

## WELCOME TO SANTA CLARA LAW!

The Office of Academic & Bar Success works with students throughout their time at Santa Clara Law to help them succeed in their courses and on the Bar Exam.

**1L Academic Success Program:** The Academic Success Program (ASP) complements the first-year curriculum by helping students develop the academic and analytical skills needed to succeed in law school. All 1Ls are assigned to a small ASP group during the first week of school. Your ASP group will meet weekly throughout the year. Each ASP meeting will focus on a different academic skill, such as reading and briefing, outlining, exam preparation, etc.

ASP sessions are led by upper-division ASP Student Fellows. Your fellow will serve as a peer mentor and guide throughout the year to help you make a smooth academic and personal transition to law study.

ASP also offers: a workshop series on essential academic skills led by faculty experts; a fall semester practice exam series; a Resource Room full of study aides; and faculty advising.

Additional specialized academic support is provided to upper-division students.

**Bar Preparation Programs:** The Office also oversees a number of programs to help Santa Clara Law students prepare for and pass the California Bar Exam.

- ***Advanced Legal Writing: The Bar*** is a course for students in their final semester that provides instruction in both the multiple choice and written portions of the Bar Exam, reviews some of the doctrinal law tested on the Exam, and, most importantly, provides significant opportunity for practice and feedback.
- ***Bar Resources, Instruction, Coaching, and Support (BRICS)*** is an academic-year and summer program that supplements students' coursework and commercial Bar review programs. BRICS sessions help students review doctrinal law, provide practice opportunities, and support students in preparing for and succeeding on the Bar Exam.
- ***Faculty Counseling*** is available throughout all years at the Law School to design a course plan that covers all the doctrinal material tested on the Bar Exam, and introduces the academic and personal skills necessary to pass.

**Admitted students with questions about academic success can contact:  
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