

Meet the Law Faculty

Highly Ranked

Accessible Full-time Faculty

> **Highly Specialized** Legal Writing and Research Faculty

12:1 Student to Faculty Ratio

Adjuncts, **Practical Skills**

Associate Professor Dov Fox. who also serves as the director of USD Law's Center for Health Law Policy and Bioethics, teaches and writes in the areas of criminal law and

procedure, health law and bioethics. and the regulation of technology.

Warren Distinguished Professor of Law **Roy Brooks**

teaches and writes in the areas of legal and critical theory, civil procedure, civil rights, employment discrimination, and

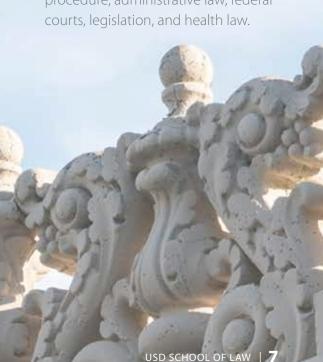
international human rights.

Don Weckstein Professor of Labor and Employment Law Orly Lobel

teaches and writes in the areas of employment law, intellectual property law, regulatory and administrative law, torts, behavioral economics, health policy, consumer law, and trade secrets.



Associate Professor Mila Sohoni teaches and writes in the areas of civil procedure, administrative law, federal





Juris Doctor (JD) Program

The degree of juris doctor is the basic professional degree offered by USD School of Law. USD Law's JD program prepares students to pass the bar exam and practice law, while allowing students to explore diverse interests and career goals. USD Law offers:

- A full-time JD program (typically 3 years)
- A part-time JD program (typically 4 years)
- A seven-week summer program, which makes it possible to take a lighter class load during the semester

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Advanced Standing JD Program for International Students

This program allows students and graduates with transfer credit from law schools outside the United States to obtain a U.S. JD degree in two years. Students are admitted as the equivalent of second-year transfer students and follow USD's typical JD program requirements.

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Concurrent Degrees

The School of Law offers dual degree programs in conjunction with the University's graduate schools, allowing students to graduate with two degrees in approximately four years. These dual degrees offer the pursuit of a JD degree along with a:

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Arts in International Relations (MAIR)
- Master of Arts in Peace and Justice (MAPJ)

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Master of Laws Programs (LLM)

After obtaining a JD degree, the Master of Laws (LLM) degree offers individuals specialization options.

U.S. Law School Graduates: LLM Programs

- LLM in Business and Corporate Law
- LLM in International Law
- 11 M in Taxation
- General LLM with Concentration (as approved)
 - » Available concentrations include: Criminal Law, Environmental and Energy Law, Intellectual Property, and Labor and Employment Law

International Law School Graduates: LLM Programs

- LLM in Comparative Law
 - » Available concentrations include: Business and Corporate Law, Criminal Law, Environmental and Energy Law, Intellectual Property, International Law, Taxation

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Master of Science in Legal Studies (MS in Legal Studies)

The Master of Science (MS) in Legal Studies is designed for graduate students and professionals whose area of research or employment would benefit from specialized study of the legal system.

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JD/LLM in Taxation Option (JD/LLM)

USD offers its JD students the unique opportunity to earn an LLM in Taxation in just one semester after completing the JD degree.

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Curriculum

Typical First-Year Schedule

SEMESTER 1

- Procedure
- Criminal Law
- Torts

Civil

- Legal Writing & Research I
- Experiential Advocacy Practicum

SEMESTER 2

- Constitutional Law I
- Contracts
- Property
- Legal Writing & Research II
- Experiential Advocacy Practicum

Experiential Advocacy:

Hands-On Experience During the First Year

The Experiential Advocacy Practicum is a simulated skills-training course required for all first-year students.

SEMESTER 1

LITIGATION

Negligence Lawsuit

- Interview clients
- Depose witnesses
- Draft emails
- Make a closing argument

SEMESTER 2

BUSINESS LAW

Buy-Sell Transaction

- Negotiate
- Draft emails
- Draft a transactional term sheet



Full List of JD Courses · · · · · · ·

Required Courses

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law I
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Professional Responsibility
- Property
- Tax I
- Torts
- Legal Writing and Research I and II

Business, Corporate and Commercial

- Advanced Chapter 11 Reorganization
- Advanced Corporate Transaction Skills
- Agency, Partnership and the LLC
- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy
- Business Planning
- Business Torts
- Business Transactions in the People's Republic of China
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance Seminar
- Corporate Law Seminar
- Corporations
- Deals
- Finance and Accounting for Lawyers
- High Tech Start-Ups
- In-House Corporate Counseling
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Sports Law
- UCC: Sales
- UCC: Secured Transactions
- Venture Capital and Private Equity
- White Collar Crime

Clinics and Internships

- Agency Internships
- Agency Externships
- Appellate Clinic
- Child Advocacy Clinic: Delinguency
- Child Advocacy Clinic: Dependency
- Child Advocacy Clinic: Policy
- Civil Clinic
- Corporate Counsel Internship
- Education and Disability Clinic
- Energy Law and Policy Clinic
- Entertainment, Sport and IP Internship
- Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Federal Tax Clinic
- Immigration Clinic
- Intellectual Property Law Clinic
- Judicial Internship Program
- Mediation Internship
- Public Interest Law Clinic
- Small Claims Clinic
- State Income Tax Clinic
- State Sales and Use Tax Clinic
- Tech Entrepreneur Law Clinic
- Veterans Clinic

Criminal Law

- California Criminal Litigation Skills
- Controlled Substances Law
- Corrections and Sentencing
- Criminal Procedure I and II
- Death Penalty
- Federal Crimes
- Human Trafficking
- Scientific Evidence
- White Collar Crime

Environmental Law

- Climate Change Law and Policy
- California Water Law
- Energy Law and Policy
- Environmental Law

- Global Water Law and Policy
- International Energy Regulation
- International Environmental Law

Family and Child

- Child Rights and Remedies
- Education Law
- Family Law
- Topics in Family Law

International and **Comparative Law**

- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Comparative Law
- European Commercial Law
- European Union Law
- Global Constitutionalism
- Immigration Law
- International Arbitration
- International Asia-Pacific Commercial Arbitration
- International Business Ethics
- International Business Transactions
- International Civil Litigation
- International Contracts
- International Criminal Law
- International Energy Regulation
- International Environmental Law
- International Finance Techniques
- International Human Rights International Intellectual
- International Investment

Property

- International Law in U.S. Courts
- International Negotiation
- International Organizations
- International Redress for Human Injustice
- International Sales Transactions
- Latin American Law and Institutions
- Law of the Sea
- NAFTA (North American Fee-Trade Agreement)
- Public International Law

- Transitional Justice and Responding to Mass Atrocities
- Intellectual Property and Technology Law
- Art Law
- Biotech Patent Law
- Copyright Law
- Corporate Innovation and Legal Policy
- Cyberspace Law
- Intellectual Property and Antitrust
- Intellectual Property and Business
- Intellectual Property Seminar: Current Issues in IP Law
- Intellectual Property Survey
- International Intellectual Property
- IP Law Speaker Series
- IP Strategies
- · Patent Law
- Patent Law Policy
- Patent Law Theory Seminar
- Patent Litigation I
- Patent Litigation II
- Patent Prosecution • Survey of Pharmaceutical Law and Policy
- Tech Transfers: Legal Practice
- Telecommunications Law and Regulation
- Topics in IP
- Trade Secrets
- Trademark Law
- Trademark Seminar

Jurisprudence and Theory

- Ethics, Law and International Affairs
- Jurisprudence
- Law and Socio-Economics

Litigation, Practice and Procedure

- Advanced Legal Research
- Advanced Trial Advocacy

Alternative Dispute Resolution

- California Civil Procedure
- Complex Litigation
- Evidence
- Evidence Advocacy Lab
- Federal Courts
- Interviewing and Counseling
- Judicial Lawmaking
- Labor Law
- Mediation Skills
- Negotiation
- Pre-Trial Practice
- Products Liability
- Remedies Trial Advocacy

General Courses

- Advanced Legal Writing
- Animal Law
- Community Property • Fundamentals of Bar Exam Writing
- Health Care Reform
- Health Law and Bioethics
- Health Law and Policy
- Health Law and Reproduction • Independent Supervised
- Research
- Insurance Law
- Legal Drafting • Trusts and Estates
- Wine and the Law

Public Law and Policy

- Administrative Law
- Bioethics and the Law
- California Torts
- Civil Rights Theories Seminar
- Civil Rights Law and History Constitutional Law II
- Discrimination Law
- and Diversity Election Law
- Employment Discrimination • Employment Law
- Federal Courts

- Law and Economics
- Law of American Democracy
- Legislation
- Phil Foundations of the **US** Constitution
- Public Interest Law and Practice
- Religion and the Constitution
- Sexual Orientation and the Law
- Special Education and the Law
- State and Local Government Law
- Work, Welfare and Justice

Tax

- Advanced Business Planning
- Advanced Corporate
- Tax Problems • Corporate Reorganizations
- Corporate Tax
- Corporate Tax Reporting
- ERISA and Employee Benefit Plans

• Estate Planning

- Federal Estate and
- Gift Taxation • Federal Tax Procedure Income Taxation of
- Trusts and Estates
- International Taxation
- Non-Profit Law Partnership Tax
- Pass Throughs: Key **Business Tools**
- Tax Litigation
- Tax Policy Tax Practices and Penalties
- Taxation of Intellectual Property Taxation of International
- Finance • Taxation of Property Transactions
- Taxes and Business Strategy
- Valuation

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Beyond the First Year

Required Upper Division Courses:

- Professional Responsibility
- Tax I

Practice Areas

Many students come to law school with a particular practice area in mind for their future career or they quickly develop a special interest. For students ready to intensely focus their study after the first year, USD offers concentrated programs in ten key practice areas. These concentrations highlight curricular strengths, offering a rich selection of courses taught by leading scholars and expert practitioners.

Concentrations are offered in:

- Business and Corporate Law
- Children's Rights
- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Litigation
- Employment and Labor Law
- Environmental and Energy Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Public Interest Law

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Academic Success Program

USD Law offers services and programs specially designed to help law students succeed during each year of their studies.

Academic Success **Fellows** "TAs" in each 1L class **TOOK THE CLASS** AND DID WELL during their first year. Hold Weekly **OFFICE HOURS** Sudy Groups, or **Review Sessions**

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

RESOURCES

- Study Skills Workshops
- Class-Specific Handouts and Practice Tests
- Resource Center with Treatises for Check-Out
- Individual Academic Counseling
- Study Groups

"ONE AND DONE"

BAR PREPARATION

- Classes Available in Every California Bar-Tested Subject
- Lunchtime Workshops and Strategy Sessions
- Bar Preparation Planning
- Multi-State Bar Exam Course
- Small Group Bar Writing Course

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Brisa Velazquez

represented a client during an unemployment insurance appeal hearing as part of her involvement with USD Law's Workers' Rights Legal Clinic. The client had originally been denied employment insurance benefits, but Velazquez, under the supervision of the clinic's attorneys, was able to reverse the denial at the appeal hearing.

Getting those much needed benefits for my client helped her feel empowered. And it was empowering to me as a law student too. I was so gratified to apply my legal skills and knowledge for the benefit of someone facing real-world legal problems."

Clinical Opportunities

USD Law has a long and rich tradition of allowing students to take on real cases under a supervising attorney to provide service to low-income residents in the San Diego communities.

- Appellate Clinic
- Child Advocacy Clinic
- Civil Clinic
- Education and Disability Clinic
- Energy Law and Policy Clinic
- Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Federal Tax Clinic
- Immigration Clinic
- Public Interest Law Clinic
- State Income Tax Clinic
- State Sales and Use Tax Clinic
- Veterans Clinic
- Workers' Rights Clinic

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Advocacy Programs

USD Law provides the opportunity for elite advocates to compete in national and international trial, appellate, arbitration, and transactional tournaments.

- Appellate Moot Court allows students to improve their brief-writing skills and argue an appeal before a panel of judges while competing for academic honors and membership on regional and national teams.
- Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
 (VICAM) team offers students the opportunity
 to improve their international legal writing and
 advocacy skills by competing in the Willem C. VICAM
 tournament, held annually in Vienna and Hong Kong.
- National Trial Team allows students to compete in five major tournaments each year, teaching them the art of trial advocacy and molding them into strong future litigators.
- Transactional Law Team (TLT) offers students a "moot court-like" experience in a transactional setting. Coached by our own Dean Ferruolo, TLT is designed to give law students a hands-on experience in developing and honing transactional lawyering skills, culminating in the annual National Transactional LawMeet.

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Irene Zhang
credits her participation
with USD Law's
Vis International
Commercial Arbitration
Moot (VICAM) team with
helping her develop
necessary confidence in
her oral advocacy skills.
Because she was part of
a close-knit team with
other law students, she
never felt alone, and her
initial fears melted away.

66 It's been like being part of a wonderful family where everyone is on your side."



Field Placement Program

USD Law's Field Placement Program allows students to receive academic credit for part-time legal work performed under the supervision of an attorney while taking an accompanying faculty-taught course. Field Placements are available for the following:

- Washington D.C. Externships
- Agency Externships
- Corporate Counsel Externships

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STUDENTS HAVE RECENTLY WORKED AT THE FOLLOWING

AGENCY EXTERNSHIPS

- California Attorney's General's Office -Criminal Division
- Casa Cornelia Law Center
- National Conflict Resolution Center
- San Diego Public Defender's Office
- San Diego and Orange County District Attorney's Offices
- San Diego Superior Court
- U.S. Attorney's Office Civil and Criminal Divisions
- U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
- U.S. Trustee's Office

Judicial Externship Program

The Judicial Externship Program allows students to earn academic credit for working with judges in state or federal trial or appellate courts. The primary purpose of these placements is to translate academic legal education into practical adjudicative decision making, thus helping students understand how the courts work and how attorneys, judges, and litigants succeed and fail in the process.

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Under the **Washington D.C. Externship program**, students work under supervision of an on-site attorney for **a government** or public interest agency, **nonprofit** trade association, **think tank**, or with a judge. Students will also be enrolled in a program of graded coursework.

STUDENTS IN THE D.C. PROGRAM

HAVE RECENTLY WORKED AT THE FOLLOWING:

- Securities and Exchange Commission
- Dept. of Interior
- Environmental Protection Agency
- House Subcommittee on Education and Labor
- Dept. of State
- Dept. of Justice
- Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Center for Constitutional Rights
- D.C. Attorney General—Office of Solicitor General
- American Gas Association
- Nutritional Products Association



Centers and Institutes

The centers and institutes at USD Law provide opportunities for students to work closely with leading legal scholars through policy and legislative research, symposiums and panel discussions, and clinical opportunities.



Business Practice and Policy

- Center for Corporate and Securities Law
- Center for Intellectual Property Law and Markets



Public Interest

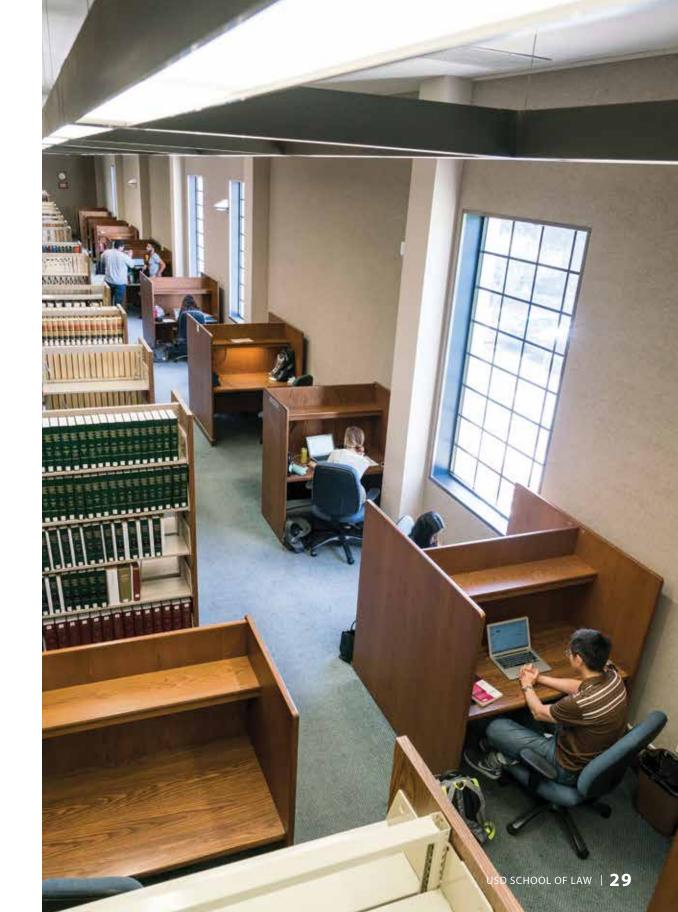
- Center for Public Interest Law
- Children's Advocacy Institute
- Energy Policy Initiatives Center



Academic Research

- Center for Computation, Mathematics, and the Law
- Center for Health Law Policy and Bioethics
- Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism
- Institute for Law and Philosophy
- Institute for Law and Religion

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Study Abroad

USD Law encourages students to take advantage of legal education opportunities abroad to increase their global fluency.

Summer Programs

USD Law's summer study abroad programs are open to USD law students and students enrolled in ABA-accredited and foreign law schools, who are in good academic standing and have completed at least one year of full-time or part-time study. These programs provide intensive training in international, comparative, and foreign law, while introducing American students to the legal institutions of another country, and are structured so that students can still complete an internship in the same summer.

- Paris, France
- London, England

Semester Programs

Alongside summer study abroad opportunities, USD Law offers a full array of semester exchange programs, which expanded from a single program at the University of Copenhagen. The partnerships include programs at:

- Barcelona, Spain
 FSADE Law School
- Buenos Aires, Argentina Universidad Torcuato Di Tella School of Law
- Copenhagen, Denmark University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law
- **Jerusalem, Israel**The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 Faculty of Law
- London, England
 The Dickson Poon School of Law at King's College London
- Seoul, Republic of Korea Seoul National University School of Law
- Singapore, Republic of Singapore Singapore Management University School of Law
- Wiesbaden, Germany EBS Law School

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Academic Journals

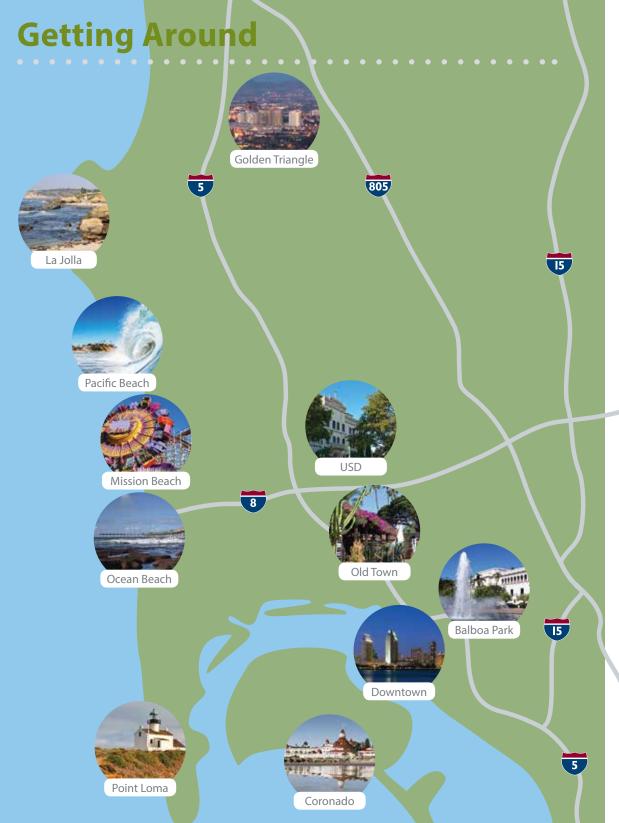
- The San Diego Law Review is USD Law's premier journal of legal scholarship, containing articles and comments addressing major legal issues and topics written by professors, judges, legal practitioners, and students.
- Since 1999, the San Diego International Law Journal has published articles, comments, book reviews and casenotes concerning important international law topics authored by professors, noted practitioners, and students.
- The Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues is published annually by the law school and is dedicated to the examination of important contemporary legal, political, and social problems.
- The Journal of Climate & Energy Law serves as a foundation for continued dialogue and development of the rapidly emerging legal issues related to climate change and energy.

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DOWNTOWN

- Superior Court Central Courthouse
- Hall of Justice
- Family Law Court
- Madge Bradley Family Court
- Edward J. Schwartz United States Courthouse for U.S. District Court Southern District of California
- James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Federal Courthouse
- US Bankruptcy Court
- Internal Revenue Service
- Big, Medium, Small, and Boutique Law Firms

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GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Situated where the 805 and 5 Freeways meet, the "Golden Triangle" of San Diego is a hub for law firms and biotech and technology companies.

5 miles



USD to Downtown

▶ 15 minute drive

USD to Mission Beach

▶ 15 minute drive

USD to Golden Triangle

▶ 20 minute drive

Student Organizations

With over 40 unique law student organizations and teams to choose from, USD Law offers ample opportunities to enrich your legal education, experience the legal "real world" and network with professionals working in your chosen field—all before graduation.

- Student Bar Association (SBA)
- Advocates for Children and Education (ACE)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- American Constitution Society (ACS)
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)
- Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
- Business Law Society (BLS)
- Christian Legal Society (CLS)
- Criminal Law Society
- Employment and Labor Law Society (EALLS)
- Environmental Law Society (ELS)
- The Federalist Society
- Golf Law Society (GLS)
- Health Law Society (HLS)
- Immigrant Justice Law Society (IJLS)
- Intellectual Property Law Association (IPLA)
- International Law Society (ILS)
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society, USD Law Student Chapter (JRCLS)
- Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA)
- La Raza Law Students Association

- Middle Eastern Law Students Association (MELSA)
- Military Bar Association (MilBar)
- Motions (Student Newspaper)
- National Trial Team
- Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)
- Phi Delta Phi (PDP)
- Pride Law
- Pro Bono Legal Advocates (PBLA)
- Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)
- Real Estate and Land Use Society (RELUS)
- Saint Thomas More Society (STMS)
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society (SELS)
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)
- Tax Law Society (TLS)
- USD Law Democrats Club (USD Law Dems)
- USD Law Republicans (USDLR)
- Women's Law Caucus (WLC)



Jacob Yang joined Advocates for Children and Education (ACE), which seeks to promote the welfare of children, during his 1L year as a law student.

Growing up in a low-income neighborhood, I understood the hardships children in these communities face. Having someone there to help give you a little guidance could go a long way, and I wanted to be that guidance in these youth's lives."

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Meet Our Alumni

As USD School of Law, students will become part of a strong network of more than 14,000 law alumni who are successful in diverse practice areas and industries throughout the United States and around the world. USD law alumni are distinguished by their leadership, commitment to service and willingness to mentor and support our students and recent graduates.

Douglas J. Friednash

Chief of Staff, Office of the Colorado Governor, Governor Hickenlooper, Denver, CO

USD prepared me for the unique challenges that I have faced in both the private and public sectors. It provided me with the foundation necessary to provide practical solutions to an array of legal, policy and political situations."

Jay Jurata

Partner & Practice Group Leader, Antitrust & Competition, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe, Washington, D.C.

The USD evening program helped prepare me for the realities of a fast-paced practice with many competing priorities. Having a mix of professors with both academic and practical experience pushed me intellectually while teaching the importance clients place on efficiency. And attending classes with students who had full-time jobs instilled the type of teamwork that is necessary for effective legal teams."

USD Law counts among its alumni numerous federal, state and local judges, members of Congress, ambassadors to the United Nations. state attorneys general city and district attorneys, some of the

country's **finest litigators** and legal

practitioners, presidents of emerging

and major corporations and national

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

San Diego

Los Angeles

Orange County

San Francisco

Reno/Las Vegas • Washington, D.C.

Phoenix

New York

sports teams, and advisors to United States presidents and foreign leaders.

Vickie Turner Partner, Wilson Turner

Kosmo LLP, San Diego, CA USD School of Law encouraged

me to be a critical thinker and provided me with a strong foundation to meet the challenges of practicing law in a sophisticated practice area in both large and small law firm environments."

of all students receive scholarship support with an average funding of more than \$25,000 annually. **Tuition and Fees Financial Aid** law.sandiego.edu/financialaid privately funded scholarships more than USD SCHOOL OF LAW | 45

Applying to USD Law

Apply Online Now

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Requirements for First-Year Applicants include:

- 1. Completed application
- 2. Two- to three-page personal statement
- 3. Registration with LSAC (official transcript(s) and letter(s) of recommendations should be sent directly to CAS)
- 4. Current resume or list of employers

If you are a transfer or visiting student, in addition to the materials listed above, please forward a letter of permission from your current school, an official law school transcript from your current school's registrar's office, a letter of good standing from your current dean, and an official CAS Report to the below address.

USD School of Law Office of Admissions

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