Become a Lawyer Who Leads
Santa Clara University School of Law takes pride in educating lawyers who lead with competence, conscience, and compassion.
“I chose Santa Clara Law because of its Jesuit values and diverse student body. I stayed here because the faculty and students encouraged both my academic and personal growth. This supportive environment makes the challenges of law school surmountable and even enjoyable.”

—BARRBARA WOLFE ’12, above
Here are some of the many reasons our students say they love this school.

1. ROBUST PROGRAM WITH SMALL CLASSES
We offer more than 100 courses each year, including more than 40 in the popular area of IP and high tech law and policy. Classes are small, the mood is collegial and supportive, and our students tell us they value the true sense of community here.

2. DEDICATED FACULTY
Our outstanding faculty is made up of leading scholars and dynamic mentors who are approachable, available, and dedicated to helping you succeed.

3. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
We are consistently ranked among the nation’s best law schools for our intellectual property curriculum and program.

4. INTERNATIONAL LAW AND SUMMER ABROAD
Our comprehensive global law program includes more summer abroad opportunities than any other law school in the nation. Your international studies can include business, human rights, or intellectual property.

5. SOCIAL JUSTICE
We have a strong commitment to social justice, and our students deepen their compassion and learn valuable legal skills while serving others in our many clinics, including our Northern California Innocence Project and the Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center.

6. DIVERSITY
Santa Clara Law is consistently ranked among the top 10 most diverse law schools in the country. More than 40 percent of the students are members of a minority. The diverse backgrounds and experience of your classmates strengthen the classroom experience.

7. LOCATION
The San Francisco Bay Area is home to many of the country’s top law firms, legal employers, and leading companies, allowing you to expand your career options. In addition, we partner with Silicon Valley executives and attorneys who will enrich your legal education as they share their up-to-the-minute experience in courses, workshops, and lectures.

8. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING THROUGH CLINICS AND EXternSHIPS
Our students seize the opportunity to extern at the many leading national and international companies and firms that are based in our neighborhood, including Yahoo!, eBay, Facebook, and Google, as well as major law firms such as Wilson Sonsini, Cooley LLP, Kilpatrick Townsend, and Morrison & Foerster. Each year, hundreds of our students engage in externships—you could clerk for a judge, a district attorney, or public defender—as well as work directly for clients at clinics or at private companies or firms.

9. ALUMNI NETWORK
Santa Clara Law’s robust alumni network includes more than 11,000 graduates across the U.S. and around the world. Our alumni serve as leaders in all areas of the law, from in-house counsel, to firm partners, to judges. Our alumni actively support our students by serving as mentors, participating in mock interviews, and hosting networking events.

10. BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS IN A BEAUTIFUL REGION
It is gorgeous here! In fact, in a 2012 ranking, Newsweek magazine listed SCU as the second most beautiful campus in the nation. The San Francisco Bay Area is one of the most stunning (and most often visited) regions in the United States, and our historic Mission campus, part of the oldest university in the West, is a peaceful oasis of learning in a lovely Mediterranean climate. Our central location puts you close to beaches, culture, world-famous wine-making regions, and more.
Silicon Valley is much more than high tech—it is a vibrant, diverse, and exciting place to study law.

This area is filled with opportunity...and your future awaits you here.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE THE LAW SCHOOL OF SILICON VALLEY?

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SILICON VALLEY IS...

INNOVATIVE
Silicon Valley is known around the world for its entrepreneurial spirit and its many start-ups, not only in high tech and biotech, but across the business spectrum. At Santa Clara Law, our IP program consistently ranks among the top in the nation, and our location here will enable you to learn from and work in some of the world’s best-known companies and firms.

GLOBAL
Legal work is increasingly global, and when you study law in Silicon Valley, one of the world’s premier business centers, there are countless opportunities for global learning, connections, and experience. Santa Clara Law also has key scholars working in international human rights, and some of our students and graduates have the opportunity to change the world.

DIVERSE
Santa Clara Law is one of the most diverse law schools in the nation, and the Silicon Valley area is one of the most culturally diverse regions in the country. Half the population speaks a language other than English in the home. All this diversity makes for a vibrant community in which to learn, work, and play.

CONNECTED
In addition to the many hands-on connections we have to the Silicon Valley business world, Santa Clara Law is also connected to the Silicon Valley community itself. Our students and faculty provide thousands of hours of free legal services each year to low-income and immigrant communities. And our alumni serve the area in many roles, including as district attorneys, judges, and social justice advocates.
OUR RICH TRADITION
Santa Clara Law was founded in 1911 on the site of California’s oldest operating higher-education institution, Santa Clara University. In 2011, we celebrated our first century of educating lawyers who lead with competence, conscience, and compassion. Our rich tradition is rooted in the Jesuit educational model, and Santa Clara Law offers programs and curricula that integrate academic excellence with social and personal responsibility.

Newsweek magazine ranked Santa Clara University as the second most beautiful campus in the nation (8/2012).
At Santa Clara Law, you will get the training and knowledge you need no matter what area of law you decide to pursue. Our part-time and full-time programs give you creative options and flexibility.

**J.D. PROGRAM**
Choose to attend part-time, in the evening, or full-time, in the day—the breadth and depth of our course offerings give you lots of options for exploring the field.

**J.D./MBA AND J.D./MSIS**
Our combined degree programs save you time and money by enabling you to earn both degrees in full-time programs lasting three and one half to four years.

**LL.M. DEGREES**
**LL.M. Programs for U.S. Attorneys**
- LL.M. in Intellectual Property
- LL.M. in International and Comparative Law

**LL.M. Program for Non-U.S. Attorneys**
- LL.M. in United States Law

**EXTERNSHIPS**
Civil Practice (including public interest and social justice)
Criminal (District Attorney and Public Defender Offices)
Judicial (clerk positions for all levels of the judiciary)
High Tech (including major corporations, start-ups, and law firms)

**SPECIALTY AREAS AND CERTIFICATES**
**High Tech/Intellectual Property Law**
High Tech Law Certificate, with specializations in:
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Corporate Law

**International Law**
International Law Certificate, with specializations in:
- Public International Law
- International Business Law
- Comparative Law

**Public Interest and Social Justice Law**
Public Interest Law Certificate, with specializations in:
- Consumer Law
- Criminal Justice
- Critical Race Jurisprudence
- Health Law
- Immigration and Refugee Law

**CLINICS**
Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center
- Consumer Law
- Workers Rights
- Immigration Law
International Human Rights Clinic
Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic
Northern California Innocence Project
Broadband Regulatory Clinic

**CHOOSE YOUR PATH**
ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS

Bankruptcy

Core Courses:
- Contracts
- Debtors’ and Creditors’ Rights

Advanced Courses:
- Commercial Finance
- Commercial Transactions
- Consumer Protection

Related Courses:
- Consumer Law Practice Mini Course
- Federal Income Tax
- Federal Taxation of Business Entities
- International Business Transactions
- Statutory Analysis

Special Opportunities:
- Interviewing and Advising Clinic in Consumer and Debtor Rights

Business Law

Core Course:
- Business Organizations

Advanced Courses:
- Advanced Contracts
- Advanced Corporations
- Antitrust
- Business Planning
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Theory and Policy
- Law of Nonprofit Organizations
- Legal Issues of Start-up Businesses
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Securities Regulation

Related Courses:
- Analytical Methods for Lawyers
- Federal Taxation of Business Entities
- International Business Transactions
- Law Practice Management
- Legal Profession
- Statutory Analysis
- Venture Capital

Special Opportunities:
- Combined J.D/MBA degree
- Combined J.D./MSIS degree
- Externship in Business Law

Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Core Courses:
- Civil Procedure
- Advocacy

Advanced Courses:
- Advanced Appellate Oral Advocacy
- Advanced Evidence
- Advanced Mediation: Small Claims Mediation
- Advanced Trial Techniques
- Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration Law and Practice
- California Civil Procedure
- Civil Appellate Law and Practice Evidence
- Federal Courts and Jurisdiction
- Jury Law and Strategies
- Mediation Theory and Practice
- Negotiating
- Pretrial Litigation Techniques
- Trial Techniques

Related Courses:
- Administrative Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Conflicts: Protecting Client Interests
- Economic Analysis of Law
- Interviewing and Counseling
- Law Practice Management
- Opening Statement and Closing Arguments
- Remedies

Special Opportunities:
- Clinical Skills I at Community Law Center
- Clinical Skills II at Community Law Center

Constitutional Law and Civil Rights

Core Courses:
- Constitutional Law I
- Constitutional Law II

Advanced Courses:
- Criminal Procedure: Investigation
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Critical Race Theory
- Disability Law
- Gender and the Law
- Housing Discrimination
- Law and Education
- Sexuality and the Law

Related Courses:
- Animal Law
- Children and the Law
- Constitutional Law Seminar
- Federal Courts and Jurisdiction
- Federal Indian Law
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Immigration
- Law and Social Justice Seminar
- Marshall-Brennan Leadership Development and Constitutional Literacy Seminar
- Race and Law
- Social Justice Workshop
- Supreme Court Seminar
- Voting Rights Seminar
- Women and the Law Stories
Criminal Law and Procedure

Core Courses:
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure: Investigation

Advanced Courses:
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- California Criminal Law
- California Post-Conviction Procedures
- Comparative Criminal Law
- Comparative Criminal Procedure
- International Criminal Law
- Juvenile Court Law Seminar
- Juvenile Justice Topics: Leadership Training
- Juvenile Justice Topics: Practical Applications
- The Prison System

Related Courses:
- Legal Profession
- Domestic Violence Seminar
- Domestic Violence Seminar: Advanced Issues
- Drug Abuse Law Seminar

Special Opportunities:
- Criminal Justice Externships: Criminal Defense, Expungement
- Criminal Law Moot Court
- Judicial Externships
- Northern California Innocence Project

Employment and Labor Law

Core Courses:
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Labor Law

Advanced Courses:
- Employee Benefits Law
- Labor Law: The Public Sector

Related Courses:
- Law Practice Management
- Arbitration Law and Practice
- Administrative Law
- Critical Race Theory
- Gender and the Law
- Sexuality and the Law

Special Opportunities:
- Interviewing and Advising Clinic in Workers’ Rights

Environmental Law

Core Courses
- Environmental Protection Law
- Land Use

Advanced Courses
- Animal Law
- Climate Change Law
- Energy Resources Law
- Environmental Law Seminar
- International Environmental Law
- Water Law

Related Courses:
- Administrative Law

Special Opportunities:
- California State Bar
- Environmental Negotiation Competition
- International Environmental Law Moot Court
- National Environmental Law Moot Court

Intellectual Property Law

Core Course:
- Intellectual Property Survey

Advanced Courses:
- Advanced Legal Research in IP
- Advertising and Marketing Law
- Assisted Reproduction, Cloning and Genetic Engineering
- Biotechnology Law Seminar
- Copyright Law
- E-Discovery
- Entertainment Transactions
- Food and Drug Law
- International IP Law
- Internet Law
- IP Litigation
- IP Remedies
- IP Theory
- Legal and Business Aspects of the Entertainment Industry
- Legal Issues of the 21st Century
- Legal Issues of Start-up Businesses
- Mass Communications I: Television, Cable, Satellite, Video, and Convergence
- Mass Communications II: Telephone, Broadband, Networks, and Convergence
- Patent Prosecution
- Patents
- Privacy Law Seminar
- Rights of Publicity
- Technology Licensing
- Trade Secrets
- Trademarks and Unfair Competition
- Venture Capital

Related Courses:
- Advanced Corporations
- Antitrust
- Chinese Trade and Investment Law
- Entertainment Transactions
- International Business
- Negotiation–Simulation
- International Business Transactions
- International Law
- Securities Regulation
- Sports Law Seminar: Agent’s Perspective
- Sports Law Seminar: Litigator’s Perspective

Special Opportunities:
- Broadband Regulatory Clinic
- Civil Practice, High Tech and Social Justice Externship
- Computer and High Technology Law Journal
- Intellectual Property Moot Court Competitions

High Tech Law Certificate
- Corporate Specialization
- Intellectual Property Specialization
- International Intellectual Property Specialization
ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS

International Public Law

Core Course:
International Law

Advanced Courses and Seminars:
Advanced International Law Seminar
International Human Rights Theory and Practice
International Criminal Law
International Environmental Law
International Trade Regulation
Immigration Appellate Practice before the Ninth Circuit
International Organizations Seminar
Legal Aspects of War: Humanitarian Law
U.S. Foreign Relations Law Seminar

Related Courses:
Suing Governments: Federal, State, and Foreign
Transnational Civil Litigation

Special Opportunities:
International Externship
International Human Rights Clinic
International Law Moot Court Competitions
Journal of International Law

International Law Certificate
Comparative Law Specialization
International Business Law Specialization
Public International Law Specialization

International Business Law

Core Courses:
International Business Transactions

Advanced Courses and Seminars:
Chinese Trade and Investment Law
Conflict of Laws

Federal International Taxation
International Business Negotiation Simulation
International Commercial Arbitration
International IP Law
International Law
International Trade Regulation
Negotiation-Simulation

Related Courses:
Globalization and the Rule of Law
Transnational Civil Litigation
Summer Abroad Programs in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, Tokyo, Munich, Istanbul, and Vienna/Budapest

Comparative Law

Core Courses:
Comparative Law

Advanced Courses and Seminars:
International Law
Chinese Trade and Investment Law
European Union Law
Islamic Law
Legal Systems in El Salvador
Legal Systems Very Different from Ours
Contemporary International Issues: Cuban Legal System

Related Courses:
Advanced Legal Research:
Foreign, Comparative, and International Legal Research
Comparative Government Spending Policies
Comparative Tax Law and Policy
Representing the Spanish Speaking Client
Summer Abroad Programs in Munich, Istanbul, Singapore, and Vienna/Budapest

Health Law

Core Courses:
Health Law 1: Patients, Providers and Payers

Advanced Courses:
Health Law 2: Health Regulation and Finance
Health Law Seminar: Rotating Topics (e.g., Public Health and the Law, Government Regulation of Reproduction, Regulation of Human Subjects Research, and Women's Health and the Law)

Related Courses:
Administrative Law
Assisted Reproduction, Cloning, and Genetic Engineering
Biotechnology Law Seminar
Business Organizations
Drug Abuse Law
Elder Law
Family Law
Food and Drug Law
Gender and Law
Insurance Law
Law and Social Justice
Privacy Law
Sexual Orientation and the Law

Special Opportunities:
Practicums (Health Law-Related Externships)

Public Interest and Social Justice Law

Core Courses:
Law and Social Justice
Public Interest and Social Justice Practice

Advanced Courses:
Animal Law
Children and the Law
Community Economic Development
Consumer Law Practice Mini Course
Consumer Protection
Contemporary Legal Theory

Critical Race Theory
Disability Law
Domestic Violence Seminar
Economic Analysis of Law
Elder Law
Employment Discrimination
Federal Indian Law
Gender and Law
Housing Discrimination
Juvenile Court Law Seminar
Race and Law
Sexuality and the Law
Specialized Topics in Citizenship and Immigration Law

Related Courses:
Administrative Law
Advanced Immigration Law
Advanced Torts
Advanced Trial Techniques
Alternative Dispute Resolution
American Legal History
Assisted Reproduction, Cloning, and Genetic Engineering
California Civil Procedure
California Post-Conviction Procedures
Climate Change Law
Constitutional Law Seminar
Contemporary Legal Theory Seminar
Criminal Procedure:
Adjudication
Debtor and Creditor Rights
Drug Abuse Law Seminar
Employee Benefits Law
Employment Law
Environmental Law Seminar
Environmental Protection Law
Family Law
Health Law 1: Patients, Providers and Payers
Health Law 2: Health Regulation and Finance
Health Law Seminar
Immigration Appellate Practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
International Human Rights Theory and Practice
International Environmental Law
International Organizations Seminar
Islamic Law
Juvenile Justice Topics:
Practical Applications
Juvenile Justice Topics:
Leadership Training
Law and Behavioralism
Law of Nonprofit Organizations
Law Practice Management
Leadership for Lawyers
Leadership Skills for Law Students
Legal Systems of El Salvador
Legal Systems Very Different from Ours
Legislation
Legislation II: Public Law in California
Persuasion and Advocacy
Privacy Law Seminar
The Prison System
Righting Wrongful Convictions
Statutory Analysis
Understanding Capital Punishment Law
Voting Rights Law
Water Law

Special Opportunities:
Broadband Regulatory Clinic
Civil Practice, High Tech, and Social Justice Externship
International Human Rights Clinic
Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center: Civil Clinical Skills I, Civil Clinical Skills II, Consumer Law Interviewing & Advising Clinic, Immigration Law Interviewing & Advising Clinic, Workers’ Rights Interviewing & Advising Clinic
Low-Income Taxpayers Clinic
Northern California Innocence Project
Panetta Fellows Externship Summer Study Abroad: Geneva-Strasbourg International Human Rights Courses
Summer Study Abroad: The Hague, The Netherlands Seminar in International Criminal Justice

Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate
General Emphasis
Emphasis in Consumer Law
Emphasis in Criminal Justice
Emphasis in Critical Race Jurisprudence
Emphasis in Health Law
Emphasis in Immigration and Refugee Law

Real Estate Law
Core Course: Property
Advanced Courses: California Evictions: Anatomy of an Unlawful Detainer Action

Commercial Real Estate Leasing
Construction Law
Environmental Law Seminar
Environmental Protection Law
International Environmental Law
Land Use
Real Estate Conveyancing
Real Estate Development
Real Estate Finance

Related Courses:
Community Economic Development
Statutory Analysis

Taxation
Core Course: Federal Income Tax
Advanced Courses:
Employee Benefits Law
Family Wealth Management
Federal International Taxation
Federal Taxation of Business Entities
Tax Policy
Tax Practice and Procedure

Related Courses:
Accounting for Lawyers
Business Organizations
Business Planning
Community Property

Corporate Finance
International Business Transactions
Mergers and Acquisitions
Securities Regulations
Statutory Analysis
Wills and Trusts

Special Opportunities:
Civil Practice Externship
Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

Torts and Personal Injury Law

Core Course:
Torts
Advanced Courses:
Advanced Torts
Rights of Publicity

Related Courses:
Conflict of Laws
Economic Analysis of Law
Employment Discrimination
Insurance Law
Privacy Law Seminar
Remedies
Allison Hendrix ’08, Policy Manager, Facebook

BE INNOVATIVE
OUR HIGH TECH AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAM

Santa Clara Law is consistently ranked as one of the top places in the country to study intellectual property and high technology law, and for good reasons.

OUR FACULTY
We have a dozen full-time faculty members with expertise on every aspect of IP and high tech law, plus two dozen part-time faculty members working at leading Silicon Valley law firms and technology companies.

OUR COURSES
Our numerous course offerings in high tech enable you to create a personalized course of study. We also offer one of the nation's only combined J.D./MSIS degrees.

LOCATION
Our location, combined with our popular evening program that enables working professionals to go to law school, has resulted in a student body with vast experience in a wide range of technology fields. Students in the high tech program inevitably report that they learn as much from their classmates as from their teachers.

COMMUNITY
Here, high tech law is not discussed just in the classroom—it is the subject of conferences, lunchtime lectures, and workshops, often featuring high tech corporate insiders and practitioners, including alumni. Our High Tech Law Institute brings together practitioners, students, and academics to explore legal issues and policies vital to emerging technologies. You can help organize major conferences attended by a national audience of lawyers, judges, and academics.

STUDENT GROUPS
You can engage more deeply with the legal issues through our student organizations, including the Computer and High Technology Law Journal, the Student Intellectual Property Association, and the Biotech Law Group.

“Santa Clara Law was absolutely the best choice for me. The rigorous and practical legal education allowed me to combine the study of legal theory with practical hands-on experience. Many of the professors are themselves practicing attorneys, who shared their perspective and the insight they’ve gained from handling real cases.”

—LINDA J. WUESTEHUBE (KAHL) ’10, won the Jan Jancin Award for the top IP law student in the nation, given by the American Intellectual Property Law Association. She is now a legal scholar in the Department of Bioengineering at Stanford University and director of the Ownership, Access, Sharing and Innovation Systems (OASIS) project, sponsored by the Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center.
ALUMNI LEADERS IN HIGH TECH
1. Sam O’Rourke ’99, Deputy General Counsel, Intellectual Property, Facebook, Inc.,
2. Valerie Alabanza-Cary ’00, IP & Patent Counsel Director, Juniper Networks, 3. Andrew Vu ’93, Assistant General Counsel, SAP, named 2012 Community Champion in the Bay Area Best Corporate Counsel Awards, sponsored by the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal and the San Francisco Business Times. To meet other alumni leaders, visit law.scu.edu/lawyerswholead.

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Number of high tech/IP law courses offered by Santa Clara’s High Tech Law Institute.

HIGH TECH CERTIFICATES
You can choose to amp up your résumé by earning a certificate in High Tech Law, and you can specialize in intellectual property, international law, or corporate law.
“Even though some of our students come to law school with advanced science or engineering degrees, you do not need a background in technology to focus on intellectual property at Santa Clara. I focused on the less technical aspects of IP law, such as copyrights and trademarks, and I earned a High Tech Law Certificate with a corporate law specialization.”

—LUCI BUDA ‘12 (left)
GO GLOBAL
OUR INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM

An understanding of global issues, differing countries’ legal systems, and diverse cultures is now necessary to nearly every area of law practice. Santa Clara Law’s international programs, facilitated through the Center for Global Law and Policy, draw students from across the country and around the globe. Designed to offer a wide range of academic and experiential opportunities, with several faculty members who are internationally renowned legal experts, the program trains students for important roles in the international business, judicial, and human rights communities.

CERTIFICATES
Show employers your global experience with an International Law Certificate, and you can choose to specialize in Public International Law, International Business Law, or Comparative Law.

CLINIC—INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
In our International Human Rights Clinic, you can help change the world by working on major human rights issues under the guidance of experienced practitioners.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS
We offer more summer abroad programs in more locations than any other law school in the country. Our summer abroad programs are unique in that they are designed as true academic and field-work immersion experiences. Taught by local faculty who are experts in their fields, our courses track subjects of interest within the region, while being integrated into an overall curriculum that prepares a student for practice in a global economy. Most courses are followed by an optional internship opportunity.

“Santa Clara Law offers a study abroad experience for everyone with classes that range from international criminal law and human rights to international high tech law and private international law. Many of the courses offer internship components, providing for a unique work experience in different parts of the world. My summer abroad was one of the most memorable experiences of my life. I observed trials at the International Criminal Court in the Hague, visited several different international organizations in Geneva, and met world-renowned judges and scholars in Strasbourg. My summer experience inspired me to work in the international arena and enabled me to further my career goals.”

—ANN JENNY ARVIDSSON ’11, Research Analyst, Glass, Lewis, & Co., where she focuses on business and compliance issues in the Nordic and Continental European markets
“Global companies such as eBay look for lawyers with practical experience and a firm understanding of international legal principles. Santa Clara’s overseas legal internships offer students an unparalleled experience, gaining both practical experience at a firm or in-house in a global setting. Personally, my experience with SCU’s Japan program focused me on Intellectual Property law, and my internship at Honda’s head office in Tokyo helped pave my road to eBay Inc.”

—SCOTT SHIPMAN, ’99, Associate General Counsel, Global Privacy Leader, eBay Inc.
Number of countries with ABA-accredited summer abroad programs offered by Santa Clara Law’s Center for Global Law and Policy. Santa Clara Law offers more ABA-accredited summer abroad programs than any other law school in the United States.
SERVE WHILE YOU LEARN

Gemma Daggs '09, left, in an El Salvador Immersion.
OUR PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW PROGRAMS

Perhaps you are drawn to law because you want to help others or maybe even change the world. At Santa Clara Law, we have a 100-year history of training lawyers to be compassionate members of society who serve others. As a Santa Clara Law student, you will have many opportunities to deepen your knowledge of the law and practice for your career while serving those in need.

Our Center for Social Justice and Public Service provides a community for all who share the commitment to giving voice in the legal system to marginalized, subordinated, or underrepresented clients and causes.

CERTIFICATES
Demonstrate your dedication to service by earning a general Public Interest Law Certificate, or choose one with an emphasis in consumer law, criminal justice, critical race jurisprudence, health law, or immigration and refugee law.

CLINICAL PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES
These exceptional programs teach students key lawyering skills, in addition to the critical skill of ethical lawyering for both prosecution and defense.

Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center is a free legal clinic where law students work with attorney mentors to represent clients in need. You can focus on consumer rights, workers’ rights, immigration law, and other areas.

The Northern California Innocence Project is a clinical program providing students the opportunity to represent California prisoners raising claims of factual innocence. By taking this class, you may be part a team that is responsible for freeing an innocent person.

The Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic helps to ensure the fairness and integrity of the tax system for the benefit of the local community, and you can learn about effective professional and ethical representation of clients in tax disputes with the IRS.

“The difference made…is immeasurable. It is a perfect example of how hard work, dedication, and compassion can overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles and leave that kind of impact on the world that I had always dreamed of making.”

—NIck Sympson ’13, Who WORKED on an EXONERATION WITH THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INNOCENCE PROJECT AT SANTA CLARA LAW
John Stoll (seated, center) was exonerated by the Northern California Innocence Project at Santa Clara Law (NCIP) in 2004 after 20 years. Many Santa Clara Law students and faculty members worked on the case, including NCIP Legal Director Linda Starr (standing, left), NCIP Executive Director Kathleen “Cookie” Ridolfi (standing, center), and Jill Kent ’92 (standing, right). Stoll’s story was captured in Witch Hunt, a 2008 documentary film by Dana Nachman (seated, left) and Don Hardy (seated, right). The film was narrated and executive produced by Sean Penn.
“How often does one describe law school as a warm and supportive environment, and a learning experience in which the competent practice of law is taught with conscience and compassion? That was my experience at Santa Clara Law. As a student, I had wonderful teacher/mentors and the opportunity to help others, and those experiences inspired me to found the Watsonville Law Center so I could continue serving others in my career. Righting a wrong changes a life, changes a family’s life, and creates a future for children and grandchildren that shapes our own future. It is a privilege.”

—DORI ROSE INDA ’00 (above), FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WATSONVILLE LAW CENTER

12,000

Number of low-income clients who are served annually through the Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center’s mobile workshops.

10,000

Number of hours of free legal service for low-income communities and families provided by Santa Clara Law student recipients of summer grants in 2012.

“Being able to devote an entire summer to working on behalf of underrepresented communities of color—ensuring that their interests and voices were heard in Sacramento on fundamental issues such as public education—only deepened my belief in an individual’s ability to create tangible positive change. The experience reaffirmed my passion and commitment to working for social justice and equality.”

—Carolyn Kim ’12, Public Advocates Summer Grant Recipient

“Spending the summer providing legal services to low-income individuals on the Navajo Nation Reservation opened my eyes to vast opportunities and experiences. I gained infinitely more than I gave.”

—Siena Kautz ’14, DNA-People’s Legal Services Summer Grant Recipient
BE PREPARED
OUR GRADUATES ARE PRACTICE READY

When you graduate from Santa Clara Law, you will be practice ready, because you will have spent hundreds of hours gaining experience while in school. In our many clinical and moot court opportunities, you will tackle real-world legal problems and help real clients, all as part of your legal education. You will also learn key skills in our intensive legal research and writing program. All these experiences will be a great boost to your résumé.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT
In addition to practicing in our clinics such as the Northern California Innocence Project (see page 23), Santa Clara Law offers numerous opportunities for you to hone your legal skills through moot court and simulated trial practice. Each year we field teams in a large number of internal, national, and international competitions, and each team is closely mentored by faculty and alumni coaches.

LAW JOURNALS
Become a student editor for one of our three distinguished academic journals: Santa Clara Law Review, Computer and High Technology Law Journal, and Santa Clara Journal of International Law. Working on a journal is a great way to wrestle with legal issues and prepare for your career.

MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS
As a student at Santa Clara Law, you will have the opportunity to participate in one of more than 20 competitions a year, including those listed below. For more information and a complete list of competitions, visit law.scu.edu/mootcourt.

HIGH TECH
- Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition (Patents), Silicon Valley, CA
- Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition (Trademarks and Unfair Competition), San Francisco

INTERNATIONAL
- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- Jean-Pictet Competition in International Humanitarian Law
- Pace International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition
- Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition

SPECIALIZED AREAS
- National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, White Plains, NY
- Asylum and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition, Sacramento, CA
- BMI Entertainment and Communications Law Moot Court Competition (Copyright), Los Angeles

SKILLS
- ABA Client Counseling Competition (Regionals), Sacramento, CA
- ABA Negotiation Competition (Regionals), Santa Clara, CA
- Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Competition, Hong Kong SAR, China

Left, top, Carlos Rosario ’11, Associate at Wagner Blecher, LLP.
Left, bottom, Santa Clara Law Moot Court Team at the U.C. Davis Asylum and Refugee Moot Court Competition. At left is Evangeline Abriel, director of the Legal Analysis, Research and Writing Program and an associate clinical professor at Santa Clara Law. The team, all members of the Class of 2013, included Jennifer Bregante, Liya Arushanyan, Scott Idiart, Amy Quan, Alyssa Dang, and Sita Kuteira.
As you pursue your legal degree in the heart of Silicon Valley, you will have access to unprecedented opportunities at some of the world’s leading companies and firms. Many of these organizations participate in our externship programs, which allow students to earn academic credit while gaining competencies and experiences needed to bridge the gap from law school to practice.

The map at right shows some of our more than 380 recent externships.
San Francisco
Oakland
Palo Alto
Redwood City
San Jose
Livermore
Berkeley
Milpitas
San Mateo
Fremont
Cupertino
Santa Clara
Saratoga
Los Gatos

San Rafael
Sausalito
Richmond
San Pablo
Sausalito

Half Moon Bay
San Mateo
Redwood City
Fremont
Menlo Park
Palo Alto
Mountain View
Sunnyvale
Santa Clara
Cupertino
San Jose
Saratoga
Los Gatos

Pacific Ocean

To Sacramento

Rank in the nation, as listed by National Jurist (Oct. 2011), for the number of externships available in ratio to student enrollment. Santa Clara Law had 382 opportunities in 2011 for field placements.
LEARN FROM THE BEST
OUR FACULTY LEADERS

Santa Clara Law faculty members are a stellar group of intellectuals, including high tech experts, Rhodes Scholars, former Supreme Court clerks, national leaders in social justice, and international scholars in human rights, to name a few. Plus, our students rave about our approachable and supportive faculty members, who will help you get the most out of your legal education.

(Above) Professor Colleen Chien was one of five witnesses that testified on July 18, 2012, before the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, about the current use of the International Trade Commission for patent disputes, and whether Congress needs to take action to further regulate the ITC. Chien is nationally known for her work surrounding domestic and international patent law and policy issues. (Opposite) Professor Bradley Joondeph is a well-respected authority on federalism, judicial behavior, and American constitutional development, and he has extensive experience with the Supreme Court.
“I am grateful for the incredibly supportive and welcoming admissions staff and faculty members at Santa Clara Law. From being able to express my anxieties to the staff over the stresses of law school to being invited to a faculty person’s home for Thanksgiving, Santa Clara Law has truly extended itself to make me comfortable. The abundant diversity within the faculty has also enabled me to find meaningful mentors and friends.”

—CASSANDRA FRANCOIS ’13

1. **Associate Professor David Yosifon** specializes in corporate governance and corporate social responsibility.  
2. **Assistant Professor David Ball** specializes in criminal law, criminal procedure, sentencing, and corrections.  
3. **Professor Michelle Oberman** is a nationally recognized scholar on the legal and ethical issues surrounding adolescence, pregnancy, and motherhood.  
4. **Associate Professor Anna Han** specializes in the areas of international business transactions and technology licensing, specifically those involving Pacific Rim countries.  
5. **Professor Allen Hammond** specializes in communications law, and he is director of the Broadband Institute of California.
Santa Clara Law’s grade from National Jurist magazine in their diversity honor roll in 2011—a higher score than any other law school in California.
A LEADER IN DIVERSITY

Santa Clara Law is among the most diverse law schools in the nation. When you choose Santa Clara Law, you will share your law school experience with students from all 50 states and numerous foreign countries, and you will learn from a diverse and talented group of faculty members who are committed to an inclusive learning experience. Plus, our robust community of minority student groups will offer you academic, social, professional, and cultural support.

We encourage you to join our diverse, vibrant, and intellectually stimulating community that values diversity in the classroom and in the workplace. Our faculty, staff, and alumni will work together to support you and help you succeed.

WE WILL HELP MAKE IT POSSIBLE.
Santa Clara Law is committed to helping our students afford their legal education. We especially want to help minority students earn a law degree, because we are committed to the goal of diversifying the legal profession. We urge you to contact our Financial Aid Office, and they can help you make a plan that you can afford. Also, members of our minority student groups are happy to talk with you at any stage of your application process.

WE WANT YOU TO SUCCEED.
Our Academic Success Program offers a variety of ways to support you and help you meet the challenges of law school, through workshops, exam preparation, and special study sessions.

“Never have I felt so supported as my authentic self than I have at Santa Clara Law. SCU’s Jesuit heritage nurtures a culture of openness and respect for human beings of all backgrounds and beliefs. As an officer of the LGBT student organization and as director of the Honors Moot Court Internal competition, I have worked closely with numerous faculty members—some of them openly LGBT—who have gone out of their way to provide guidance and mentorship to me.”

— EMILY MEYER ’12

Left, top, Jeanette Leach, Assistant Dean of diversity programs, talks with Jenny Tsay ’12. Below: George Atkins ’13 came to law school with a Masters degree in electrical engineering from U.C. Berkeley, a BSEE in electrical engineering from the University of New Mexico, and a BFA in photography from Cornell.
FACULTY MENTORS
We understand how important mentors and advisors can be, especially for minority students. We are proud to have a very diverse faculty community in terms of ethnicity, religion, gender, and ideology. Plus, our faculty members are not only teaching scholars, they are active advisors and mentors to our students. You will find them to be accessible and helpful during your educational journey here.

Assistant Professor Pratheepan Gulasekaram focuses on constitutional law and immigration.
Minority Student Organizations

- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Equality Santa Clara Law (EQ|SCU), supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students
- Korean Law Students Association
- La Raza Law Student Association
- Middle Eastern Law Student Association
- Filipino American Law Society
- South Asian Law Student Association
- Vietnamese Law Student Association

Santa Clara Law ranked fourth in the nation according to Princeton Review’s “Environment for Minority Law Students” (2011).

40

Percent of all Santa Clara Law students that are minority.

4

40%
LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

1,437

Number of 1-1 advising sessions between a student and a Law Career Services staff member during the 2011-12 academic year.
CAREER SERVICES AND ALUMNI NETWORKING

The San Francisco Bay Area is home to many of the country’s top law firms and legal employers, which will help expand your career options. And, according to the 2012 Silicon Valley Index, “Silicon Valley is making an impressive recovery—impressive because our region was the last to succumb when an historic recession gripped our nation, and now it appears to be the first to emerge.”

CAREER SERVICES

Whether you aspire to be a trial lawyer, specialize in tax or business law, or serve the underserved, Santa Clara Law’s excellent reputation and our Career Services staff will help you maximize opportunities and start your career.

Typically a wide array of employers interview on campus, ranging from large national law firms to boutique patent and intellectual property firms, Big Four accounting firms, and public and government agencies. Hundreds of other employers request résumés from our students. In addition, Law Career Services offers numerous workshops, presentations, and services throughout your three years of law school to help you launch your career, including individual counseling, résumé review, networking receptions, mock interviews, speed networking, and more.

EMPLOYERS SEEK OUT OUR GRADUATES

“With our deep roots in Silicon Valley, we have long looked to Santa Clara University School of Law as a source of talented, next-generation lawyers to help us sustain the unique role we have played and contributions we have made in helping this region become the technology capital of the world. Santa Clara Law has continuously produced forward-thinking, passionate lawyers who can relate at all levels to the clients that we are privileged to represent, and who fit easily within Cooley’s culture earmarked by teamwork.”

—MARK PITCHFORD ’84, ADMINISTRATIVE & LEGAL PRACTICE PARTNER, COOLEY LLP
Number of alumni who returned to campus last year to participate in Law Career Service programs to support our current students.
OUR ALUMNI ARE LEADERS

Our alumni serve in leading positions across the legal field, including as general counsel of top high tech companies, partners in national and international firms, judges, and social justice advocates.

Santa Clara Law’s robust alumni network includes more than 11,000 graduates across the U.S. and around the world. Our alumni actively support our students by serving as mentors, participating in mock interviews, and hosting networking events.

Nearly every week on campus, our local alumni, many of whom work for large Silicon Valley firms and companies, participate in informational panels, sharing insights on various practice areas and legal specialties. Plus, the dean frequently meets with alumni leaders in law firms and law organizations to solicit guidance on how Santa Clara Law can stay in tune with what firms are looking for and how our students can be best prepared for various career opportunities.

To read about other alumni leaders, visit law.scu.edu/lawyerswholead.

“Not only has Santa Clara nurtured my interest in international law, but its network of alumni and friends has opened many doors for me. I spent a summer in the Munich program including an internship Santa Clara arranged. After graduation I moved to The Hague, initially to work at the International Criminal Court, and subsequently at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.”

—CHRISTINE KELLER ’00
LOVE OUR LOCATION

When you choose Santa Clara Law, you will earn your degree at a beautiful, historic campus in a spectacular location. And you will be immersed in one of the most vibrant business centers in the world: Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Come here and your backyard includes famous beaches, world-class arts, culture, and restaurants, and the beautiful city of San Francisco, one of the world's most popular tourist destinations.

Plus our area's convenient public transit makes it easy to get where you want to go, with Cal-Train and Amtrak just across the street from SCU. And we have two major airports that service our area: Mineta San Jose International Airport and San Francisco International Airport.

For information on visiting us, including a virtual tour, campus maps, directions, nearby hotels, and transportation tips, please see law.scu.edu/visit.

300 The average number of days per year that the sun shines here at Santa Clara Law.
HOW TO APPLY

1. Visit law.scu.edu/admissions/ and complete our online application by November 1 for an early action decision, or by February 1 for a regular decision.

2. You’ll also need to submit a personal statement—it helps give our admissions committee a more complete picture of you and your experiences.

3. Take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Although we recommend that you take the LSAT as early as possible, we will accept scores through February of the year you plan to enroll (see www.LSAC.org for dates and locations).

4. Subscribe to LSAC’s JD Credential Assembly Service (JD-CAS) and have your transcripts sent directly to LSAC.

5. Letters of recommendation are optional, but strongly encouraged, and you can submit them through JD-CAS. For more information go to: www.LSAC.org.

6. If you are accepted, we will need an official transcript from your undergraduate institution showing the date your degree was awarded.

Special Admission Policy
Diversity Outreach

We are one of the most diverse law schools in the nation because we understand society’s need for lawyers from all backgrounds. We work to identify, recruit, enroll, and provide academic support to ethnic minority applicants and others who show the potential to succeed.

Early Action Program

If you submit your application by November 1 and your admission file is complete by November 30, you’ll have our decision by late December. Early action admission is nonbinding—you simply need to make a tuition deposit by April 1 if you decide to enroll.

Transfer and Visiting Student Admission

If you have successfully completed one year of study at another law school accredited by the ABA, you may apply to transfer to or visit Santa Clara Law (visit law.scu.edu/admissions/ for our online application). We usually reserve 10 to 20 seats each year for the strongest candidates, and our decisions are based heavily on your prior law school performance. To apply, please submit:

- An official transcript from your undergraduate degree-granting school
- An official transcript from your law school
- A letter from your dean saying you are in good standing and eligible to return. If applying as a visitor, the letter of good standing must also state that you have permission to visit at Santa Clara Law.
- Your JD-CAS report sent directly from LSAC

Transfer and Visiting Students Note:
To enroll in the fall, please apply by July 1; for the spring semester, please apply by November 1.
WE CAN HELP YOU AFFORD YOUR DREAM

FINANCIAL AID

Santa Clara Law is committed to helping our students afford their legal education. Each year, we offer millions of dollars in scholarship funds to our students. Our Financial Aid Office will meet with you and help you make a plan that you can afford. We will help you explore all your options, including grants, loans, scholarships, and work-study. Sometimes the financial aid process can be daunting, and we want to help! Please contact our financial aid counselors at 408-554-5048 or visit us online at law.scu.edu/admissions/tuition-financial-aid.cfm

Loans
Most law students are eligible to borrow up to $20,500 through the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan Program. Students can borrow additional federal funds up to the cost of attendance through the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Program.

Employment
We want you to focus on your studies, and so we discourage full-time students from working, at least during your first year. (If you must work, we ask that you don’t work more than 10 hours a week.) Part-time, on-campus employment based on financial need (Federal Work Study) is available after the first year. Additional on-campus and off-campus opportunities are available to help pay tuition costs, too.

Fellowships and Scholarships
- Dean’s Fellowships—up to full tuition, based on academic achievement
- IP Fellowships—up to full tuition, based on academic achievement and interest in IP law
- Law Faculty Scholarships—need-based partial tuition awards
- Emery Law Scholarships—merit-based partial tuition awards
- Public Interest and Social Justice Scholarships—partial tuition awards, based on demonstrated passion for public interest work
- Numerous Endowed Scholarships—both need and merit-based

How to apply for financial aid:
If you wish to be considered for financial aid, complete the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov), and be sure to select Santa Clara University School of Law (our code is 001326) as one of the schools to receive your information.

Percent of the 2012 entering class that received a scholarship award, for a total of more than $1.9 million in awards.
When you choose Santa Clara Law, you get the best of both worlds: a rich, educational experience in a highly engaged, up-to-the-minute, and superconnected culture.
Become a lawyer who leads.
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