

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF LAW **JD BULLETIN**  
**The Perfect Climate for Studying Law**





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## Welcome

At USD School of Law, we are dedicated to our students' success and provide them with countless opportunities to thrive in and outside the classroom. From thought-provoking courses taught by renowned faculty to life-changing clinical programs to real-world work experiences, USD Law has an exceptional portfolio of offerings that can be customized for each student's needs and interests.

The law school's commitment to our students is at the very core of our mission. Our collaborative and innovative environment provides the ideal setting to enable tomorrow's legal professionals to achieve their goals while also having a positive impact on their communities. During their journey, we are here to support them, every step of the way. We invite you to discover the USD Law difference.

### **Robert Schapiro**

*Dean and C. Hugh Friedman  
Professor of Law*

## From the JD Admissions and Financial Aid Team

We are thrilled that you are considering law school. We invite you to review our bulletin to obtain a snapshot of USD Law. We hope you learn why our faculty members are considered leading legal scholars; why our centers, clinics and institutes provide students with outstanding opportunities to become advocates and serve others; and why our community of alumni and students makes up a wonderful tapestry of talent, compassion, intelligence and ingenuity.

We look forward to you becoming a part of our community. We can't wait to begin working with you as you pursue your dreams.

**Welcome to USD Law!**

# Why USD School of Law?



Located on a **beautiful campus**, the school is known for world-class education in a collegial environment.



Our **renowned faculty** are dedicated to advancing legal scholarship and inspiring the next generation of legal professionals.



Our students take on real-world responsibilities, building their knowledge base while activating **critical-thinking skills**.

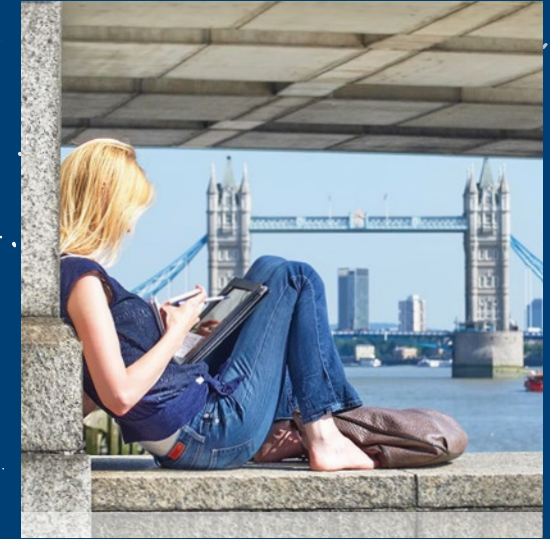


We empower students to **impact their community** every day through service.

## 8 reasons to pursue your legal education with us



The school gives students individualized **assistance in finding meaningful paid work** pre- and post-graduation.



The school's unique location and study abroad programs drive international exposure and encourage **diverse perspectives**.



An **active alumni network** helps ensure students are prepared for wherever they go next.



**San Diego** offers 250+ days of sunshine per year and extraordinary cultural, recreational and natural attractions.



“Coming to law school was scary, but being welcomed by the collaborative student culture, along with USD’s enriching learning opportunities and beautiful campus, helped me settle in quickly. I am so grateful I chose USD Law!”

—Sophie Parker '25 (JD)



“Supportive faculty, social classmates and a perfect setting for law school. Law school isn’t easy, but being able to study where others vacation is a huge blessing.”

—Omar Pena, '24 (JD)





## Programs at USD

### 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 them to explore diverse interests and career goals. USD Law offers:

- A full-time JD program (Duration: 3 years)  
Each full-time student will be enrolled in one class that meets twice a week during the evening.
- A part-time JD program (Duration: 4 years)
- A seven-week summer program, which makes it possible to take a lighter class load during the subsequent semester.

[law.sandiego.edu/jd](http://law.sandiego.edu/jd)

### Direct Admissions Program

The ABA has approved an extension of the Direct Admissions Program for Fall 2026 admission. The Direct Admissions Program allows University of San Diego undergraduate students to waive the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), GRE test, or JD Next application requirement when applying to USD School of Law.

Eligibility and application requirements are updated each year and listed on the website.

[law.sandiego.edu/direct-admissions](http://law.sandiego.edu/direct-admissions)

## Practice Areas

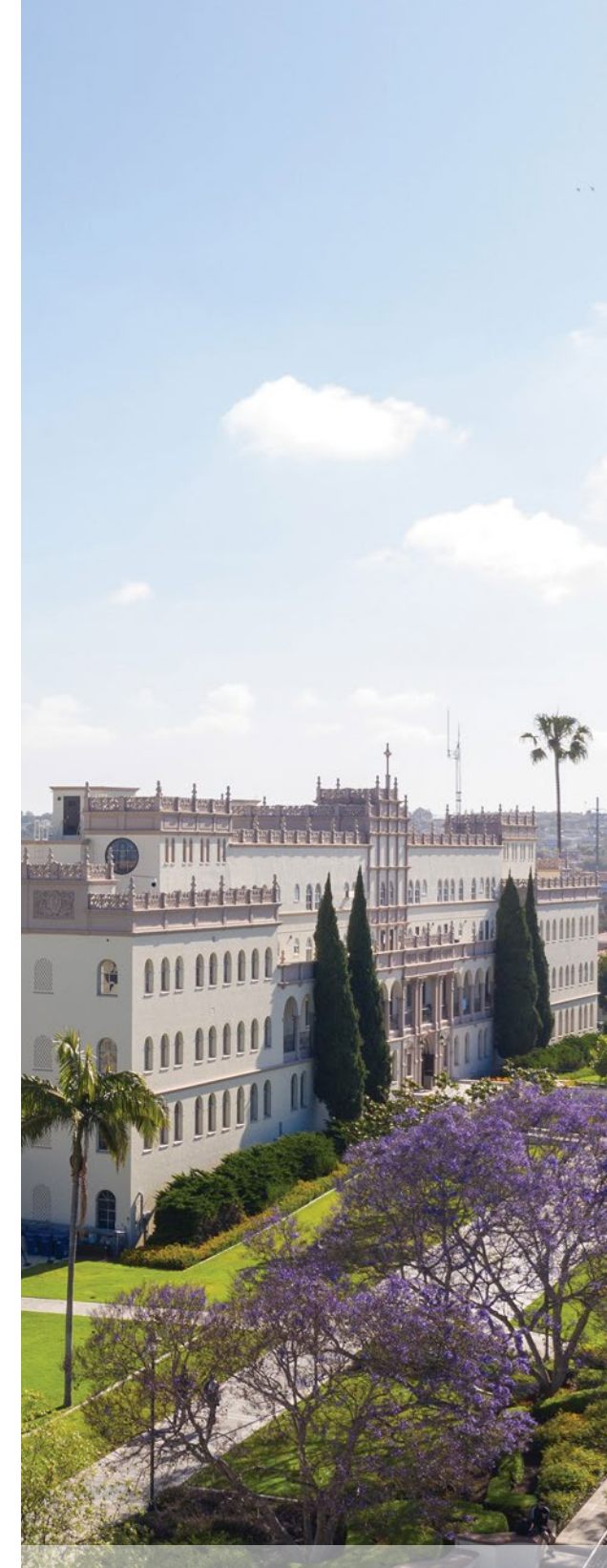
For students ready to intensely focus their studies after the first year, USD School of Law offers concentrated programs in 10 key practice areas. These concentrations highlight curricular strengths, offering a rich selection of courses taught by leading scholars and expert practitioners.

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

### Cost of Attendance

Cost of attendance is an estimate based on tuition and fees, housing and food, books and supplies, personal expenses and transportation. The USD financial aid team is committed to providing financial assistance, aid, and literacy education to all students at the School of Law. A range of financial aid options is available to help students make legal education accessible. From scholarships and low-interest federal loans to work-study opportunities, students can take control of funding their law school journey. The most up-to-date information is available on our website.

[law.sandiego.edu/financial-aid](http://law.sandiego.edu/financial-aid)





## Master of Law Programs (LLM)

After obtaining a JD degree, the Master of Law (LLM) degree offers attorneys specialization options in many practice areas.

### LLM Programs for U.S. Law School Graduates:

- LLM in Business and Corporate Law
- LLM in International Law
- LLM in Taxation (available in-person or online)
- General LLM with Concentration

*Available concentrations include:*

Criminal Law, Employment and Labor Law, Environmental and Energy Law, and Intellectual Property Law

### LLM Programs for International Law School Graduates:

- LLM in U.S. Law (available in-person in English, or online in English or Spanish)

*Available concentrations in-person include:*

Business and Corporate Law, Criminal Law, Environmental and Energy Law, Intellectual Property, International Law, and Taxation

[law.sandiego.edu/llm](http://law.sandiego.edu/llm)

## JD/General LLM with Intellectual Property Concentration (JD/LLM)

USD offers its JD students the unique opportunity to earn a general LLM with Intellectual Property concentration in **just one semester** after completion of the JD degree, if they have 12 credits of IP law courses to carry into the LLM Program.

[law.sandiego.edu/general-llm](http://law.sandiego.edu/general-llm)

## JD/LLM in Taxation (JD/LLM)

USD offers its JD students the unique opportunity to earn an LLM in Taxation in **just one semester** after completion of the JD degree, if they have 12 credits of advanced tax courses to carry into the LLM Program. This option is only available for the in-person program.

[law.sandiego.edu/jdllmtax](http://law.sandiego.edu/jdllmtax)

## 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.

*Available concentrations include:*

Business and Corporate Law, Criminal Law, Environmental and Energy Law, Intellectual Property, International Law, and Taxation

[law.sandiego.edu/msls](http://law.sandiego.edu/msls)

# JD Course Offerings

Please note, not all courses are offered every semester. Several of the courses listed below are applicable to more than one practice area.

## Required Courses

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law I
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Experiential Advocacy Practicum I & II
- Fundamentals of Bar Exam Writing
- Legal Writing & Research I & II
- Multistate Bar Exam Review
- Professional Responsibility
- Property
- Tax I
- Torts

## Clinics

- Appellate Clinic I & II
- CA Regulatory Law Clinic I & II
- Child Advocacy Policy Clinic I & II
- Child Advocacy Practicum: Dependency I & II
- Child Advocacy Practicum: Youth Justice I & II
- Civil Clinic I & II
- Education & Disability Clinic I & II
- Energy Law and Policy Clinic I & II
- Entrepreneurship Clinic I & II
- Federal Tax Clinic I & II
- Housing Rights Clinic I & II
- Immigration Clinic I & II
- Public Interest Law Clinic
- State Income Tax Clinic I & II
- State Sales & Use Tax Clinic I & II
- Veterans Clinic I & II
- Women's Legal Clinic I & II
- Workers' Rights Clinic I & II

## Business and Corporate Law

- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy
- Biotechnology Law
- Business Planning
- Business Transactions in Emerging Markets

- Contract Drafting
- Corporate Counsel Externship I & II
- Corporate Innovation & Legal Policy
- Corporate Tax
- Corporate Technology Externship
- Corporations
- Deals
- Finance & Accounting for Lawyers
- In-House Corporate Counseling
- Mediation in Commercial Cases
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Real Estate Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Sports and the Law

## Children's Rights

- Child Rights & Remedies
- Community Property
- Education Law
- Education Law Externship I & II
- Family Law
- Restorative Justice Principles
- Special Education & Disability
- Youth Law

## Civil Litigation

- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- California Civil Discovery Practice
- California Civil Procedure
- Complex Litigation
- Evidence
- Evidence Advocacy Lab
- Federal Courts
- Interviewing & Counseling
- Mediation Skills
- Negotiation
- Pre-Trial Practice
- Products Liability
- Remedies

## Criminal Litigation

- Advanced Legal Writing
- California Criminal Litigation Skills
- Controlled Substances
- Corrections & Sentencing
- Criminal Procedure I & II
- Death Penalty
- E-Discovery Law
- Human Trafficking
- Judicial Externship
- Scientific Evidence
- Trial Advocacy—Criminal
- Wrongful Convictions

## Employment and Labor Law

- Discrimination Law & Diversity
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Entertainment Law
- Gender Discrimination
- Labor Law

## Environmental and Energy Law

- Climate Change Law & Policy
- Cross Border Marine Pollution
- Energy Law & Policy
- Environmental Law
- Land Use Regulation
- Natural Resources Law
- Nuclear Energy Law
- Ocean and Coastal Law
- Peace, War, and Environment
- Water Law

## Health Law

- Health Law & Bioethics
- Health Law & Policy
- Health Law & Reproduction
- Medical Malpractice
- Mental Health Law

## Intellectual Property Law

- Artificial Intelligence and the Law
- Art Law
- Copyright Law
- IP Externship
- IP Law Speaker Series
- IP Legal Research
- Intellectual Property Survey
- Patent Law
- Patent Litigation I
- Patent Prosecution
- Privacy & Data Security
- Trade Secrets
- Trademark Law
- Trademark Litigation
- Trademark Prosecution
- Transactional IP

## International and Comparative Law

- Anti Corruption Law & Policy
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Courts, AI, Speech & International Interest
- Ethics, Law & International Affairs
- Free Trade Agreements
- Human Rights Advocacy
- International Asia-Pacific Commercial Arbitration
- International Business Transactions
- International Civil Litigation
- International Contracts
- International Deals & Global Crises
- International Energy Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Intellectual Property
- International Legal Research
- International Migration Law & Policy
- International Negotiation
- International Redress
- International Trade and Investment
- Law of the Sea

## Mexican Law

- Public International Law
- Transitional Justice

## Public Interest Law

- Administrative Law
- Asylum and Refugee Law
- California Reg Law & Public Interest
- Civil Rights Theories Seminar
- Class Action Law Forum
- Immigration Law
- Low Income Tax Incentives
- Native American Law
- Poverty Law
- Reparations
- Washington D.C. Externship Program

## Tax Law

- Advanced Partnership Tax
- Consolidated Group Tax
- Estate Planning Seminar
- Federal Estate & Gift Taxation
- Federal Tax Procedure
- Financial Accounting for Tax
- Income Tax of Trusts & Estates
- International Estate Planning
- International Taxation
- Nonprofit Law
- Partnership Tax
- Payroll Taxes
- REITs
- State and Local Taxation
- Tax Litigation
- Tax Research
- Taxation of Financial Instruments
- Taxation of Property Transactions
- Transfer Pricing
- U.S. Income Tax Treaties

## Other Elective Courses

- Advanced Legal Research (online)
- Advocacy Competition Teams:
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution Team
  - Appellate Moot Court Board
  - National Mock Trial Team
  - Transactional Law Team
  - Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
- Agency Externship I & II
- Animal Law
- Constitutional Law II
- Constitutional Separation of Powers
- Contemplative Practice of Law
- Election Law
- Jurisprudence
- Law Journal Editing and Research
- Law of Intimate Relations
- Legal Analysis
- Professional ID Formation
- Supreme Court
- Trusts & Estates

For the full, most up-to-date list of current courses, scan here:



Or go to:

[law.sandiego.edu/curriculum](http://law.sandiego.edu/curriculum)



## Concurrent Degrees

USD 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 concurrent pursuit of a JD degree along with a:

- Master of Arts in International Relations (MAIR)
- Master of Arts in Peace and Justice (MAPJ)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Science in Real Estate (MSRE)
- Master of Public Administration (MPA) [with San Diego State University]

[law.sandiego.edu/concurrent](http://law.sandiego.edu/concurrent)



“USD’s dual degree programs really allow students to take advantage of the best that the University of San Diego has to offer. The JD/MBA program has allowed me to learn both the legal and business requirements of running a business and making deals.”

—Coleman Fuquea '26 (JD/MBA)



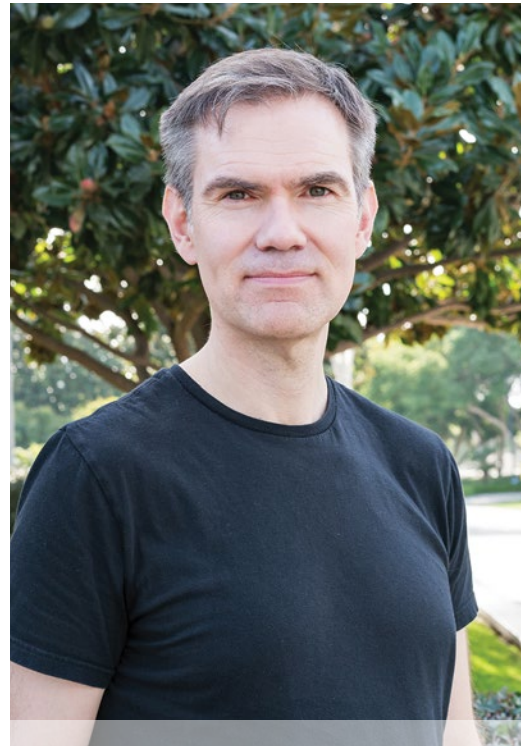
**8.4:1**  
Student to faculty ratio

**46** Internationally  
recognized, accessible  
full-time faculty

**6** Specialized legal  
writing and research faculty

**100+** adjuncts,  
practitioners and judges  
who teach practical skills

## Distinguished Faculty



“Law is to our society what medicine is to us individually — it’s a body of knowledge that lets us live far fuller lives than we otherwise would. What a privilege it is to be part of the process through which USD students become law’s future champions.”

—Laurence Claus, *Professor of Law*

USD Law’s award-winning faculty members are renowned for their innovation, scholarship and commitment to mentorship.



“Our faculty are highly engaged in scholarship and law reform projects that are at the forefront of what lawyers, judges and legislatures are grappling with every day. This brings relevance and vibrancy to the classroom and to our interactions with students.”

—Mary Jo Wiggins, *Professor of Law*



“USD’s students are the heart and soul of the school. They bring so much enthusiasm and energy to the classroom. It is my honor and my joy to help them embark upon their careers in the law.”

—Miranda Perry Fleischer, *Associate Dean of Faculty and Richard and Kaye Woltman Professor in Finance*



## Hands-On Legal Experience



USD Law's Experiential Advocacy Practicum (EAP) allows law students to practice skills common to those performed by junior attorneys. EAP represents a commitment to experiential learning and the integration of practical skills training into the required coursework for all first-year students.

EAP is designed to provide students with an introduction to the two major areas of legal practice, litigation and business law. Focused on a fictional negligence case and a buy-sell transaction, respectively, each semester of the first-year curriculum incorporates learning-by-doing skills exercises. The skills are taught in large lecture format and then practiced by students in small breakout sections and include client interviews, depositions, oral advocacy, negotiations and the drafting of both formal legal documents, such as a transactional term sheet, and communications, such as email summaries of interviews, depositions and negotiations.

Small groups of students are instructed by San Diego practitioners that represent a variety of practices to expose students to possible careers in the law. They include representatives from the public sector (Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District Attorneys, Public Defenders, City Attorneys), large international litigation firms, boutique specialty firms, solo practitioners and in-house counsel.



“EAP gives first year law students a real life window into the daily experience of being a litigator and a transactional attorney. The training will enable students to better understand differences in these types of practices, allowing them to decide what areas of the law they would like to concentrate on during their time here at USD Law and, eventually, in practice. The course also provides students with simulated, practical experience and specific skills associated with both types of practice.”

—Professor Linda Lane

# Putting Skills Into Practice

## Clinical Opportunities

USD's Legal Clinics have a long tradition of offering outstanding training to students while providing service to low-income community members. One of the most successful programs of its kind in the nation, the Legal Clinics have provided life-changing opportunities for generations of students and invaluable aid to those in need.

- Appellate Clinic
- Child Advocacy Clinic
- Civil Clinic
- Education and Disability Clinic
- Energy Law and Policy Clinic
- Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Housing Rights Clinic
- Immigration Clinic
- Public Interest Law Clinic
- State Income Tax Clinic – California
- State Sales and Use Tax – California
- Veterans Clinic
- Women's Legal Clinic
- Workers' Rights Clinic

[law.sandiego.edu/clinics](http://law.sandiego.edu/clinics)  
**Advocacy Programs**



**“The Women’s Clinic provided me with a valuable opportunity to gain real-life experience and work with clients in ways I had not before. Not only was I proud of the work on the Clinic’s end, but I was also, most importantly, proud of our clients. It was rewarding to see our clients gain confidence throughout the legal process.”**

—Anna (Parker) Lyons '25 (JD)



USD Law provides the opportunity for student 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.
- **National Trial Team** allows students to compete in major tournaments each year, teaching them the art of trial advocacy and molding them into strong litigators.
- **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. Vis tournament, held annually in Vienna and Hong Kong.

[law.sandiego.edu/advocacyprograms](http://law.sandiego.edu/advocacyprograms)



## Field Placement Program

Field Placements are available for the following:

- Agency Externships
- Corporate Counsel Externships
- Corporate Technology Externship
- Education Law Externship
- Intellectual Property Externships
- Judicial Externships
- Law Firm Externships

Students have recently worked at the following Agency Externships:

- California Attorney General's Office
- California Lawyers for the Arts
- Casa Cornelia Law Center
- Children's Legal Services of San Diego
- Disability Rights California
- Federal Defenders
- IRS Office of Chief Counsel
- Legal Aid Society of San Diego
- San Diego City Attorney's Office—Civil and Criminal Divisions
- San Diego and Orange County District Attorney's Offices
- San Diego and Orange County Public Defender's Office
- San Diego Superior Court
- San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program
- U.S. Attorney's Office—Civil and Criminal Divisions

[law.sandiego.edu/fieldplacement](http://law.sandiego.edu/fieldplacement)

## Judicial Externship Program

The Judicial Externship Program allows students to earn academic credits 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.

[law.sandiego.edu/judicialexternship](http://law.sandiego.edu/judicialexternship)

**“One of the many ways USD Law gives students substantive experience is through our wide-ranging experiential learning and externship programs. Beginning in their second year, students can gain hands-on experience in approved courts, government agencies, law firms, legal departments of companies and non-profit organizations. This exposure to a range of practice areas helps students to develop their legal skills and make them competitive for post-graduate jobs.”**

*—Ron Han, Assistant Dean, Law School Career & Professional Development*

# 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
- Center for Health Law Policy and Bioethics
- Center for Employment and Labor Policy
- Center for Complex Litigation

## Public Interest

- Consumer Protection Policy Center
- Children’s Advocacy Institute
- Energy Policy Initiatives Center

## Academic Research

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

[law.sandiego.edu/centers](http://law.sandiego.edu/centers)



“Working with the Consumer Protection Policy Center was a defining experience in my law school career. It gave me the opportunity to drive meaningful change in a field I have long been passionate about and deep insight into the legislative process. I look forward to continuing my work in anti-human trafficking policy as a USD Law graduate.”

—Alexandra Harten ’25 (JD), *Julie D. Fellmeth Public Interest Law Scholar and 2025 CPPC Outstanding Public Interest Advocate*

# Study Abroad

USD Law encourages students to take advantage of opportunities abroad to increase their global fluency and be better prepared to address international issues that impact the full spectrum of practice areas. Fully integrated with the law school's regular international and comparative law course offerings, USD Law's summer and semester study abroad programs provide a strong curricular focus and introduce students to international legal principles through specialized courses taught by leading legal experts.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS



### London, England

Established in 1979, USD Law's London program focuses on wrongful convictions and international negotiations.



### Madrid, Spain

The newest program, USD Law's Madrid program focuses on international law.

## SEMESTER PROGRAMS

- **Barcelona, Spain**  
 ESADE 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
- **Madrid, Spain**  
 Universidad Pontificia Comillas
- **Mexico City, Mexico**  
 Anáhuac University in Mexico City
- **Seoul, Republic of Korea**  
 Seoul National University
- **Wiesbaden, Germany**  
 EBS Law School

For the most up-to-date study abroad programs, go to:

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Barcelona, Spain



## Academic Journals

The *San Diego Law Review* is the School of Law’s premier journal of legal scholarship, containing articles and comments addressing major issues and topics in law written by professors, judges, legal practitioners and students.

The *San Diego International Law Journal* publishes articles, comments, book reviews and case notes concerning important international law topics authored by professors, practitioners and students.

*The Journal of Climate & Energy Law* provides a forum for dialogue about the rapidly emerging legal issues related to climate change and energy.

The *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues* is dedicated to the examination of important contemporary legal, political and social problems.

Explore our Students and Faculty’s Scholarly Work:



“Membership on a journal is a unique experience in that students are a part of a group effort that will have a lasting impact on the development of their own skills as well as the legal field as a whole.”

—Judah Coker '26 (JD), editor-in-chief of the *San Diego Law Review*

“While working on a law journal, students develop their writing, editing, research, and teamwork skills, and contribute meaningfully to legal scholarship by preparing articles for publication and writing their own article on legal subjects of interest.”

—William Adler '26 (JD), editor-in-chief of the *San Diego International Law Journal*



“Law journals offer the rewarding opportunity to fine-tune legal research and writing, strengthen analytical and editorial skills, and engage with novel and evolving areas of the law.”

—Carly Steele '26 (JD), editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Climate & Energy Law*

## Chapter Three: STUDENT EXPERIENCE



USD Law is where **journeys of self-discovery** are undertaken, **lasting friendships** are made and **lifelong memories** are created. Students flourish in the law school's supportive, collegial atmosphere and spend their extracurricular hours enjoying all that the school and San Diego have to offer.



# Explore San Diego

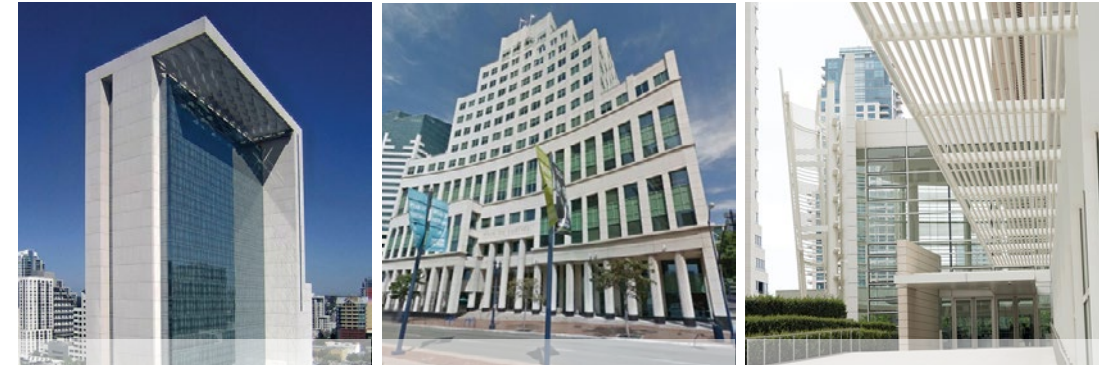
San Diego is known for its temperate climate, blue skies and sunny beaches. America's Finest City is one of the few places in the world where you can catch a wave in the morning and ski a summit or trek serene desert trails in the afternoon.

But it's so much more than that. San Diego is home to countless restaurants, clubs, theaters and museums. It has also become a booming innovation hub, with more than 120 tech companies located downtown.

## San Diego at a Glance:

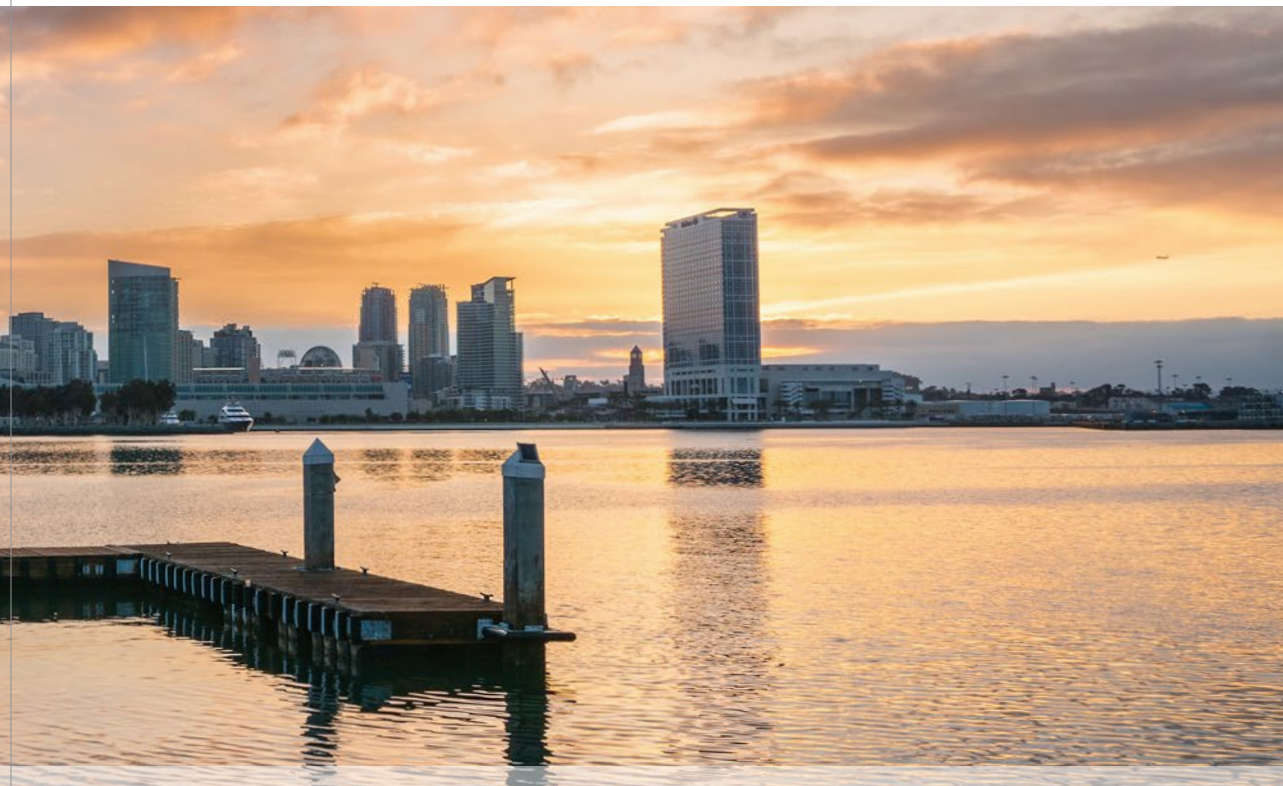
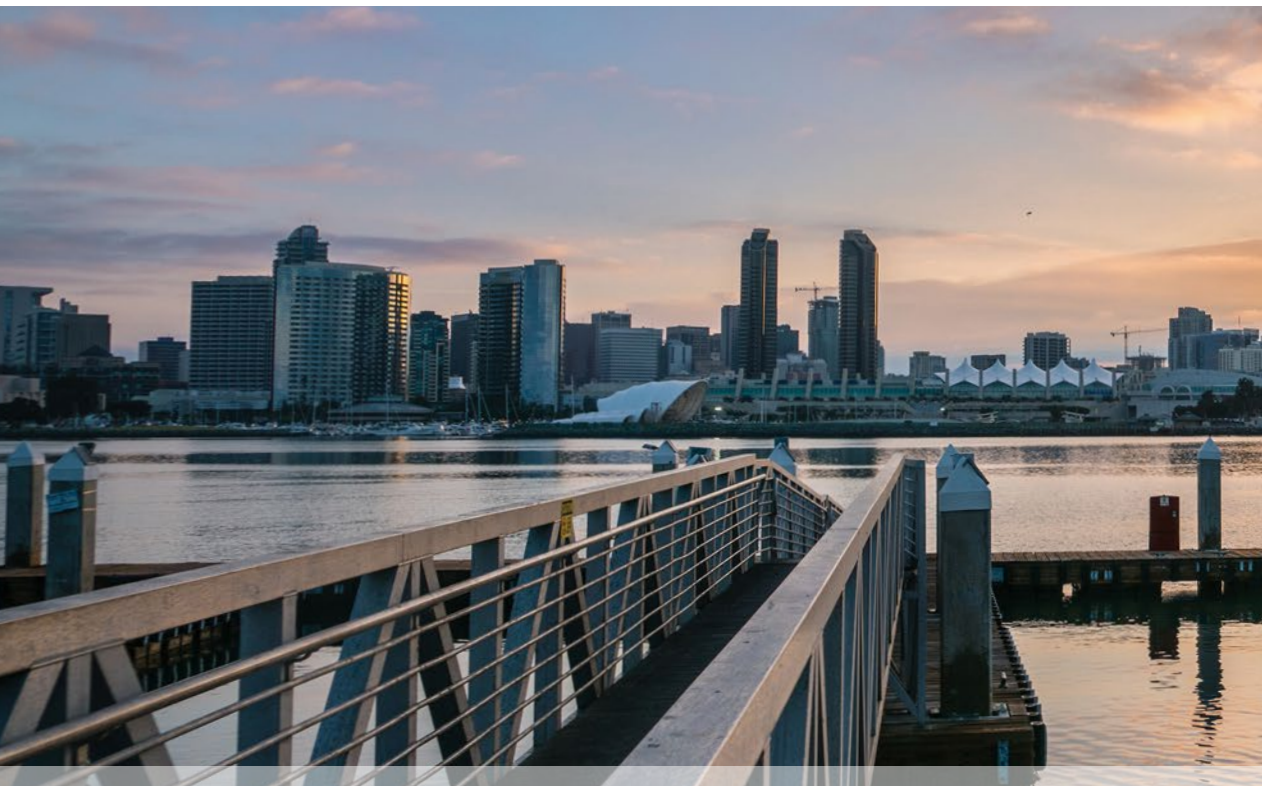
- 266-plus days of sunshine each year
- 31 beaches
- 70 miles of coastline
- 340-plus parks overseen by San Diego Parks and Recreation
- 5 professional sports teams
- 17 museums in Balboa Park alone
- 12 minutes from San Diego International Airport

Experiencing San Diego:



## Downtown: Courthouses and Beyond

- Superior Court Central Courthouse
- Hall of Justice
- Family Law 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
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court



# San Diego and Beyond

San Diego offers countless options for getaways, including the charming beach town of La Jolla, the mountain town of Julian and the Baja Peninsula in Mexico. Efficient public transportation includes a variety of buses, trolleys and trains; getting around by bicycle is also a convenient option.

## Drive Times from USD Law:

Balboa Park	11 minutes
Mission Beach	12 minutes
Ocean Beach	12 minutes
San Diego Airport	12 minutes
Pacific Beach	15 minutes
Petco Park	17 minutes
Coronado	18 minutes
Point Loma	20 minutes
La Jolla	20 minutes
Escondido	30 minutes
Tijuana, Mexico	30 minutes
Carlsbad	45 minutes
Julian	90 minutes
Temecula	1 hour
Anza-Borrego	2 hours
Los Angeles	3 hours
Big Bear Ski Resort	3 hours



Anza-Borrego



Big Bear



Coronado



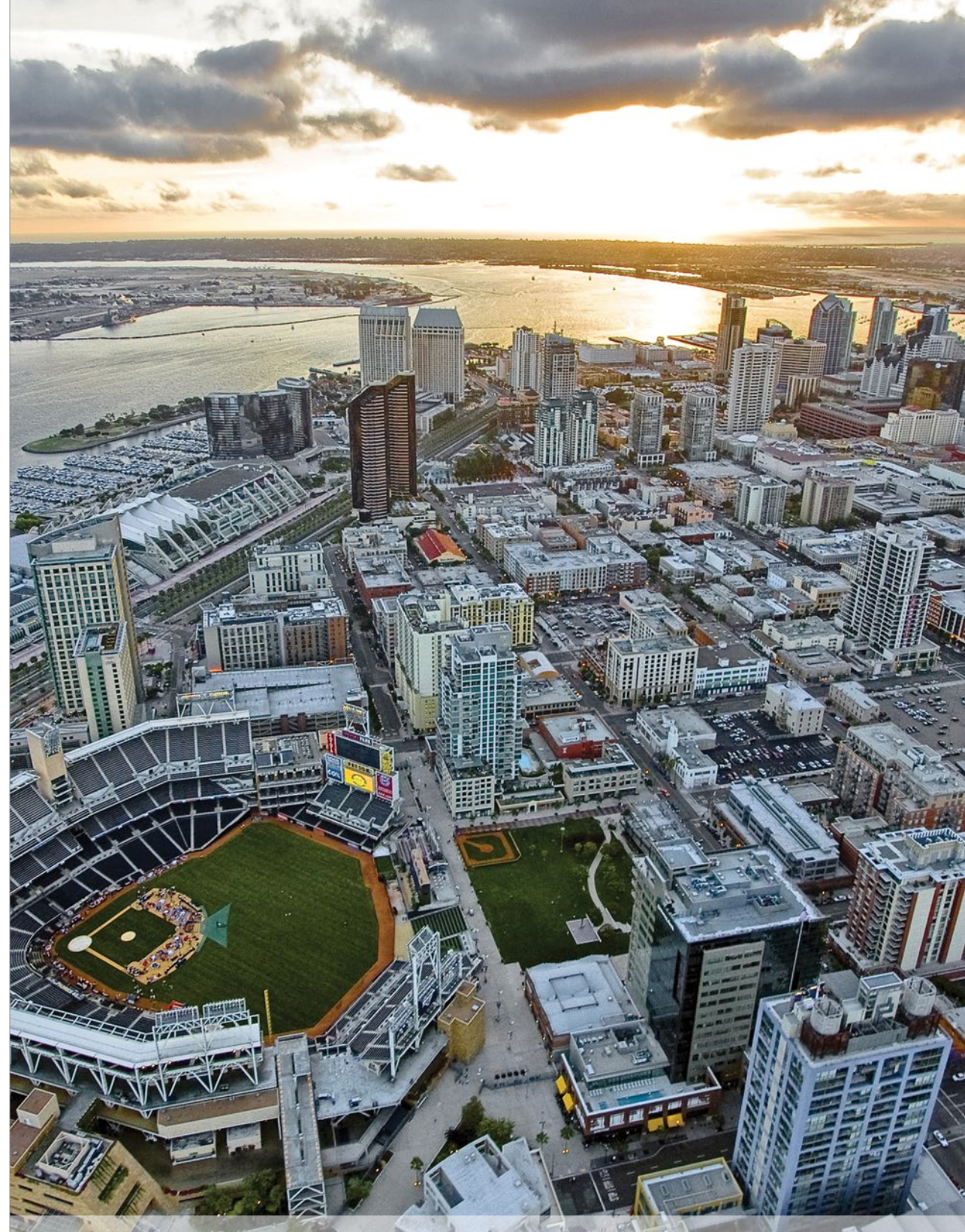
La Jolla



Mission Beach



Temecula





## Student Organizations

With over 50 law student organizations, journals and teams from which to choose, USD Law offers ample opportunities to enrich your legal education.

- Advocates for Children and Education
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Team
- American Constitution Society
- Anime and Manga Law Society
- Appellate Moot Court Board
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Business Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Desi Indian Law Students Association
- Employment and Labor Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Family Law Society
- Federal Bar Association Law School Student Chapter of USD Law
- Federalist Society
- Filipino Association of Law Students
- First Generation Legal Professionals
- Golf Law Society
- Health Law Society
- Immigration Law Society
- Intellectual Property Law Association
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- La Raza Law Students Association
- Law Students for Cross-Racial Understanding
- Middle Eastern Law Students Association
- Military Bar Association
- Name and Gender-Marker Change Clinic
- National Trial Team
- Older Wiser Law Students
- Palestinian Alliance of Law Students
- Phi Delta Phi
- Pride Law
- Pro Bono Legal Advocates
- Public Interest Law Foundation
- Real Estate and Land Use Society
- Saint Thomas More Society
- San Diego Journal of Climate and Energy Law
- San Diego Law Review
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Tax Law Society
- The Wine Society
- Transactional Law Team
- Trial Attorneys of USD
- USD Law Progressives
- USD Law Running Club
- USD Law Surf & Skate Society
- USD National Lawyers Guild
- Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
- Women's Law Caucus

LSA Instagram:



# Student Resources

## Student Wellness

Student wellness resources at USD Law include campus-based counseling and resources, free app-based 24/7 on-demand care, a prayer and wellness room, thematic events and workshops, an upper division mindfulness elective course and several external resources designed to help students manage their stress and mental health during law school.

## Peer Mentorship Program

The Peer Mentor Program provides incoming students with mentorship support from a returning student. Through our partnership with Mentor Collective we offer highly personalized matches designed to help give students someone they can go to for advice and support.

## JD Immersion Program

The JD Immersion Program is a weeklong orientation specifically for first-generation students that is meant to demystify law school. Students learn vital writing and research skills and gain important networking opportunities.

## Academic Success and Bar Programs

USD Law's Academic Success and Bar Programs team helps students stay on track during law school and pass the bar exam after they graduate. Programs include the Academic Success Fellows program for students who need extra academic support, study groups for 1st year law students, bar study support for recent graduates and more.

## Networking and Professional Development

USD Law's networking and professional development events help students start building connections as soon as they arrive on campus.

## The Pardee Legal Research Center

One of the premier academic law libraries in the country, the Pardee Legal Research Center houses an extensive print collection and provides access to numerous online databases to support legal research.

## Campus Recreation

A university-wide offering, Campus Recreation provides a welcoming environment where quality services, student engaged activities, facilities and fitness opportunities cultivate a holistic, well and inclusive USD community.

## Outdoor Adventures

Outdoor Adventures provides students with opportunities and equipment to engage in a variety of outdoor experiences that aim to promote personal growth, leadership development, relationship building and environmental responsibility.

Wellness Building Flyover Video:





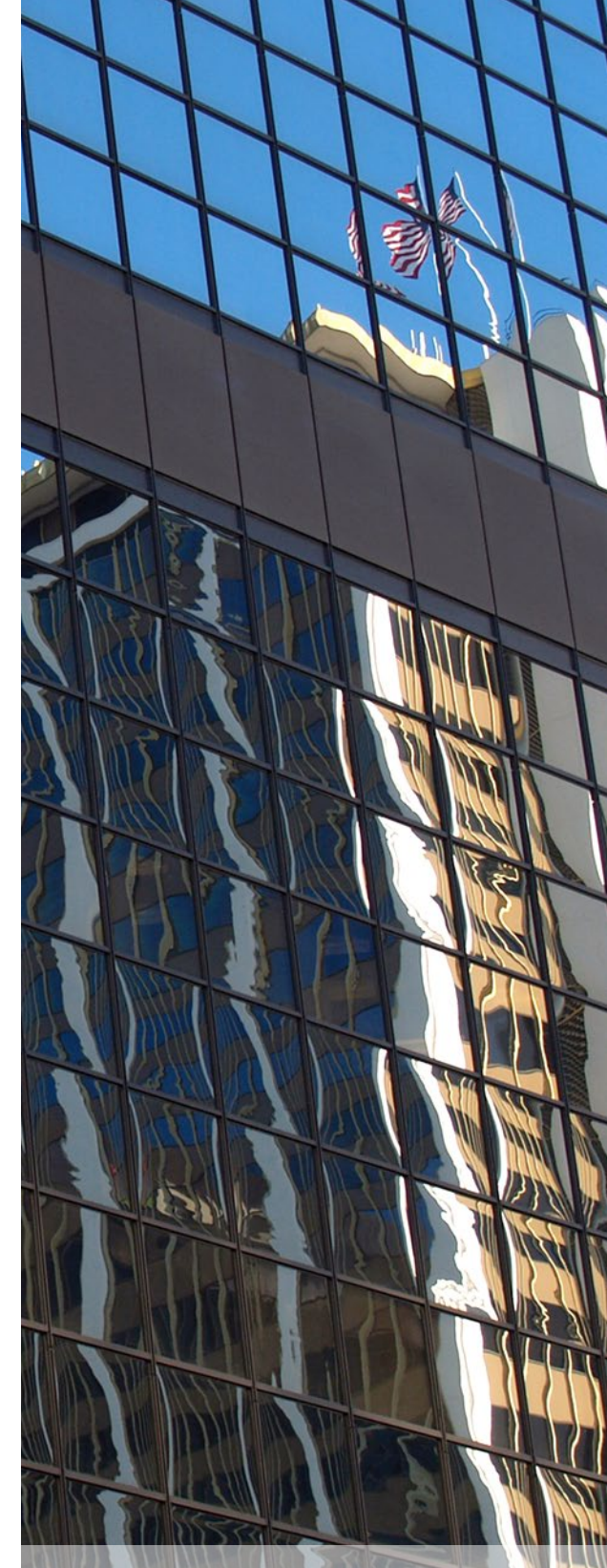
## Career and Professional Development

The Law Careers Office is the primary point of contact for career guidance and **employment opportunities**. Students have access to one-on-one counseling services as well as extensive resources and programs that help them **gain legal experience** while attending law school and lead to strong employment outcomes once they graduate.

Below are some of the top law firms, corporations and government agencies that actively recruit our graduates:

- California Attorney General
- Cooley
- DLA Piper
- District Attorney's Offices across California
- Ernst & Young
- Knobbe Martens
- KPMG
- Latham & Watkins
- Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.
- Morrison Foerster
- Perkins Coie
- Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch
- Public Defender Offices across California
- PwC
- Quarles
- Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP
- Sheppard Mullin
- Snell & Wilmer LLP
- Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

[law.sandiego.edu/careers](http://law.sandiego.edu/careers)



# Alumni Network



The **Rising Star Recent Alumni Award** recognizes alumni who have graduated within the past decade and have demonstrated significant achievement in the legal profession and community involvement.



Through the **Mentor Collective** program, alumni help shape the next generation of legal professionals by sharing their experience and insight. By guiding students through law school and career development, they cultivate meaningful relationships that enrich the journey from student to impactful legal leader.

## A Legacy of Leadership: A Future with You



The **Distinguished Alumni Award** recognizes alumni who have achieved significant accomplishments in their legal careers and embody the school's values of ethical conduct and community service.



From day one, you're part of something bigger—joining a network of over 17,000 USD Law alumni and 86,000 university-wide alumni. As a member of both the Law Alumni Association and the USD Alumni Association, you're connected for life.

# How to Apply

Apply Online Now

[law.sandiego.edu/jdapp](http://law.sandiego.edu/jdapp)

## Requirements for first-year applicants include:

1. Completed application
2. Two- to three-page personal statement
3. Official transcript(s) sent directly through CAS via LSAC
4. Valid standardized test score (LSAT or GRE) or JD-Next score\*
5. Two letters of recommendation sent directly through CAS via LSAC (we will accept up to three)
6. Two optional essays
7. Current resume

*In addition to the materials listed above, the following applicants must submit the items listed below.*

## Transfer applicants:

- A letter of good standing with your class rank
- Official law school transcript
- Letter of recommendation from a law school professor (Writing professors are preferred. Up to two total letters of recommendation will be permitted.)

## Visiting applicants:

- A letter of permission and good standing
- Official law school transcript
- Letter of recommendation from a law school professor

*\*Exam score requirement does not apply to Direct Admissions Program students*





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