and notions, wonderful alleys to wander down, great people watching. It's inspiring and invigorating."

– Carmel Boerner, 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 one of the many attractions favored by tourists. About twenty-four million people come to Los Angeles every year for their vacation.

"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 and 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

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.

"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

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.

"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

"I love the great festivals that happen throughout the metropolitan area because they showcase many different vendors."

– Julie Davis, staff member

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.

"Harold and Belle's Restaurant (3 miles from campus) is one of my favorite places in Los Angeles. It reminds me of my hometown cooking in New Orleans, LA. One of the best Cajun and Creole restaurants I know. The other one is in Hermosa Beach, CA (18 miles from campus) Ragin' Cajun Cafe. They both are very good for the same reason."

– Michelle Jones, staff member

"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

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.

"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

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.

"Three of my favorite places in Los Angeles:

- The Getty Center (and the Villa)
- Venice Beach (just for the funkiness of it all)
- Descanso Gardens (actually in La Canada)"

– Katie Waitman, staff member

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.

"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

"The weather and the attitude, because I succeed in environments where people are positive and have perspective. Also, anything can happen here! People don't live inside the box as much as they do on the East Coast."

– Alyson Parker, student

"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, 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.

"The best thing about Los Angeles is the variety. From Googie-style coffee shops to stately Pasadena mansions, snow-covered mountains to wildflower-strewn deserts, Peruvian Saltado de Pollo to Greek tsaziki, the Ahmanson Theater to the Knitting Factory, Los Angeles has every taste, smell, touch, and sight anyone could ever hope to experience."

– Jean Rosenbluth, faculty

"My favorite places in L.A.? The beach (wide and clean), Venice beach (people from all walks of life), and the beach bike path (very long)."

– Caroline Baron, staff member

"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, student

Apply: What to do Next

1 August/
September
2008

Register for LSAT and Subscribe to LSDAS

Subscribe to the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS), and take the LSAT no later than December 2008. For more information, contact the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) at www.LSAC.org or by calling (215) 968-1001.

2 October
2008

Get Letters of Recommendation Written and Submit to LSDAS

We require that you submit at least two letters of recommendation through the LSDAS Letter of Recommendation Service. At least one of these letters should specifically address your academic abilities. Letters submitted through LSDAS will be copied and sent to us along with your LSDAS Report. Applicants may submit additional letters of recommendation (no more than 2) directly to the law school.

3 December
2008

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 may transmit your application electronically using LSAC's electronic application service. LSAC will send both printed and electronic versions of your application directly to USC Law. (Applications will be considered postmarked on the day they are submitted electronically.) Applicants seeking need-based application fee waivers should consult the website for instructions.

4 January 1,
2009

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Complete the 2009-2010 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, 2009. To be considered for all available financial aid, be sure the processor receives your FAFSA no later than March 2, 2009.

5 February 1,
2009

Final Deadline for Application Submission

Priority review will be given to applicants who file a timely application by February 1, 2009. Typically, most applicants who submit by this deadline will receive an admissions decision by April 15.

Important Dates

December

6

Last Day
To Take LSAT Test

USC Tours
Admissions
Decisions Begin

January

1

File FAFSA
Document

9

Frank Rothman
Scholarship Application Due

Classroom Visits

February

1

USC Law School Application Due

March

2

Priority Filing Date
for FAFSA

15

Begin Research
for Housing

16-20

Spring
Break

17

USC Law Day

Admit Tour Days

April

1

First Enrollment
Confirmation Deposit Due

May

15

Finalize Housing Plans

June

1

Second Enrollment
Confirmation Deposit Due

July

17-19

Pre-Orientation

21

Orientation

24

Classes
Begin



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, and significant scholarly achievements. Although USC Law does not require specific college courses for admission, we look favorably on students who have selected intellectually challenging courses of study.

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

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

Your Personal Statement: The admissions committee gives careful attention to your personal statement. We are particularly interested in your motivation for studying law, your academic background, and qualities you possess that may enhance the diversity of our student body. If you are a college senior or recent graduate, you may wish to mention your work history and extracurricular activities. If you have spent a year or more in the 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: 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.

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, to the USC Law Registrar.

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

Applicants With Disabilities: It is the policy and practice of USC Law School 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, gender, sexual orientation, 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 (213) 740-2503 (TTY/TTD).

Admissions Applications Postmark Deadline: February 1, 2009

A complete, accurate and timely application is the first step to being admitted to USC Law. Please go to law.usc.edu/admissions/applynow.cfm to get our one-page application, call (213) 740-2523 or send an email message to admissions@law.usc.edu. Applicants with hearing disabilities may call (213) 740-2503 (TTY/TTD). You must transmit your application electronically for consideration. We do not accept paper applications.

Application for Admission for Fall 2009



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

This application must be postmarked by
February 1, 2009

CHECKLIST

- Application Form and \$75 Fee
(payable to University of Southern California.
Print name of applicant on payment.)
- Personal Statement
- Letters of recommendation
(must be submitted through LSDAS)
- Resume

SECTION 1: Type of Application

Check all that apply.

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

SECTION 2: Personal Information

Name Ms. Mr.

Preferred First Name

Social Security No.

E-mail Address

Mailing Address

Please use this mailing address from _____ to _____

Permanent Address

Birthdate

Country of Birth

Provision of the following information regarding ethnicity is voluntary. We request it to facilitate reporting of data and to enrich USC Law's educational environment by attracting a diverse student body.

Check One

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic (please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino American | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native/Hawaiian Native (please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese American | <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese American | <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to state |

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)?
- Yes No Are any charges pending against you?
- Yes No Have you ever been or are you currently registered at another law school?



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 2008-09 academic year are \$21,781 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, 2009. 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 our Application for Scholarships and Financial Aid in your admission packet. Be sure to submit the application immediately. All admitted applicants who submit the application in a timely manner will be considered for scholarship assistance.

All scholarships awarded to incoming first-year students are guaranteed for three years. Scholarships are awarded in amounts ranging up to full tuition. Most scholarships are based on need and merit, although the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee occasionally awards a small number of scholarships based solely on the applicant's potential, as indicated by the strength of the admissions file. If you receive a scholarship your first year, you can expect the same level of assistance in your second and third years.

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.



Loan Programs: To be eligible for loan programs, file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) soon after January 1, 2009. Do not wait for an admissions decision before submitting the FAFSA.

Admitted applicants who apply for financial aid will first be packaged with any scholarships awarded. The next \$20,500 of financial need is met by the Federal Stafford Loan. While you are enrolled at USC Law School, a portion of this loan may be interest-free. The Federal PLUS Loan or private alternative educational loans are available to meet any additional needs. These loan programs are available to all 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 both the federal loans and private alternative loan programs.

Other Resources: Second- and third-year students may be eligible for work-study funds. The work-study program enables you to earn money toward your law school education by working in government or a non-profit law office, or as a research assistant for law faculty. Many USC Law students also help finance their education through lucrative, law related work assignments during the summers or during the second and third years of law school. USC Law's Office of

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

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

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

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90%

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

(based on Fall 2007 entering class)

\$15,000

Median scholarship award

(based on Fall 2007 entering class)

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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

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- 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, 2009. To be considered for all available financial aid, be sure the processor receives your FAFSA no later than March 3, 2009.

Admitted Applicants

- USC Law's Application for Scholarships and Financial Aid is included in the packet with your admission letter. For optimum consideration, submit this application immediately after you are admitted. Once we receive the application, we will review your file for scholarship assistance and loan eligibility.
- To help ensure that you receive a timely offer of financial aid, carefully follow the additional instructions provided with your admission letter.

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

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DATE _____

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