



## **DISCOVER WHY SANTA CLARA LAW** IS RIGHT FOR YOU

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

### **OUR ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS** PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Innovative, highly ranked, and hybrid part-time Flex J.D. program.
- Tech Edge J.D. that jump-starts law tech careers.
- Public Interest J.D. for those dedicated to public interest and social justice.
- Certificates in high tech law, international law, privacy law, social justice and public interest law, and sports law.
- One of the largest study abroad offerings of all U.S. law schools with the most ABA-approved study abroad locations.
- J.D./MBA with the 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, wrongful convictions, workers' rights, and more.
- An Externship Program where students gain practical skills in a variety of settings such as the California Supreme Court, County Public Defender's Office, and high tech firms.





## 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. We are committed to educating the whole person and developing 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.

#### CAREER SUPPORT

Our Office of Career Management (OCM) partners with you to develop the skills you need to secure the career you want. OCM creates further connections by inviting employers to engage with you both on campus and online. Our 1L Coaching Teams go beyond the classroom to nurture, challenge, and mentor you as you work to transform your interests into your career.

#### **OUR JESUIT TRADITION AND OUR HISTORY**

Founded in 1911, Santa Clara Law offers an educational experience steeped in the Jesuit traditions of ethics, social justice, and community service. The Law School has been educating lawyers for 113 years with an emphasis on *cura personalis*—care for the whole person—based on loving-kindness.

#### **INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE**

Diversity is one of Santa Clara Law's key distinctive strengths. As one of the nation's most diverse law schools, we intentionally and comprehensively work together to build an inclusive community—one that is dedicated to educating lawyers who lead with a commitment to excellence, ethics, and social justice.

## **DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Take advantage of our rigorous J.D. curriculum and our nationally ranked programs, taught by innovative and supportive faculty scholars. Plus we offer numerous specialized certificate programs as well as many opportunities to enhance your skills with practical training outside the classroom.

Santa Clara Law is top-ranked in intellectual property, and we offer one of the largest law study abroad programs among all U.S. law schools with the most ABA-approved study abroad locations.

Customizing your legal training through our unique programs gives you a significant advantage in your career search as you can demonstrate that you have developed key skills that are in high demand.

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 Sports 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

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Ranking of our High Tech Law Program according to *National Jurist* Spring 2024

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Ranking of our Intellectual Property Program according to *PreLaw* magazine Spring 2024

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Ranking of our Intellectual Property program among U.S. law schools according to the 2023 U.S. News & World Report



# Top 10 Most Innovative Programs in the Nation

Ranking of our Privacy Law Certificate by Bloomberg Law's inaugural Law School Innovation Program

# **Top 20**

Ranking of Santa Clara Law among all U.S. law schools for student diversity by the 2024 U.S. News and World Report

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Ranking of our International Law Program according to *National Jurist* Spring 2024

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Ranking of our Practical Training Program from *PreLaw* magazine Spring 2024

## **Top Choice**

Ranking by AmLaw 100 firms—the world's 100 largest law firms



"The Santa Clara Flex J.D. is a perfect blend of flexibility and structure. Its carefully planned residency schedule and course cadence have made it feasible for me to pursue a law degree at a top-notch university while supporting my family and nurturing a career. The Flex J.D. has extended Santa Clara's reputation of providing collaborative and compassionate learning environments to a demographic that includes working professionals like me. I could not recommend this program more!"

-JEREMY BRITT, FLEX J.D. 2L

FLEX J.D.

# LAW SCHOOL ON YOUR SCHEDULE

With the **Flex J.D.**, your career and family commitments are no longer a barrier to pursuing your dream of a law degree. In our new hybrid, part-time program, you 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, you will take classes in an asynchronous, online format at the times and locations that work for your schedule.

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, you are free to enroll in any in-person course or clinic offered outside the program that may fit your schedule.

Note: regular, in-person attendance may be required in elective full-time courses.



## **TECH EDGE J.D.**

# GET YOUR TECH EDGE

If you know you want to work in technology law, our **Tech Edge J.D.** will turbocharge your professional development and give you a competitive advantage for jobs in the technology industry.

The Tech Edge J.D. is a significant innovation in law school education that is unavailable at any other U.S. law school, and it offers you a powerful and competitive career advantage. Spanning your entire law school experience, this program leverages our Silicon Valley location and our renowned tech law and intellectual property curriculum to accelerate your professional development and prepare you with the critical skills desired by employers in technology industries.

Through a combination of coursework, individual mentorship, practical skills development, and work experience, you will 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 may participate in a video interview.

Priority Deadline for Cohort Certificate Programs: December 31 Final Deadline for Cohort Certificate Programs: March 31



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**PUBLIC INTEREST J.D.** 

# CREATE A MORE JUST AND HUMANE WORLD

The **Public Interest J.D.** provides a specialization if you are passionate about a legal career in 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.

"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 J.D. '24

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## **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 who are committed to helping you get the most out of your legal education.

"We want to challenge our students to think critically, engage deeply with substantive law and policy, and shape their professional identities as lawyers. We want our students to be the most effective lawyers: intellectually rigorous, creative, and ethical."

-SEAN BLAND

SEAN BLAND (top right), assistant professor of law, specializes in law and public health, especially in marginalized communities including racial and ethnic minorities and LGTBQ+ 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. ERIC GOLDMAN (bottom right), associate dean for research and professor of law, and co-director of the High Tech Law Institute, focuses his teaching and research on internet, intellectual property, and advertising law topics. Managing IP magazine has twice named him to a shortlist of North American "IP Thought Leaders," and he has been named an "IP Vanguard" by the California State Bar's IP Section.



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**NICHOLAS EMANUEL** (top left) is an assistant clinical professor and director of the externship program, helping students earn credits toward graduation for their work in the legal field. He is a former judicial attorney for the California Court of Appeal and was also previously in private practice focusing on civil rights litigation and civil appeals.

**ANNA BENVENUE** (top center) is an associate clinical professor and director of the Flex J.D. program. Her areas of specialization are refugee law, social justice law, criminal law and immigrants, and constitutional law.

**KELLY RODRIGUEZ** (top right) is an assistant director in the Office of Academic and Bar Success, teaches legal analysis and advanced legal writing for the Bar Exam, and assists with academic support and Bar preparation programming.

ANNA M. HAN (bottom left) is an associate professor of law specializing in the areas of Chinese law, corporate law, startup businesses and technology licensing. She is well published and is co-author of the casebook Doing Business in China, published by West Academic Publishing.

**BRADLEY W. JOONDEPH** (bottom right), Jerry A. Kasner Professor of Law, is a well-regarded author on the topics of federalism, judicial behavior, and American constitutional development, and he has had extensive experience with the Supreme Court.

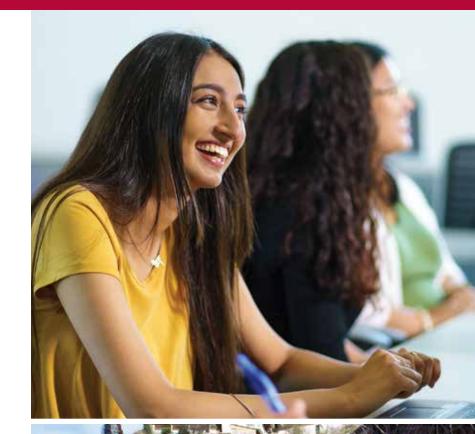
## **LEARN THROUGH ENGAGEMENT**

Beyond the rigorous classroom learning experience, Santa Clara Law's three Centers of Distinction 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, by fostering 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 opportunities to learn and serve, fostering 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.

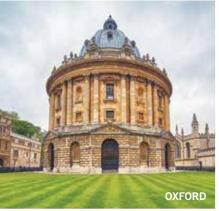
The Center for Global Law & Policy promotes scholarship in the field of international and comparative law. It provides a variety of educational opportunities for law students, including the largest study abroad program of all U.S. law schools.



















## **GET GLOBAL**

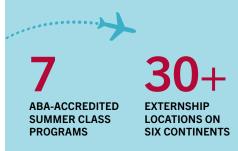
Established more than 40 years ago, our Center for Global Law and Policy offers opportunities for you to examine, experience, and contribute to a scholarly platform for international law at Santa Clara University. Our International Law offerings include a broad selection of courses, unique international clinic opportunities, and the largest study abroad program of all U.S. law schools with the most ABA-approved study abroad locations. Specializations include business, human rights, environmental, and intellectual property law in more than 30 different countries.

"The summer study abroad program in Singapore seamlessly blended academic exploration with vibrant cultural experiences. The program at Singapore Management University provided an immersive learning experience, intertwining business and intellectual property law concepts with environmental law themes...led by esteemed professors."

-MARK MANALO J.D. '24



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Ranking of our International Law Program according to National Jurist Spring 2024

# GRADUATE AND BE PRACTICE READY

At Santa Clara Law, our extensive practical training 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



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Number of clients served by the law students and attorney mentors working for the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center since 1994. Clients received 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 Silicon Valley's first Entrepreneurs' Law Clinic at SCU. She serves as assistant director of the clinic as well as the Tech Edge J.D. program, is Director of Innovation, and faculty advisor for ChIPs Women in Tech Law at SCU, which is a nonprofit that advances women in tech law. Laura is also the associate dean for Academic Affairs.

## 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 students with the opportunity to 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.



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# GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD

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

A small sampling of more than 160 externship placements during the 2023-2024 academic year:

### **Government and Nonprofit**

Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office
Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office
California Court of Appeal, Sixth District
Superior Court of Santa Clara County
Office of the City Attorney, City of San Jose
Milpitas City Attorney's Office
United States District Court for the Northern District of California
United States Attorney's Office
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley: Legal Advocates for Children and Youth
Elevate Community Center

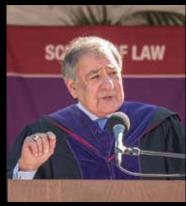
Private Law Firms Technology Companies

Morrison & Foerster Google
Pillsbury Winthrop eBay
Fenwick Hitachi
Morgan Lewis Pure Storage









## **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 (above) 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.

## LAUNCH YOUR CAREER IN SILICON VALLEY

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

Choose Santa Clara Law, and our outstanding programs, location, and network will empower you to connect with and work for some of the world's best-known and innovative companies, firms, and non-profits.

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.

"The curriculum at Santa Clara uniquely prepares students for practice at Fenwick, emphasizing skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in our dynamic and innovative practice. The collaborative spirit, commitment to excellence, and forward-thinking approach of Santa Clara students are qualities that align with our mission to shape the future of law in the tech and life sciences industries."

-GABRIELA DEL AGUILA, SENIOR MANAGER OF ATTORNEY RECRUITING





# SILICON VALLEY **CALIFORNIA**

**FREMONT NEWARK** 

**MILPITAS** 

Womble Bond Dickinson

SUNNYVALE

**SANTA** CLARA **LAW** 

SANTA CLARA

Netflix

Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office Intel

Palo Alto Networks Pure Storage

**CUPERTINO** 

**Apple** 

LOS GATOS

SAN JOSE

Berliner Cohen Deloitte

Fragomen Hoge Fenton **Hopkins & Carley**  Law Foundation of Silicon Valley

**PwC** 

Schwegman Lundberg & Woessner

Seagate Zoom



# YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE

At Santa Clara Law, our student body, student organizations, and student support services are diverse and inclusive. Here, you'll find a plethora of opportunities to enrich your law school journey, enabling you to connect with mentors, alumni, faculty, and peers to share insights, foster collaboration, and inspire one another to become lawyers who lead.

#### **AFFINITY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Affirmed Law Student Organization (ALSO)

Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA)

Black Law Students Association (BLSA)

OUTLaw at Santa Clara Law (OUTLaw, fka EQSCU)

Disabled Law Students Association (DLSA)

First-Generation Law Student Association (FGLSA)

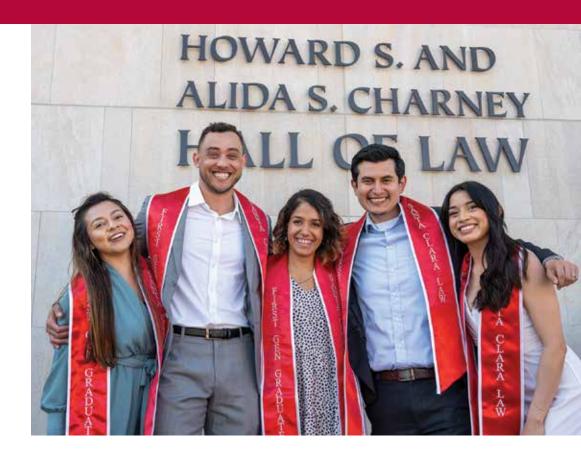
Filipino American Law Society (FALS)

Latinx Law Student Association (LLSA)

Middle East North African Law Student Association (MENALSA)

South Asian Law Student Association (SALSA)

Vietnamese American Law Students (VALS) Women and Law



#### **TECH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Blockchain & Compliance Legal Society (BCLS)

Chiefs in Intellectual Property (ChIPs)

Privacy Law Student Organization (PLSO)

Society for Artificial Intelligence and Law (SAIL)

Society for Interactive Entertainment and Gaming Law (SIEGL)

Student Intellectual Property Law Association (SIPLA)

The organizations listed are just a snapshot of the vibrant student life at our institution. We encourage all of our students to explore the opportunities for engagement, where they can share common backgrounds and interests, network, and have meaningful interactions.

## HONORS LAW JOURNALS AND STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Santa Clara Law Review

Santa Clara High Tech Law Journal

Santa Clara Journal of International Law

Santa Clara Business Law Chronicle

The Grapevine



law.scu.edu/life/student-organizations



## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR ALUMNI NETWORK

Santa Clara Law has a vibrant and involved network of more than 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.





"This is a time of discovery for you—find your people, find your passions. Give yourself permission to try things.... And seek mentorship as you try things; those mentors could start you down your forever path."

-STEPHANIE BURNS J.D. '95

**LIZBETH MATEO J.D. '16** (left), born in Santiago Matatlán, Oaxaca, Mexico, had her DACA application denied in 2017, despite meeting DACA program requirements. Undeterred, she opened a law practice assisting her community with immigration and workers' compensation cases. Her story is featured in HBO's "The Undocumented Lawyer." **KEITH WATTLEY J.D. '99** (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. In 2024, Santa Clara Law honored Wattley with the Alexander Law Prize.



www.linkedin.com/school/santaclaralaw

## **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 careers at public interest organizations and government entities including multiple state and federal courts, as well as the offices of district attorneys and public defenders.

The rich entertainment offerings, including theater, art galleries, and music venues, together with local professional sports teams, and outdoor activities, all in the beautiful California climate with more than 300 sunny days a year, make this the perfect place to live, learn, study law, and thrive.





















## Mission Santa Clara



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

## Silicon Valley 2



Our school is located in the global 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 Bay FC (a National Women's Soccer league team founded by SCU alumnae), 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 winegrowing 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 prominent 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 Center for Global Law and Policy offers 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, the International Human Rights Clinic, 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 essential practical skills that will empower you to serve your clients and your communities—to do well and do good! 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 to alumni and industry, and renowned legal scholars can provide you with the tools to build your future, 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 or call 408-554-5048.

## FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

A Santa Clara University School of Law education is an investment in your future. We understand pursuing a legal education is a serious commitment of time and resources.

We are committed to helping you afford a legal education. We award generous scholarships to many of our incoming students. Our staff will help you explore all of your options including scholarships and student loans. For detailed information and help with your financial aid questions, visit our website.

law.scu.edu/admissions/financial-aid

## **NOVEMBER 30**

### **Early Action Deadline**

Non-binding: Application must be complete and CAS report received on or before this date.

#### **FEBRUARY 15**

Fall Priority Application Deadline February 15 is the deadline for maximum scholarship consideration.

### **APRIL**

Final LSAT score accepted







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