

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Public Interest and Social

Justice Law Certificate

with an emphasis in Immigration and
Refugee Law

2008-09 Academic Year

Course Requirements, Faculty, and
Forms

J. PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW CERTIFICATE WITH EMPHASIS IN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE LAW

This certificate is appropriate for students who wish to practice in the area of immigration and/or refugee law. Students earning this certificate must complete the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate requirements, outlined above, for writing requirement, practicum, and community service. The course work requirement is set out below. This certificate requires a 16 unit minimum. Enrollment in the Certificate with Emphasis in Immigration and Refugee Law may be limited so students are urged to file the *Notice of Intent and Request for Advising* (**Section K.(1)**) as early as possible.

1. Required Core Courses (10 units)

- a. Immigration Law (Law 212)
- b. One of the following: Either Public Interest and Social Justice Practice (Law 408) or Law and Social Justice (Law 268). The student's course project should focus on a consumer law case or issue¹.
- c. **At least four units** must come from the following classes:
 - KGACLC Clinical Skills I (with focus on Immigration Law Practice) (Law 511)
 - KGACLC Clinical Skills II – (with focus on Immigration Law Practice) (Law 481)
 - KGACLC Immigration Interviewing and Advising (Law 469)

2. Additional Course Requirement (6 units)²

Students should select **at least six units** from among the following courses:
Administrative Law (Law 207)
Advanced International Law Seminar (Law 305), or any other immigration or refugee courses or mini-courses
Citizenship (Law 999)
Criminal Procedure (Law 310)
Health Law: Trauma, Vicarious Trauma, and Legal Representation of Traumatized Clients (Law 418B)
Immigration Appellate Practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (Law 538)
International Organizations (Law 218)
Moot Court (Law 398)
Trial Techniques (Law 325)
Programs abroad such as Geneva/Strasbourg, Costa Rica, or El Salvador (subject to approval based on course(s) taken)

¹ While the Center for Social Justice and Public Service strongly recommends that students take one of these courses, students may substitute a clinical or other advanced course in immigration or refugee law for this requirement with approval from the Director of the Center for Social Justice and Public Service.

² Please note that each course is not necessarily offered each year.

3. Advisors

Each student who is interested in receiving the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate with Emphasis in Immigration and Refugee Law should contact the Center for Social Justice and Public Service by filing *the Notice of Intent and Request for Advising (Section K.(1))*. The Center will arrange an advisor to help the student plan courses and other activities that will facilitate practicing immigration or refugee law.

All students who sign up for the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate with Emphasis in Immigration and Refugee Law will be encouraged to attend the annual American Immigration Lawyers Association conference or International Law Conference.

4. Faculty

Angelo Ancheta has been an Assistant Professor of Law and the Director of the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center since 2005. His current research and teaching focus on constitutional law, voting rights, and immigrants' civil rights. Prior to teaching, he was a legal services and civil rights attorney in Northern and Southern California, and specialized in immigration law, anti-discrimination law, and appellate advocacy. From 1994 to 1998, he was the executive director of the San Francisco-based Asian Law Caucus, and from 2000 to 2004 was the legal director of The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University. He has written numerous law review and journal articles on civil rights and community-based lawyering, and is the author of the books *RACE, RIGHTS, AND THE ASIAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE* (1998) and *SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE AND EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW* (2006). He also has been on the board of directors of several nonprofit organizations, including California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, and the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles.

Lynette Parker is the Clinical Supervising Attorney (Immigration Practice Area) and Clinical Faculty member of the Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center. She has been teaching and supervising law students handling immigration cases at the Law Center since March 2000. In addition to her work at the Law Center, Ms. Parker is a lecturer in Law at Santa Clara University School of Law, teaching immigration law and refugee/asylum law. She provides training and technical support to attorneys on political asylum, VAWA, U visas (for victims of crimes) and T visas (for victims of human trafficking) cases. She practiced Immigration Law for over eleven years in both private and nonprofit practice prior to joining the Law Center. She also speaks Spanish.

Beth Van Schaack is Assistant Professor of Law with Santa Clara University School of Law, where she teaches and writes in the areas of human rights, transitional justice, international criminal law, public international law, and civil procedure.

Prof. Van Schaack joined the law faculty from private practice at Morrison & Foerster LLP where she practiced in the areas of commercial law, intellectual property, international law, and human rights. In particular, she was trial

counsel for *Romagoza v. Garcia*, a human rights case on behalf of three Salvadoran refugees that resulted in a plaintiffs' award of \$54.6 million. She was on the criminal defense team for John Walker Lindh, the "American Taliban."

Prior to entering private practice, Prof. Van Schaack was Acting Executive Director and Staff Attorney with The Center for Justice & Accountability, a non-profit law firm in San Francisco dedicated to the representation of victims of torture and other grave human rights abuses. She was also a Prosecutor with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia.

Since 1995, she has served as a legal advisor to the Documentation Center of Cambodia, an organization dedicated to staging a legal accounting for the crimes committed during the Khmer Rouge era in Cambodia. In 2006, she served as Prosecutor for the International Citizen's Tribunal for Sudan, presided over by Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka, which presented the case under international criminal law against President Omar Al-Bashir of Sudan.

Prof. Van Schaack is a graduate of Stanford University and Yale Law School.

Pratheepan "Deep" Gulasekaram is an Assistant Professor at Santa Clara University School of Law. He previously taught at New York University School of Law as an Acting Assistant Professor. Prior to joining the faculty at NYU, he taught at Loyola University New Orleans Law School and clerked for the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans. His published articles have appeared in the *Iowa Law Review* and *Washington Law Review*. Professor Gulasekaram is also the Founder of the World Children's Initiative, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to improving medical and educational systems for children in developing areas. He earned his J.D. from Stanford and his B.A. from Brown University.

Section K.(2)

APPLICATION FOR AWARD: PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW CERTIFICATE

Due Dates: November 10, 2008 (Dec. grads) and February 9, 2009 (May grads)

NAME as it should appear on your certificate (please print)		Student ID Number	Email Address
Permanent Mailing Address		Expected Law School Graduation Date	
Phone			
Certificate With Emphasis (if applicable)			
<p>1. ACADEMIC COURSE WORK REQUIREMENT: Students must take a total of 15 units (16 units if completing a Certificate with Emphasis in Consumer Law, Criminal Justice, Critical Race Jurisprudence, Health Law, or Immigration and Refugee Law). Please list your courses below, including the course number, name, number of units, and whether it is a List A, B, or C course.</p>			
Course Number	Course Name	Number of Units	A/B/C
Total Number of Units			
<p>2. ACADEMIC WRITING REQUIREMENT: A student must complete a substantial written work on a public interest or social justice law topic. Papers, briefs, motions, or projects in conjunction with course work, directed research, or a journal article may qualify as a substantial written work. A supervising professor must sign this Application for Award form to verify completion of the writing requirement and to certify that the student has the ability to express ideas and to communicate in writing.</p>			
<p>Complete Title of Paper Submitted to satisfy Writing Requirement. You must submit a clean copy of the qualifying paper and an executed <i>Library Release</i> form to the Center for Social Justice and Public Service with this form. Projects being completed during the final semester in residence require the supervising professor's signature with the date of expected submission of the project. The project must be submitted when completed.</p>			
Final Paper Approval		Date:	
Signature of Faculty Supervisor			
<p>3. PRACTICUM: Students must complete 150 hours of supervised legal work in a public interest/social justice organization, government office, or in a judicial externship (see practicum B(2) for elaboration. The work can be paid, volunteer, or for unit credit. However these hours must be distinct from the 50 hours of volunteer work also required for this certificate. These hours must also be distinct from the 50 hours of volunteer work required for the Pro Bono Recognition Program.</p>			
Organization	Dates	Total # of Hours	
Supervisor	Title	Phone	
Supervisor's Signature		Date	

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4. PUBLIC SERVICE: Students must complete 50 hours¹ of on-campus or community volunteer work promoting public interest and social justice as defined by the Pro Bono Recognition Program². The hours cannot be paid or for unit credit. The work may be law-related, but need not be. Work as an officer or active member of a campus student organization may NOT count toward fulfillment of this requirement.

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¹ Students graduating during 2008-09 must complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service work and may use hours that overlap with hours submitted for the Pro Bono Recognition Program. For Students graduating after the 2008-09 year, the 50 hours may overlap with hours used to complete the Pro Bono Recognition Program only if they are completed in one year.

² www.scu.edu/law/careers/pro-bono-recognition-program.cfm

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<p>5. STUDENT SIGNATURE: I hereby apply for the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate. My completion of requirements includes the following: I declare that the statements in this application are true and accurate. I further declare that to the best of my knowledge, I have satisfied all of the requirements for the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate.</p>	
Signature:	Date:

Section K.(3)

**SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
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Paper**

Library Release Form

_____ I release my paper submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate to the Santa Clara University School of Law Public Interest and Social Justice Law Program and Heafey Law Library for the purposes of becoming a library holding to be consulted and used in the usual course of library or law school work.

_____ I do not release my paper submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate to the Santa Clara University School of Law Public Interest and Social Justice Law Program and Heafey Law Library for the purposes of becoming a library holding to be consulted and used in the usual course of library or law school work.

Printed name

Signature

Date

Please complete this form, attach it to a copy of your approved Public Interest & Social Justice Law Certificate Written Work, and submit it to the Center for Social Justice and Public Service, Bannan Hall, Room 301F, 500 El Camino Real.

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