



SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW

# DISCOVER WHY SANTA CLARA LAW IS RIGHT FOR YOU

When you choose Santa Clara Law, you will become a confident and compassionate leader, making an impact at the intersection of law, technology, business, justice, and ethics.

## OUR ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Certificates in high tech law, international law, privacy law, and public interest and social justice law
- Innovative part-time Flex J.D. program which makes a law degree possible for students from all walks of life who have substantial working or family commitments, Tech Edge J.D. program that jump-starts law tech careers, and our Public Interest J.D. for those dedicated to social justice
- One of the largest study abroad programs of all U.S. law schools
- J.D./MBA with the respected Leavey School of Business, and LL.M. degrees in intellectual property, international and comparative law, and U.S. law for international attorneys
- Clinical programs that offer learning through hands-on training in areas including international human rights, immigration, exonerations, workers' rights, and more





**57%**

IDENTIFY AS A  
MEMBER OF  
A MINORITY  
COMMUNITY

**25%**

IDENTIFY AS  
FIRST  
GENERATION

**53%**

WOMEN

## The Santa Clara Law Advantage:

### STUDENT EXPERIENCE

At Santa Clara Law you will encounter a transformative learning community that uniquely combines the mission and ethos of caring with the academic rigor, engaged classroom environment, wrap-around student support resources, hands-on practical skills training, and direct professional coaching and mentoring necessary for your lifelong success. This is consistent with our commitment to educate the whole person and develop the next generation of lawyers who lead.

### FACULTY ACCESSIBILITY

Our distinguished faculty are here to help you succeed and are committed to your learning and growth. They are renowned scholars who are available to you for mentoring, advice, and guidance. We have two Jurists-in-Residence who regularly hold court with our students in Charney Hall. These accomplished alumni share their wise counsel from their time on the bench and as practicing attorneys.

### CAREER SUPPORT

Our Office of Career Management partners with students to develop the skills they need to secure the careers they want. OCM helps create further connections by inviting employers to engage with students both on campus and online.

### OUR JESUIT TRADITION AND OUR HISTORY

Since our founding in 1911, the Jesuit affiliation of the university has been manifested in a concern with ethics, social justice, and community service. The law school has been educating lawyers who lead for 112 years with an emphasis on *cura personalis*—care for the whole person—based on loving-kindness.

### DIVERSITY AND BELONGING

We continually build upon our diversity as a key distinctive strength. As one of the nation's most diverse law schools, we are always working intentionally and comprehensively together to become a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive community—one that is dedicated to educating lawyers who lead with a commitment to excellence, ethics, and social justice.

## OUR PROGRAMS

Take advantage of our rigorous J.D. curriculum—including our A+ ranked specializations in Intellectual Property, International Law, and Technology Law—and the many opportunities to enhance your skills both inside and outside the classroom. These programs put you at an advantage in your career search by making you more attractive to employers.

To earn a J.D., students must complete a minimum of 86 units. J.D. graduates are eligible to sit for a U.S. bar exam.

### SPECIALIZE YOUR STUDIES

At Santa Clara Law, you can earn certificates that showcase your specialties to future employers.

High Tech/Intellectual Property Law Certificate

International Law Certificate

Privacy Law Certificate

Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate

Public Interest J.D.

Tech Edge J.D.

### ADDITIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

J.D./MBA (Master of Business Administration)

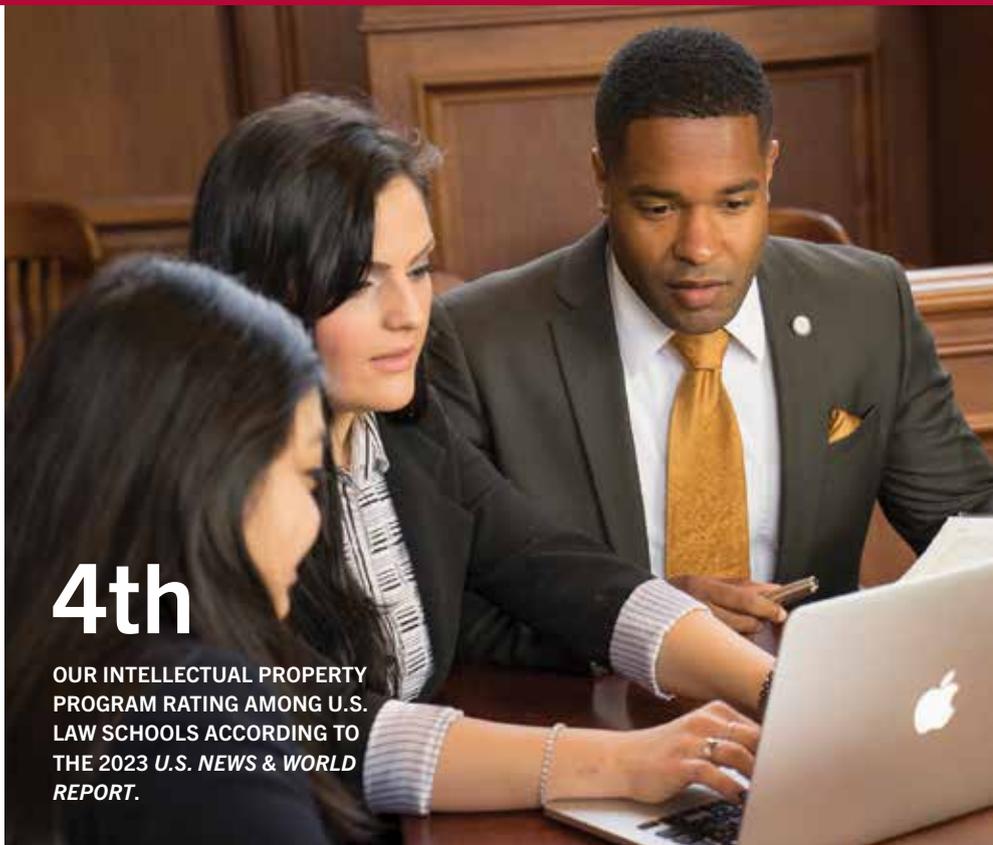
J.D./MSIS (Master of Science in Information Systems)

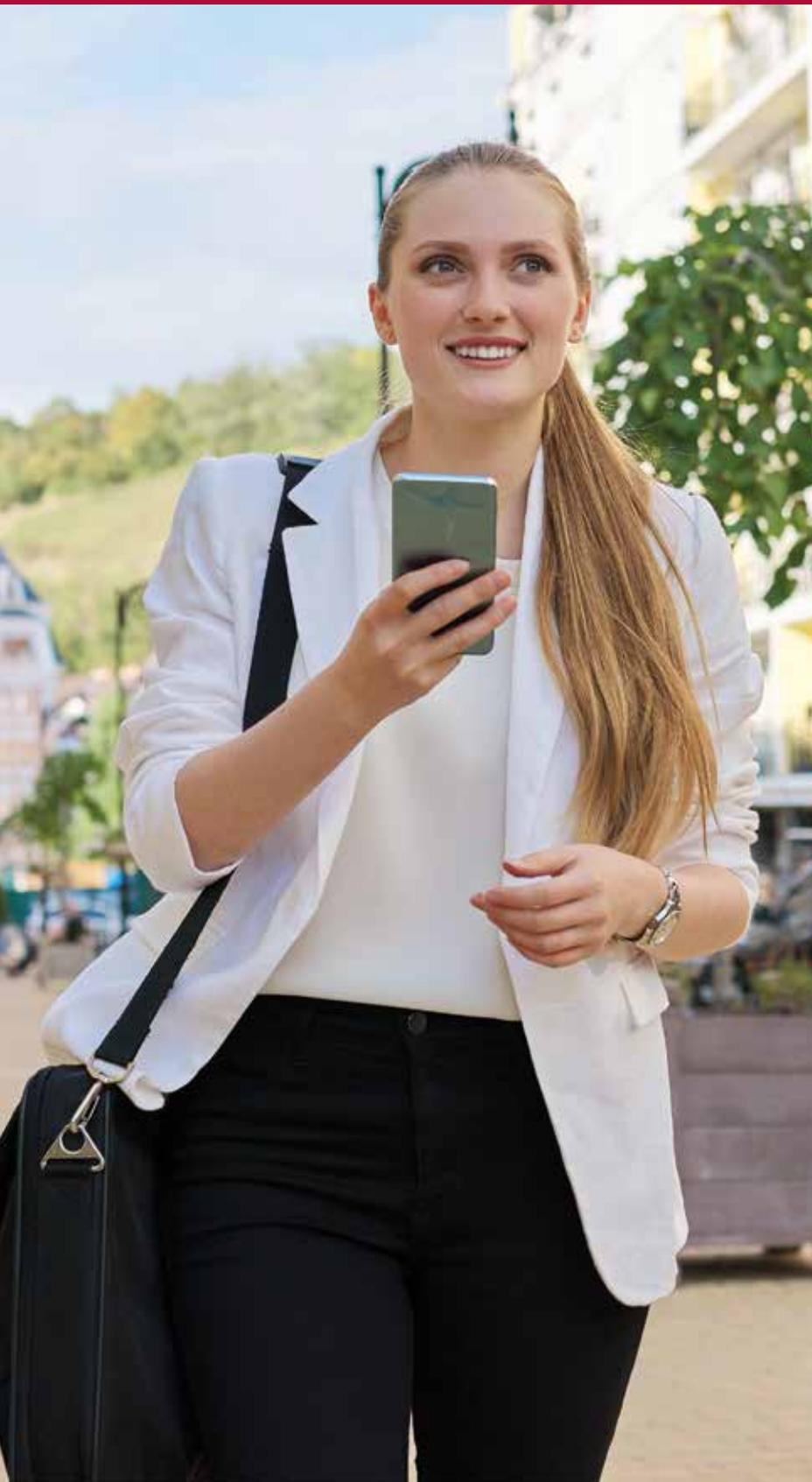
J.D./LL.M. in Intellectual Property

LL.M. in Intellectual Property

LL.M. in International & Comparative Law

LL.M. in United States Law





**FLEX J.D.**

## **LAW SCHOOL ON YOUR SCHEDULE**

In our new hybrid, part-time program, students attend classes in person for one week at the beginning of each semester plus three long weekends (held once per month). Between on-campus sessions, classes are completed in an asynchronous, online format at the times and locations that work for your schedule. With the **Flex J.D.**, career and family commitments are no longer a barrier to pursuing your dream of a law degree.

Professional networking is built into the schedule, enabling you to connect with instructors, peers, and the broader legal community.

In addition to the core curriculum and electives offered in the Flex J.D. program via the hybrid modality, students are free to enroll in any in-person course or clinic offered outside the program that may fit their schedules.

Note: regular, in-person attendance may be required in those courses.

[law.scu.edu/flexjd](http://law.scu.edu/flexjd)



Scan here to learn more about  
our Flex J.D.

TECH EDGE J.D.

## GAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE IN YOUR FUTURE TECH LAW CAREER

The **Tech Edge J.D.** program focuses on providing students with a competitive advantage over other law school graduates—specifically, mastering the critical skills desired by employers in technology industries. This program is a significant innovation in law school education. Leveraging our Silicon Valley location and our physical proximity to one of the highest concentrations of high tech companies in the world, you will, through a combination of coursework, individual mentorship, practical skills development, and work experience, create a personalized plan, establish your network, and graduate ready to practice.

Note: Interested applicants must apply for the Tech Edge J.D. when applying for admission, provide an additional statement of interest, and participate in a video interview.

[law.scu.edu/techedge](http://law.scu.edu/techedge)



Scan here to learn more about  
our TechEdge J.D.



# 100%

EMPLOYMENT RATE OF  
2021 TECH EDGE J.D.  
GRADUATES.



At this year's Benefit for Justice event, students shared stories about their summer public interest internships. Left to right: Jason Cowan worked at the Santa Clara Public Defender's Office, Kyle Calzia worked at the San Jose City Attorney's Office, and Isabel Harris performed social justice work at Legal Services of Northern California.

## PUBLIC INTEREST J.D.

# CREATE A JUST AND MORE HUMANE WORLD

The **Public Interest J.D.** provides a specialization for students who are interested in legal careers related to public interest and social justice. You will be empowered to be an effective advocate who can harness your law degree to work for legislative and policy reforms and to serve marginalized and underrepresented clients and causes.

Through practical, specialized, real-world training in clinics and externships, you will strengthen your social justice commitment, expand your experience, and become a top candidate for legal jobs in the government and nonprofit sectors.

[law.scu.edu/pijd](http://law.scu.edu/pijd)

“The support I received at Santa Clara Law has allowed me to pursue my passion for social justice, gain practical experience, and contribute to meaningful societal change. Summer stipends, like the one this community gave me, have placed diverse law students in invaluable hands-on substantive legal internships.”

—JASON COWAN 3L



Scan here to learn more about our Public Interest J.D.

# LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our faculty members are a group of renowned scholars with diverse research interests, including high tech experts, Rhodes scholars, former Supreme Court clerks, national leaders in social justice, and international human rights scholars.

Meet a few members of our stellar faculty team.

[law.scu.edu/faculty](http://law.scu.edu/faculty)

Professor **SEAN BLAND** (right) specializes in law and public health, especially in marginalized communities including racial and ethnic minorities and LGBTQ+ people. He has authored and co-authored publications in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and *The Lancet* as well as numerous reports and policy briefs.



Scan here to learn more about our faculty scholars.





Professor **NICHOLAS (Nick) SERAFIN** (top left) works at the intersection of moral and political philosophy and anti-discrimination law and policy. He previously worked for the International Refugee Assistance Project; Professor **SUE GUAN'S** (top center) teaching and research interests include financial markets, securities regulation, corporate law, and contracts. Her current research focuses on network effects and manipulation of financial benchmarks such as LIBOR, regulatory power as wielded through settlement agreements, and the law and economics of quote-based manipulation, or “spoofing,” in stock markets; Professor **TAYLOR DALTON** (top right) is a scholar in international law and courts, international humanitarian law, foreign relations law, and civil procedure. His current research projects broadly examine how international norms, law, and institutions affect both state and non-state behavior.



Professor **W. DAVID BALL** is a leading scholar in criminal justice law, criminal procedure, sentencing and corrections, and cannabis law. His articles have been published in the *Columbia Law Review*, the *Yale Law and Policy Review*, the *American Journal of Criminal Law*, and the *Stanford Law and Policy Review*, among other journals.

# LEARNING THROUGH ENGAGEMENT IN OUR CENTERS OF DISTINCTION

Beyond the rigorous classroom learning experience, Santa Clara Law's three academic centers promote engagement and scholarship for students through conferences, panel discussions, events, and publications.

The **High Tech Law Institute** helps coordinate Santa Clara Law's many high tech and intellectual property law programs, initiatives, and events, helping to foster strong ties among our faculty, students, alumni, and the thriving high tech community in our Silicon Valley home.

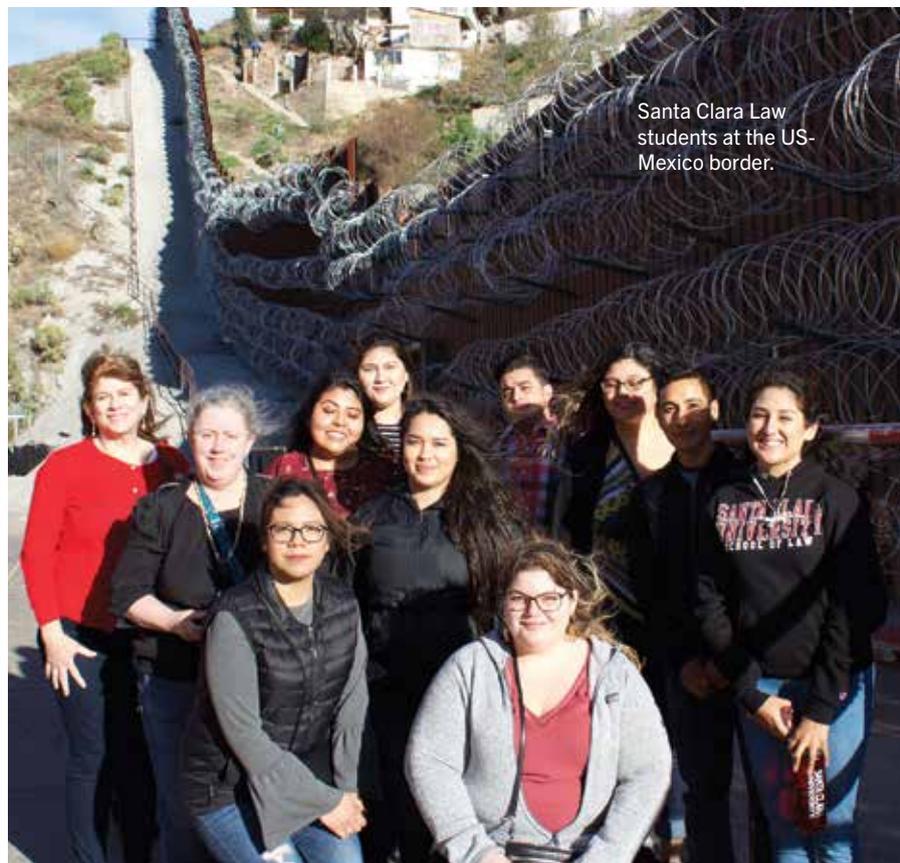
The **Center for Social Justice and Public Service** provides students with a legal education that instills a commitment to social justice, public interest, and public service. The Center emphasizes the use of law to improve the lives of marginalized, subordinated, or underrepresented clients and causes.

The **Center for Global Law & Policy** promotes scholarship in the field of international and comparative law. It provides a variety of educational opportunities for law students, including one of the largest study abroad programs of all U.S. law schools.

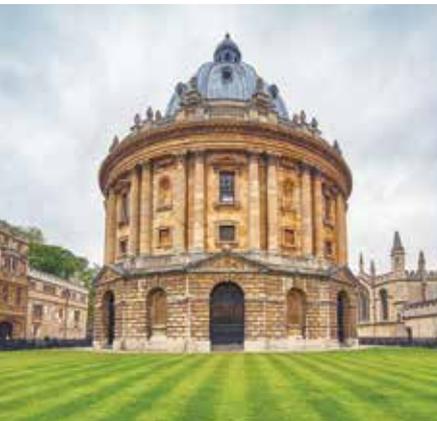
[law.scu.edu/centers](http://law.scu.edu/centers)



Scan here to learn more about our academic centers.



Santa Clara Law students at the US-Mexico border.



## GET GLOBAL

Established more than 40 years ago, our respected and comprehensive global law offerings include one of the largest study abroad programs of all law schools in the nation. Specializations include business, human rights, environmental, and intellectual property law in more than 30 different countries.

[law.scu.edu/international](http://law.scu.edu/international)

Santa Clara Law received an A+ grade from *PreLaw Magazine*, 2022, for being a leader in international law and helping students be better equipped in matters of global economics, business law, and human rights law—among other areas of law that are heavily influenced by international law.



Scan here to learn more about our study abroad programs.

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ABA-ACCREDITED  
SUMMER CLASS  
PROGRAMS

30+

EXTERNSHIP  
LOCATIONS ON  
SIX CONTINENTS

# GRADUATE AND BE PRACTICE READY

At Santa Clara Law, our extensive experiential learning programs, distinguished centers, clinics, and externships offer many hands-on learning opportunities. These enable you to gain valuable legal practice experience and serve others while still in law school, preparing you for the complex and global legal world by bridging the gap between the classroom and real-world lawyering.

“Law students benefit greatly from the Entrepreneurs’ Law Clinic at Santa Clara Law, which gives them real experience and hands-on engagement in managing essential transactions for developing businesses. Students obtain essential skills, professional contacts, and a thorough grasp of the complexity of the entrepreneurial world by working closely with entrepreneurs and being exposed to a variety of legal challenges, preparing them for successful careers in the legal industry.”

—NIMA MASJEDI ZADEH J.D. '23



Our students gain courtroom experience through participation in our extensive moot court and trial team programs.

# 11,421

Number of clients served by the law students and attorney mentors working for the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center since 1994. Clients received brief service, advice, and representation on consumer law, immigration, and workers’ rights matters.



**Laura Norris J.D. '97** (above right) joined the Santa Clara Law faculty in 2013 to found and direct Silicon Valley's first Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic at SCU. She also serves as associate dean for Academic Affairs; clinical professor; director, Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic; director, Tech Edge J.D. program; and faculty advisor, ChIPs Women in Tech Law at SCU, which is a nonprofit that advances women in tech law.

## LAW CLINICS

The **Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic** focuses on the needs of early-stage Silicon Valley companies and provides students with real-life exposure to legal issues that confront startups.

The **Immigration Appellate Practice Clinic** offers students opportunities to represent individuals seeking review of deportation orders before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The **International Human Rights Clinic** gives students unique, practical, and supervised experience in international human rights litigation and advocacy.

The **Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center** provides real scenarios where students work with attorney mentors to help real clients with legal issues including workers' rights, consumer rights, and immigration rights.

The **Northern California Innocence Project** works to challenge wrongful convictions on every front by exonerating the innocent, educating future attorneys, and reforming criminal justice policy. Students work alongside experienced attorneys and forensic experts.

[law.scu.edu/centers/#clinics](http://law.scu.edu/centers/#clinics)



Scan here to learn more about our clinics.

# GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD

Take advantage of externship opportunities at some of the world's leading companies, firms, non-profits, and government offices, enabling you to earn academic credit while gaining work experience that will help you seamlessly transition into your career.

[law.scu.edu/externship](http://law.scu.edu/externship)

A small sampling of our 190 externship placements during the 2022-2023 academic year:

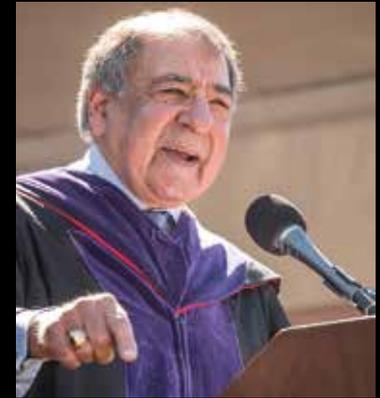
Santa Clara County Superior Court  
Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office  
Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office  
U.S. District Court of Northern California  
Panetta Institute for Public Policy  
San Francisco District Attorney's Office  
San Jose City Attorney's Office  
San Francisco City Attorney's Office  
Sixth District Court of Appeals  
Samsung Electronics (U.S. R&D Center)  
eBay, Inc.  
Duane Morris LLP  
Santa Cruz County Public Defender's Office  
Packard, Packard, & Johnson  
Santa Clara County Counsel  
San Mateo County District Attorney's Office  
Sutter Health  
U.S. Attorney's Office, Civil Division  
Pure Storage  
Oracle



Scan here to learn more about  
our externship programs.



**190** NUMBER OF STUDENTS PLACED  
IN EXTERNSHIPS DURING THE  
2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR



## The Panetta Fellows Program

The Panetta Fellows program aims to teach policy research with the objective of inspiring law students to pursue careers in public service. Law students work with attorneys at the Leon and Sylvia Panetta Institute, founded in 1997 by Sylvia Panetta and Leon E. Panetta B.A. '60, J.D. '63.

Leon Panetta served as U.S. Secretary of Defense (2011-13), director of the CIA (2009-11), member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1977-93), and as President Clinton's Chief of Staff (1994-97). His son, **Honorable Jimmy Panetta J.D. '96**, also attended Santa Clara Law and is now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

# TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SILICON VALLEY LOCATION

Our students and alumni are gaining invaluable experience at some of the most innovative companies in the country, as well as positions in the public sector and opportunities to pursue social justice, and traditional legal experiences at law firms of all sizes.

The Office of Career Management is here to help you connect and is committed to your success.

Santa Clara Law students and graduates have many career and practical training options!

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



Scan here to learn more about our Office of Career Management.



**SACRAMENTO**  
(136 miles northeast)

DLA Piper LLP  
Sutter Health

# SILICON VALLEY

## CALIFORNIA



NEWARK

FREMONT

Lam Research

MILPITAS

Juniper Networks

**SANTA CLARA LAW**

County of Santa Clara  
Intel  
Nvidia  
Palo Alto Networks  
Pure Storage  
ServiceNow

SANTA CLARA

SUNNYVALE

SAN JOSE

Adobe  
Berliner Cohen LLP  
Cisco  
City of San Jose  
eBay  
Hoge Fenton  
Hopkins & Carley  
Jachimowicz Law Group  
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley  
Ramsbacher Prokey Leonard LLP  
Western Digital

CUPERTINO

Netflix

Apple

LOS GATOS

# YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE

At Santa Clara Law, our student body, student organizations, and student support services are diverse and inclusive. The variety of organizations allows you to broaden your law school experience through mentorship and sharing ideas with alumni, faculty, and other students.

## AFFINITY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Affirmed Law Student Association (ALSO)  
Asian Pacific American Law Student Assoc. (APALSA)  
Black Law Students Association (BLSA)  
Equality at Santa Clara Law (EQSCU)  
Disabled Law Students Association  
Filipino American Law Society (FALS)  
Korean American Law Student Association (KALSA)  
Latinx Law Student Association (LLSA)  
Middle East North African Law Student Assoc. (MENALSA)  
South Asian Law Student Association (SALSA)  
Vietnamese American Law Students (VALS)  
Women and Law



## TECH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Blockchain & Compliance Law Society (BCLS)  
Chiefs in Intellectual Property (ChIPs)  
High Tech Law Journal (HTLJ)  
Internet Law Student Organization (ILSO)  
Privacy Law Student Organization (PLSO)  
Society for Artificial Intelligence and Law (SAIL)  
Society for Interactive Entertainment & Gaming Law (SIEGL)  
Student Intellectual Property Law Association (SIPLA)

## HONORS LAW JOURNALS AND STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Santa Clara Law Review  
Santa Clara Journal of International Law  
High Technology Law Journal  
The Grapevine  
The Advocate

[law.scu.edu/life/student-organizations](http://law.scu.edu/life/student-organizations)

We encourage all of our students to participate in one or more of our 52 student organizations where they can share common backgrounds and interests, network, and have meaningful interactions.

# TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR ALUMNI NETWORK

Santa Clara Law has a vibrant and involved network of over 13,000 alumni in the Bay Area and around the world. Our dedicated and engaged law alumni are ready to help *you* make connections and support your career.

Visit us on LinkedIn to learn about Santa Clara Law graduates and their work in the community and around the world.

[www.linkedin.com/school/santaclaralaw](http://www.linkedin.com/school/santaclaralaw)

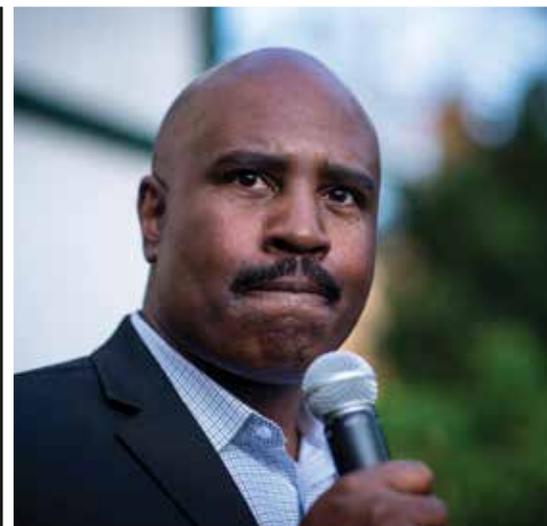
“Santa Clara Law took a chance on me, provided me with a unique and life-changing opportunity, and gave me the skills, confidence, and connection to a legal community that truly values hard work, creativity, and service to others. The staff, students, and alumni continue to set an example of what we can do as leaders in our community, and I am truly honored to be a part of it.”

—LIZBETH MATEO J.D. '16

**AZADEH MORRISON J.D. '16** (right) is Senior Litigation Counsel at NVIDIA in San Jose, California. **KEITH WATTLEY J.D. '99** (far right) is founder and executive director of Uncommon Law, a nonprofit law firm in Oakland, CA. **Wattley was one of 20—selected from a pool of 20,000—inaugural Obama Fellows in 2018**, and he also received the 2020 James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award.



**LIZBETH MATEO J.D. '16** was born in Santiago Matatlán, Oaxaca, Mexico. As a first-generation college graduate, Lizbeth earned her J.D. from Santa Clara Law in 2016. Although she met the requirements for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, her DACA application was denied in 2017. Despite this setback, Lizbeth opened her own law practice where she assists members of her community with immigration and workers compensation cases. Lizbeth's story has been documented in the HBO film, 'The Undocumented Lawyer.'



# STUDY IN SILICON VALLEY EXPERIENCE ALL THE AREA HAS TO OFFER

Silicon Valley—known as the innovation capital of the world and the economic engine of the United States—is adjacent to the famous cities, corporations, and landmarks that make the San Francisco Bay Area a mecca for students and young professionals, as well as outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Santa Clara Law students benefit from our Silicon Valley location, and our placement within a major metropolitan area, offering professional opportunities at leading technology companies and the global law firms that service them. Students also have access to the Bay Area’s wide variety of jobs at public interest organizations and government entities including multiple state and federal courts, and district attorney and public defender offices.

The rich offerings of the entertainment, theater, art galleries, and music scene, together with local professional sports teams, and outdoor activities, all in the year-round climate of California with 300+ sunny days a year, make this the perfect place to live, learn, study law, and thrive.





**Mission Santa Clara** 1

The heart of Santa Clara University—a beautiful campus with a rich history

**Silicon Valley** 2

Our home in the center of high technology and innovation

**Santa Cruz** 3

The sun and fun of sandy beaches and surfing are just “over the hill”

**Sports Enthusiasts** 4 7

Home to the San Francisco 49ers, the Golden State Warriors, the San Jose Sharks, the San Jose Earthquakes, the Oakland A’s, and the San Francisco Giants.

**San Francisco** 6

World-famous city with exceptional arts, culture, restaurants, and social scene

**Music and Art** 8

Enjoy a thriving theater, live music, and entertainment scene throughout the Bay Area

**California Wine Country** 9

Known worldwide as a premier wine-growing region and wine-tasting mecca

**Lake Tahoe** 10

Clear blue waters, scenic views, and outdoor recreational activities such as world-class skiing, hiking, boating, fishing, and camping

**Outdoor Recreation** 5 11

Cycling, hiking, and beautiful open spaces right here in Santa Clara county

# WELCOME TO SANTA CLARA LAW!

Santa Clara Law has a prime location in the heart of Silicon Valley, connecting you with one of the most vibrant economies in the world as well as our highly regarded alumni network. Our dynamic Jesuit university is also the “heart” of Silicon Valley, with our emphasis on ethics, social justice, educating the whole person, and serving others.

Our teaching scholars are brilliant, caring, and supportive; our students are diverse, creative, and collaborative. We are a national leader in high tech law, with top-ranked programs in intellectual property and privacy, and we were the first law school in the nation to offer a Privacy Law Certificate. Our global law program includes unique international externships and one of the largest study abroad programs of all U.S. law schools. Our students explore their passions for social justice through outstanding clinical opportunities such as the Northern California Innocence Project and the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center.

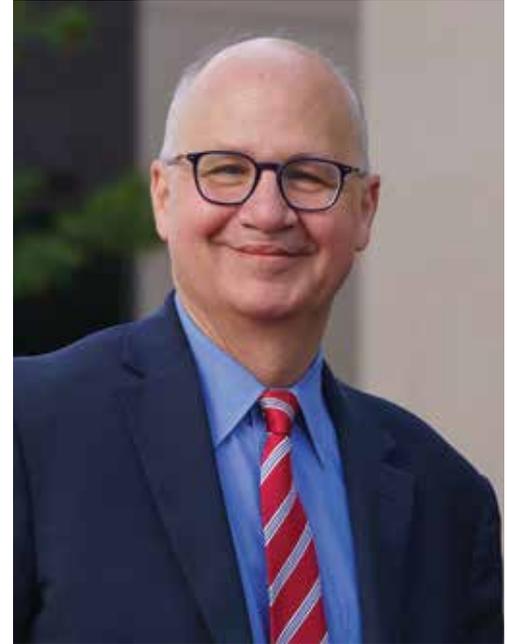
All of these programs have one thing in common: they enable you to study and learn the law while also developing critical practical skills, meaning you will be ready to practice when you graduate. Your hands-on experience in our courses and clinics will enhance your leadership skills, provide a sense of personal fulfillment, and prepare you for professional success.

We are proud of our home, the Howard S. and Alida S. Charney Hall of Law, a state-of-the-art building at the gateway to our historic California Mission campus.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community!



Michael J. Kaufman  
*Dean, Santa Clara Law*



# LET'S GET STARTED

A degree from Santa Clara Law will open doors for you. Our supportive community, connections, and renowned legal scholars can provide you with the tools to build your future success and inspire you to transform the world.

Visit us online for more details, a checklist, information on financial aid, and to complete our online application. Our law admissions staff is here to help—contact us at [lawadmissions@scu.edu](mailto:lawadmissions@scu.edu) or call 408-554-5048.

## FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

We understand pursuing a legal education is a serious commitment of time and resources. A Santa Clara University School of Law education is an investment in your future. Our focus on providing numerous opportunities for job skill development, combined with the unparalleled employment opportunities afforded by our Silicon Valley and Bay Area location, gives you distinct advantages as you pursue your legal career.

We are committed to helping you afford a legal education. We award generous scholarships to our incoming students. Our staff will help you explore all of your options including scholarships and student loans.

## NOVEMBER 1

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### Early Action Deadline

Non-binding: Application must be complete by November 30.

## FEBRUARY 15

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### Fall Application Deadline

February 15 is the deadline for maximum scholarship consideration.



**APPLY NOW!**



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