



# WESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF LAW

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Founded in 1966, Western State College of Law is the oldest law school in Orange County, Southern California, and is a **fully ABA approved, nonprofit, private law school**. We welcome you to visit our campus to experience what makes Western State feel like home to so many students and alumni. We hold several different prospective and admitted student events throughout the year.



- Class visits and tours
- Law school information sessions
- Individual tours and visits
- Admitted student mixers and dinners
- Special speakers and panel presentations
- Focused informative webinars

We encourage you to contact our Admissions Office at **714.459.1101** or email us at **[adm@wsulaw.edu](mailto:adm@wsulaw.edu)** to schedule a personal interview and campus visit.



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LLM, Temple Law School  
JD, Temple Law School  
BA, College of Wooster

## Welcome

Allen Easley  
Dean

“As we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Western State enjoys a reputation as a law school that effectively prepares our students for success in the practice of law. The focus of the faculty and staff is to help our students acquire the knowledge, skills and contacts they will need to succeed in an ever-changing legal environment. Professors are highly accessible and dedicated to teaching excellence; they place first priority on giving personal attention, feedback and guidance to our students. The professional development tools and personal coaching provided by our Career Resources professionals, together with Western State’s strong alumni base with its impressive accomplishments and connections, help our students pursue opportunities to build their legal practice skills and resumes during law school and find job opportunities after graduation.”





JD, Harvard Law School  
MFA, University of California, Irvine  
AB, Harvard/Radcliffe Colleges

Susan Keller

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

“Western State’s outstanding faculty is dedicated to teaching excellence and fosters a supportive yet rigorous learning environment. Our highly effective academic success program prepares our students for success in law school, on the bar exam and throughout their future careers. The impressive and diverse professional experience of our faculty enables them to connect the important skills needed to succeed in law school to those needed to succeed in practice.”



JD, Loyola University School of Law  
BA, California State University,  
Dominguez Hills

Charles Sheppard

Professor of Law & Director, Business Law Center

“Western State is committed to the pursuit of learning, self-development, and ethics. As articulated in our Mission Statement and our Principles of Community, the College of Law seeks to create a learning environment that will afford every student the opportunity to pursue the study of law and lawyering skills to the fullest of her or his ability. As also evidenced by our Principles of Community, we value the diversity of our students, staff, faculty, and alumni.”

Noted for small classes and personal attention from an accessible faculty focused on student success, from Admission to Graduation, Western State's culture engenders a supportive environment among students, faculty, and staff.

We invite you to join our community.



"My experience at Western State has been amazing. The diversity among the students [at Western State] has enriched my educational experience and helped me to form a group of life long friends."

**Carina J. Karakashian**  
Class of 2009



# Student Community

Since its founding in 1966, Western State has maintained a commitment to diversity recognized by notable publications and the community at large. We believe that the face of law should reflect the faces the law serves. This is why we strive for a balanced student body with diversity not just in ethnicity, but in age, gender identity, and life experience.

 Western State College of Law is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> by U.S. News and World Report in law school diversity with a diversity index of 1!\*

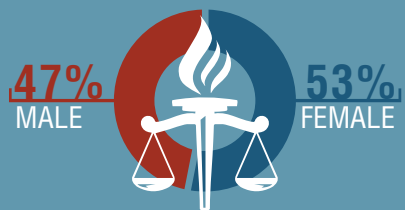


**Law School Diversity Index**  
Ranked in 2018, part of Best Law Schools  
 The diversity index is based on data collected by U.S. News. The methodology used to compute the index was published in a 1992 article by Philip Meyer and Shawn Mootzoh in the International Journal of Public Opinion Research. For the purposes of this index, students classified as ethnicity unknown/unreported were counted as white.  
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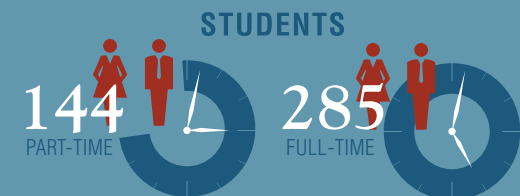
	DIVERSITY INDEX	LARGEST MINORITY AND ITS PROPORTION
	1	Asian-American, 12%
	1	African-American, 11%
	1	African-American, 7%
	1	Hispanic, 29%
	1	Hispanic, 12%
University of Iowa Iowa City, IA	1	Hispanic, 10%
University of Miami Coral Gables, FL	1	Hispanic, 34%
University of Missouri-Kansas City Kansas City, MO	1	Hispanic, 8%
University of Oklahoma Norman, OK	1	Multiracial, 10%
<b>Western State College of Law at Argosy University Irvine, CA</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Hispanic, 32%</b>
Willamette University (Collins) Salem, OR	1	Hispanic, 9%
University of Hawaii-Manoa (Richardson) Honolulu, HI	0.74	Multiracial, 32%

## Diverse Student Body (As of Fall 2018)



### Ethnicity

- African American.....6%
- Asian/Pacific Islander .....14%
- Caucasian.....41%
- Hispanic/Latino/Latina.....33%
- Other.....5%

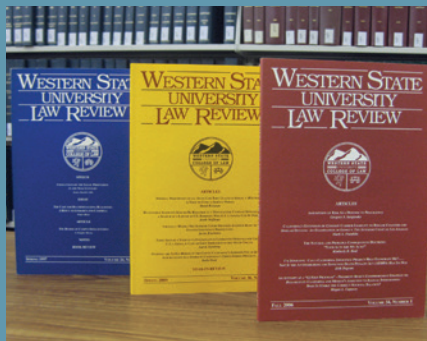


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## Western State University Law Review

Law Review membership is a prestigious honor available only to students who meet the GPA and other eligibility requirements. Western State University Law Review is a legal journal that focuses on real concerns relating to California law or federal law that has a substantial impact on California. It therefore draws heavily on California lawyers' work and provides exceptional opportunities to build connections with the practicing lawyers in the community.



## Student Organizations

Involvement in a student organization perfectly complements the law school experience. Membership in any one of the broad array of organizations on campus offers opportunities to become more involved in campus life, network with other law students at Western State, and develop bonds that last throughout law school and beyond!

With so many options, you're likely to find a great fit for you:

- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)
- Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
- Business Law Student Association (BLA)
- Christian Legal Society (CLS)
- Criminal Law Association (CLA)
- Delta Tau Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society
- Entertainment & Sports Law Society (ESLS)
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Intellectual Property and Technology Law Society (IPT)
- Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA)
- Latino Student Bar Association (LSBA)
- Muslim Law Student Association (MLSA)
- OUTLAW
- Phi Alpha Delta Professional Law Fraternity (PAD)
- Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)
- Society of Immigration Law & Advocacy (SILA)
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF)
- Tort Law Society (TLS)
- Young Americans for Liberty (YAL)





# Public Service

Western State encourages public service by students through the school's voluntary Public Service Program, which provides resources, programming and pro bono opportunities for students to use their developing legal skills to serve the community and its most underserved members:

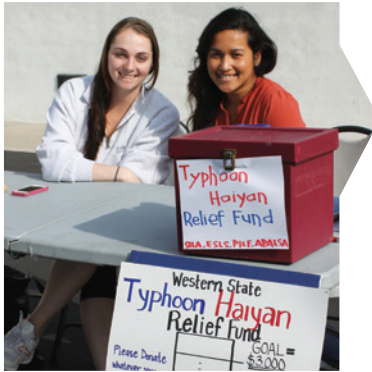
Building upon the tradition of public service reflected in the College of Law's history, Western State considers such service a critical element in students' educational and developmental process, and believes, that through public service, students will:

- enhance the professional skills learned at the College of Law through assisting real people to resolve real problems;
- embrace the role of lawyer as a public citizen with a professional obligation to be aware of and serve the needs of society, particularly the critically unmet need for legal services of the poor and disadvantaged;
- develop a lifelong commitment to community service and charitable activities which will carry over into their legal careers.

## Public Service Opportunities Include:



- Pro Bono Legal Service Opportunities and Externships
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (V.I.T.A.)
- Food Bank Drives
- Blood Drives
- Clothing Drives
- Immigration Clinic Pro Bono Opportunities



"It is heartening to me that Western State has earned a great reputation for emphasizing and encouraging public service with so many interns and externs serving while learning in Orange County."

**Pearl Gondrella Mann**, Class of 1985

Hall of Fame & Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Fullerton Elder law attorney and recent Regional Trustee of the State Bar of California

Named Attorney of the Year by the Public Law Center and recipient of the State Bar's Wiley Manuel Award for Pro Bono Services to the Poor

Former President of the California Women Lawyers and the Orange County Women Lawyers, as well as the Appellate, Trusts and Estates, and Elder Law Sections of the Orange County Bar Association





“One of the best things about Western State is the staff! I go into Student Services at least once a week to have lunch or hang out with those wonderful ladies! They offer fantastic advice, tell great stories, and truly care about each and every student!”

**Courtney Martin**  
Class of 2018

## Academic Support

### The S.T.E.L.L.A.R. Program

The Strategies to Enhance Legal Learning and Achieve Results (S.T.E.L.L.A.R.) Academic Support program provides you with instruction, assistance and encouragement to help you develop the skills and strategies you need. Our goal is to help you successfully complete your first year, pass the bar exam, and practice in the profession. Your faculty will guide you as you develop the critical reading, briefing and analytical skills necessary for academic success, as well as the practical lawyering skills that will sustain you through the bar exam and beyond.

### First Year of Law School

Introduction to Legal Methods, a preparatory course for 1Ls, begins prior to the start of law school and continues throughout the first semester. With individual support and feedback from full-time faculty and dedicated Dean’s Fellows in our Student Learning Center, first year students get help to acquire the skills and tools to succeed in law school and in the legal profession.

### Preparing You for the Bar Exam

Courses like Basic Bar Studies and Solving Legal Problems help students start early to acquire the skills and substantive knowledge required for success on the bar exam and in the first year of practice.

### Experiential Learning

Western State seeks to foster law students’ development as legal professionals throughout law school. Our Faculty bring examples from their practical legal experience into the classroom, engaging our students and illustrating how theory comes together in practice. These enhancements beyond standard legal instruction help students understand the law and its application. We prepare students for the daily experience of practicing law.

**Paula Manning** | Director, S.T.E.L.L.A.R.

**Lisa M. Blasser** | Assistant Director, S.T.E.L.L.A.R.

## Bar Pass Rates

Western State maintains bar pass rates consistently in the top half of California's ABA law schools. In fact...

**WESTERN STATE  
RANKED #3 FOR BAR  
EXAM PREPARATION  
IN CALIFORNIA, &  
#23 NATIONALLY**  
BY NATIONAL JURIST, WINTER 2017


**Best schools for  
bar exam preparation**

Some schools' grads perform far better on the bar exams than their incoming LSAT scores would predict. What do these schools have in common?

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"National Jurist and prelaw Magazine Back Issues" the National Jurist. Web. 20 July 2017  
[www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/cypress/nationaljurist\\_2017winter/#/28](http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/cypress/nationaljurist_2017winter/#/28)



 "I passed the Bar the 1<sup>st</sup> time. I had excellent instruction, and I feel Western State gave me a good foundation."

**Honorable Sheila Fell**  
Hall of Fame | Class of 1979



## Law Centers and Certificates

To maximize your skills and practice-readiness, Western State provides access to a wide range of enriching and resume-building opportunities.

As a Western State student, you can specialize your skills and customize your education by choosing from several different law centers and certificates; these allow you to explore the many possible areas of law practice and find the path that's right for you using electives that are part of your course of study. All certificates are part of our Juris Doctor degree program, and can not be earned as a separate degree objective.



Business Law Center and Certificate  
Criminal Law Practice Center and Certificate  
Family Practice Certificate  
Immigration Clinic and Certificate  
Real Estate Practice Certificate

 “Western State has developed a reputation for preparing its students for the competitive work environment, which has helped me tremendously throughout my internship experience.”

**Darren Gottlieb**  
Class of 2013





Jennifer Koh  
Director, Immigration Legal Clinic  
JD, Columbia Law School  
BA, Yale University

## Immigration Clinic

The Western State College of Law Immigration Clinic provides students with hands-on skills training in the practice of law. The Clinic responds to the pressing needs of immigrants in Orange County by representing immigrants who cannot otherwise afford legal representation in a range of immigration-related matters, including petitions on behalf of individuals fleeing persecution from abroad; survivors of trafficking, domestic violence and other crime; long-time residents; individuals seeking release from immigration detention; and noncitizens facing deportation.

Students who successfully complete a semester with the Clinic receive course credit and are honored at graduation. Students who complete additional required coursework can also receive a Certificate in Immigration Law Practice.



Sixteen Western State law students who have been studying immigration law traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border to witness firsthand the growth of border enforcement along the southern border.



## WSCL Immigration Clinic Students Win Ninth Circuit Remand

On April 4, 2017, Alfonso Maldonado ('17) and Cristel Martinez ('17) became the first pair of Western State College of Law students to argue before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals as students participating in the WSCL Immigration Clinic's Ninth Circuit Project. Representing noncitizen Juan Beltran in his petition before the federal appeals court in *Beltran v. Sessions*, No. 16-70937, Alfonso and Cristel had researched and written Mr. Beltran's opening brief in the fall, and followed up with a reply brief.

On May 8, 2017, the Ninth Circuit issued its opinion in the case. The court agreed with Alfonso and Cristel's argument regarding the validity of their client's waiver of his right to an appeal and remanded the case to the Board of Immigration Appeals.



Elizabeth N. Jones  
Director, Criminal Law Practice Center  
JD, University of Miami School of Law  
BA, University of California, Los Angeles

## Criminal Law Practice Center

The Western State Criminal Law Practice Center (CLPC) exposes students to the many facets of the criminal justice system and prepares them for careers in criminal law.

Students with a special interest in criminal law may earn a **Certificate in Criminal Law Studies** while completing their J.D., by concentrating on criminal law and advocacy in their upper-division elective courses, including externships with prosecutors and public defenders.

The CLPC's faculty is comprised of distinguished legal scholars and experienced practitioners who weave "real-world" scenarios into their instruction.

Externships and volunteer opportunities provide real life "hands-on" experience where law students can truly make a difference in people's lives. Upper-level students may choose from a wide variety of Criminal Law electives. These electives include:



International Criminal Law

Juvenile Law

Law of Vice

Prosecutor/Defender Externship Seminar



Charles Sheppard  
Director, Business Law Center  
JD, Loyola University School of Law  
BA, California State University, Dominguez Hills

## Business Law Center

Western State's Business Law curriculum is taught by faculty who possess strong practical and theoretical backgrounds and business credentials such as MBAs, CPAs, patent lawyer registrations, and LL.Ms. The program reflects our commitment to provide students with the opportunity to complete a broad offering of rigorous courses combining law and business.

Students who meet all coursework requirements can earn a **Certificate in Business Law** at graduation. Our Business Law Center also brings active practitioners to campus as speakers, hosts networking opportunities for our students and works with our Externship Program to secure meaningful practical Business Law experience for our students.

Upper-level students may choose from a wide variety of Business Law electives. These electives include:



Bankruptcy

Arbitration

Intellectual Property

Mediation

Mergers and Acquisitions

## National Advocacy Competitions

Students selected for our advocacy competition teams practice real-life court skills and compete with law students across the country.



Lori Roberts  
Faculty Advisor, Honors Moot Court Team  
JD, University of Miami School of Law  
BA, University of Washington

### Honors Moot Court Team

Selected students participate in various competitions nationally; in recent years, Western State teams have excelled at venues in California Appellate Advocacy, Entertainment, Business, Juvenile, Bankruptcy and Immigration Law.

PLACED **1<sup>st</sup>** & **2<sup>nd</sup>** IN  
**MOOT COURT**  
COMPETITIONS | 2017 & 2018



Robert Molko  
Faculty Advisor, Mock Trial Team  
JD, Southwestern School of Law  
MSEE, New York University, New York  
BSEE, City College of New York

### Mock Trial

Our Mock Trial team competes in the national mock trial competition, where each round is a time-limited presentation of a court trial.

### Negotiation Competition

The American Bar and California Bar Associations sponsor negotiation competitions between member schools in which teams of two students attempt to negotiate a resolution to a difficult legal conflict. Students' preparation, strategy, tactics, and adaptability is judged by a panel of experienced legal professionals from the community.

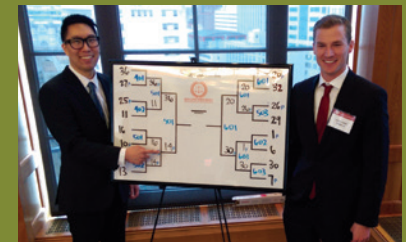
## Western State Takes First Place in the National Sports Law Negotiation Competition!



**09.25.2017** – Western State students Steven Alvarado and Melissa Padilla, coached by Adjunct Professor Paul Smith, won first place in the National Sports Law Negotiation Competition, edging out 39 other teams from the U.S. and Canada.

Western State's team edged out competitors from Georgetown, Berkeley, and Fordham among others.

## Western State Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Jerome Prince Evidence Competition



**03.22.2018** – Western State students, Kyle Case and Steve Kim, had a great run at the Jerome Prince Evidence Competition at the Brooklyn Law School. They advanced all the way to the final four (out of 35 teams) and lost to the eventual champion. The Western State Team also won the 3<sup>rd</sup> best brief award.

# Faculty



**Paul Arshagouni** | Associate Dean for Graduate and Distance Education Programs; Visiting Professor of Law

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles  
M.P.H., University of California, Los Angeles  
M.D., University of California, Irvine;  
B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

*Contracts I & Contracts II*



**Cheyanna Jaffke** | Professor of Law  
LL.M., University of Washington School of Law  
JD, University of Idaho College of Law  
BS, University of Idaho

*Estate and Gift Taxation, Corporations, Community Property, Taxation of Business Entities, Federal Income Tax, American Indian Law, Wills and Trusts*



**Glenn Koppel** | Professor of Law  
JD, Harvard Law School  
BA, City College of New York

*Civil Procedure, Evidence, Evidence Practice*



**Lisa Blasser** | Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills; Assistant Director, Academic Support & Bar Services

JD, Western State University College of Law  
BS, California State University, San Diego

*Introduction to Legal Methods, Basic Bar Studies*



**Elizabeth N. Jones** | Professor of Law; Director, Criminal Law Practice Center  
JD, University of Miami School of Law  
BA, University of California, Los Angeles

*Criminal Justice Ethics, Juvenile Law, The Law of Vice, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure*



**Paula Manning** | Professor of Law; Director, S.T.E.L.L.A.R.  
JD, Western State University College of Law  
BA, University of California, Irvine

*Introduction to Legal Methods & Torts I & II, Advocacy, Advanced Legal Methods, Solving Legal Problems, Professional Skills I & II*



**Todd Brower** | Professor of Law  
LLM, Yale Law School

JD, Stanford Law School  
AB, Princeton University

*Constitutional Law, Employment Discrimination, Property*



**Susan Keller** | Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Professor of Law  
JD, Harvard Law School

MFA, University of California, Irvine  
AB, Harvard/Radcliffe Colleges

*Property, Torts, Employment, Agency and Partnership, Employment Discrimination*



**Philip Merkel** | Professor of Law  
JD, University of Illinois, College of Law  
MA, University of Virginia  
BA, University of Illinois, Chicago

*Remedies, Torts, American Legal History*



**Allen Easley** | Dean; Professor of Law

LLM, Temple Law School  
JD, Temple Law School  
BA, College of Wooster

*Civil Procedure, Complex Litigation, Conflict of Laws, Federal Courts*



**Jennifer Koh** | Professor of Law; Director, Immigration Legal Clinic  
JD, Columbia Law School  
BA, Yale University

*Immigration Law, Immigration Clinic, Administrative Law*



**Kevin Mohr** | Professor of Law  
JD, Yale Law School  
MS, University of Wisconsin  
BA, Harpur College

*Contracts, Intellectual Property, Professional Responsibility*



# Student Perspective



**Robert Molko** | Professor of Law;  
Director, Criminal Law Externships  
JD, Southwestern School of Law  
MSEE, New York University, New York  
BSEE, City College of New York

*Trial Practice, Evidence, Criminal Externship Seminar, Criminal Justice Ethics, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law*



**Charles Sheppard** | Professor of Law;  
Director of Business Law Center  
JD, Loyola University School of Law  
BA, California State University, Dominguez Hills

*Property, Trusts, Secured Land Transactions, Real Estate Transactions*



**Eunice Park** | Associate Professor of  
Lawyering Skills; Assistant Director,  
Legal Writing & Research  
JD, University of Michigan  
AB, Smith College

*Legal Writing & Research, I & II*



**Tina Schindler** | Associate Professor  
of Lawyering Skills  
JD, Whittier Law School  
BS, University of California, San Diego

*Introduction to legal methods*



**Tracie R. Porter** | Professor of Law  
JD, Drake University Law School  
BA, Cornell College

*Business Associations, Estates, Property II*



**Stacey Sobel** | Professor of Law  
JD, The George Washington University Law School  
BA, State University of New York at Albany

*Constitutional Law I & II, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure*



**Lori Roberts** | Professor of Law;  
Director, Legal Writing & Research  
JD, University of Miami School of Law  
BA, University of Washington

*Legal Writing & Research I & II, Advanced Appellate Advocacy, Contracts*



**Monica Todd** | Assistant Professor  
of Lawyering Skills  
JD, University of California Los Angeles, School of Law  
MA University of California, Irvine  
BA, University of California, Irvine

*Legal Writing & Research I & II, Professional Skills I & II*

“The study of law has been the most difficult challenge I have ever faced, yet it has also been the most rewarding, thanks in large part to the supportive staff and incredible professors at Western State that have forced me to expect more of myself.”

**Chris Todd**  
Class of 2010

“The faculty and staff embody the vigorous support for their students necessary to create the most dynamic lawyers!”

**Briahna Chuvac**  
Class of 2016

“I felt the **professors genuinely cared** about how the students would eventually practice law and whether they would become functioning and contributing members of the legal community.”

**Jack Veth**  
Dean's Counselor & Hall of Fame | Class of 1987



# Resources



## Law Library – Study, research, collaborate.

### Our Mission

The personal interaction and services offered by the library staff at Western State makes the Law Library truly special among law school libraries. The Western State College of Law Library's mission is to provide users with the easiest access to the broadest possible array of legal information sources; support faculty in their teaching and research; and educate students in the use of legal information sources and the research process.

### Study

The Law Library not only provides books and computers, but a variety of individual and group study spaces for students. Quiet study space, study rooms, and a collaborative study room are all available so students can pick the space that is right for them. The Quiet Study Room is for when students want absolute quiet. General quiet study space is spread throughout the library and offers both open tables and individual carrels for student studying. Individual and Group Study Rooms are found throughout the campus. Lastly, the Collaborative Study Room provides study space where students can work through problems together.

### Research & Collaborate

During most of the library's open hours, a dual law- and library-degreed reference librarian is ready to assist users in finding what they need or work through a problem. Western State prides itself on having a practice-oriented, well-rounded collection of legal and non-legal materials. Responding to faculty and student research needs, the library shifted to an access model that allows users to access materials whether they are in the Law Library, elsewhere on campus, at home, or travelling. Still maintaining a core collection of print materials, the Library has expanded ready access to databases such as Fastcase, Bloomberg Law, CCH IntelliConnect, CEB OnLaw, HeinOnline, Lexis, ProQuest, and Westlaw. Collaborations with Career Services and the Immigration Clinic have further expanded the Library's reach by creating usable, practice-oriented specialized collections.

# Externships

Western State offers a variety of educational, real-world externship placements and encourages every student to participate in this valuable program during their time in law school. In addition to the time spent in their placement, student externs also meet weekly in an on-campus seminar. The externship seminar allows the students to explore their placement experiences in class to gain a deeper understanding of the functions and responsibilities of attorneys, judges and other legal personnel.

The categories of available externships include:

## Judicial Appellate Externship

Eligible students, if selected by a justice, are placed in either a state or federal appellate judge's chambers. These students research and draft opinions for the jurist on either a full-time (400 hrs.) or part-time (150 hrs.) basis.

## Judicial Trial Externship

Eligible students, if selected by the court, are placed in the chambers of a trial level judge in Orange County, Los Angeles or Riverside County Court, where they assist with a variety of tasks in civil or criminal cases.

## Civil Practice Externship

Students are placed part-time in law firms, state or federal agencies, corporations or other practice settings in the civil law field. Under the supervision of an attorney, these student externs research cases, write memos, interview clients, participate in court proceedings or perform other tasks relating to civil practice. Students in civil law externships may be eligible for certification for court appearances under State Bar rules.

## First Year Summer Honors Program

First-year students who are invited to participate in the Summer Honors Program will be assigned to part-time appellate, judicial trial or civil practice externships for the eight-week summer session.

## Criminal Law Externship

Students enrolled in a Criminal Law Externship work an average of 12-14 hours per week in the District Attorney, Public Defender or Alternate Defender Offices in Orange County and adjacent counties.

## Externship Benefits

Students earn 5 units of credit for part-time placements and 10 units for full-time appellate placements. Most importantly, externs gain a unique awareness of practice realities and the attendant professional obligations that they will face in their future legal careers. Externships are viewed as a mark of distinction by many prospective employers.

**Robert Molko**

Director, Criminal Externships

**Pamela Davidson**

Senior Assistant Dean, Career Resources; Director, Civil & Judicial Externship Program

# Career Resources

The Career Resources Office offers programs to assist you in creating a fulfilling career. From day one, we coach our students in how best to present their skills and achievements so they are positioned well to enter the legal community. Some of the services we offer are:



Year-round employment opportunities in legal settings

On-and off-campus interviews

Access to regional career fairs

An on-going program of workshops, seminars, panel discussions and networking events, all aimed at enhancing your transition into the legal profession.



"Our passion is to help each student and graduate to achieve their dream. We focus on preparing students for every step of the job-seeking process, from writing the perfect legal resume to negotiating a starting salary and everything in between. We tailor our approach to fit the needs and goals of each individual student as they embark on their legal career."

**Pamela Davidson**

Senior Assistant Dean; Career Resources Director; Civil & Judicial Externship Program



"Practicing in Orange County, I have worked with so many lawyers and judges who went to Western State."

**Honorable Nancy Zeltzer**

Hall of Fame | Class of 1977



## Alumni Network

Since opening our doors in 1966, Western State is proud to count more than 11,000 alumni, most of whom practice in our home community of California. Our alumni include judges, district attorneys, public defenders, city attorneys, corporate counsel, and private practitioners, along with individuals of every conceivable professional endeavor throughout the nation.

Our Department of Institutional Advancement supports the involvement of alumni in the life of the College of Law. Graduates serve as mentors to students, speak at student events and law school seminars, and some even become adjunct professors of law at Western State. The Office of Alumni Relations administers free continuing education programs for alumni and coordinates student scholarships via alumni donations.



## What Alumni Have to Say

"There are a lot of really high quality Western State alum practitioners in Southern California. I run into them every day, and it's a good feeling of community."

**William Black**

Dean's Counselor & Hall of Fame | Class of 1987

"You can't walk into a courthouse or go to a legal seminar or other event [in Southern California] where there isn't some well known judge or attorney that graduated from Western State."

**Robert D. Coviello**

Dean's Counselor | Class of 1980

"If you're from Western State, there's always an alum nearby who will extend a helping hand if you reach out."

**Christopher Montes de Oca**

Dean's Counselor & Hall of Fame | Class of 2006

"We have so many Western State leaders who have already forged the path in the judiciary, as well as partnership ranks."

**Solange E. Ritchie**

Dean's Counselor & Hall of Fame | Class of 1994

"My favorite part about Western State is the sense of community around the campus. Even the Alumni are constantly reaching out to students offering employment, mentoring, and wisdom."

**Ashley Greenspan**

Class of 2010

## Part-Time Program



At Western State College of Law, we have been providing a legal education to working professionals for over four decades through our part-time program.

Western State's part-time program is designed specifically to suit the schedules of students who wish to pursue their dream of earning a law degree yet have full-time day commitments, professional or otherwise. A legal education is one of the most recognized and useful advanced degrees and can make you a more valuable candidate in today's competitive job market.

The program, with Fall and Spring starts, is designed to be completed in as little as four years. At Western State, part-time students are a priority to a faculty dedicated to teaching, accessibility and successful outcomes. Evening students follow the same Program of Study and learn from the same qualified full-time faculty as day students.

At Western State, evening students are full members of the law school community, with opportunities to participate in law review, moot court, student organizations, clinic and externships. Speakers, panels, and other enrichment programming are most often held at times when working students are likely to be available, while Professors also schedule office hours for the convenience of their evening students.

Our Juris Doctor program teaches a valued skill set: discipline, negotiation, communication, and analytical abilities. The benefits of a law degree expand far beyond the practice of law by emphasizing how to effectively approach problems and present ideas and conclusions. Additionally, the effort required to earn a law degree instills the type of work ethic and drive that employers seek out.

### JD Degree Skillset



Ability to analyze complex problems

Learn how to create solutions

Greater competency in presenting yourself and your ideas

Enhanced negotiation skills

Immediate ROI: Leverage what you learn to enhance your current role, become more valuable to your employer

"I took advantage of the part-time evening program at WSU. While enrolled in this program, I served as a Judicial Assistant for the LA Superior Court and worked alongside some of LA's prominent Judges. This was the best decision I ever made for my education and career. The contacts and networking opportunities I had while working and attending school were priceless. Thank you WSU!"



**Jamilla Harris**  
Class of 2006



"I was working as an investment banker in So. Cal., and decided it was time to go back to law school. Western State was a top choice; it had a good reputation, working on provisional ABA approval, and it offered a flexible schedule. I was already married with a mortgage and kids. Western State was a great school for me because it gave me the ability to finish law school while I was working and still get an absolutely top quality legal education."

**William R. Black**  
Dean's Counselor | Class of 1987

"I'm a fourth generation Orange County resident, so it ties into the pride of Orange County for me. I worked, fell in love three months into my first semester, got married and had my daughter while attending. Western State's programs that provided evening and weekend classes allowed me to accomplish everything."



**Marla Robinson**  
Dean's Counselor | Class of 1987



"My classmates and I were all working and going to school at night, which created a strong bond. The ones I most admired were the single working mothers in our class. Western State gave everyone the opportunity to succeed."

**Michelle Reinglass**  
Hall of Fame & Dean's Counselor | Class of 1987

"I only applied to one law school. The part-time program at Western State represented the best opportunity for me to achieve my goal of becoming an attorney. Western's reputation, faculty, and the option of attending evening classes while keeping my full time job as a Deputy Sheriff made Western the clear choice for me."



**Walter Carmona**  
Class of 2014





## Irvine – A New Era

In a red-carpet ribbon cutting ceremony, The Irvine Chamber of Commerce, the Orange County Bar Association, the Irvine City Council and Irvine Mayor Steven Choi, welcomed Western State College of Law to its new location at 1 Banting, Irvine on the evening of Friday, April 29, 2016.

Western State Dean, Allen K. Easley, addressing the 120 guests assembled, before cutting the ceremonial ribbon, used the occasion to thank those staff, faculty and community members who were especially instrumental in bringing the move to fruition. Orange County Bar Association President, Todd Friedland, noted what a distinctive presence the school had become in the professional community.

Mayor Choi reminded everyone what a perfect fit Western State is for the professional and educational environs of Irvine. Chamber President, Isaiah Leslie, echoed Choi's thoughts, reminding those present that Irvine's professional resources will be valuable in training legal professionals.



"This move represents the beginning of a **new era** for Western State, in a location that will accommodate the innovative programs of the law school's future."

Allen K. Easley  
Dean

## Access to Courts

Convenient to all major courthouses



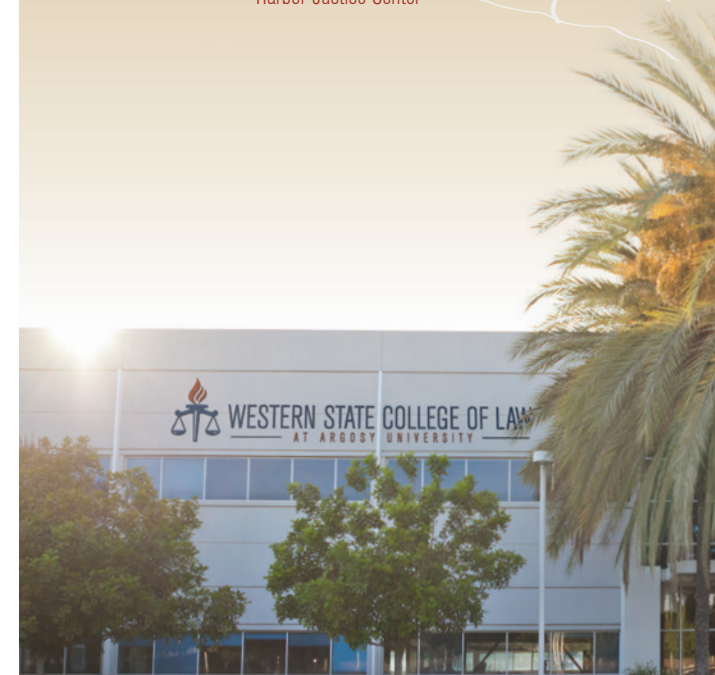
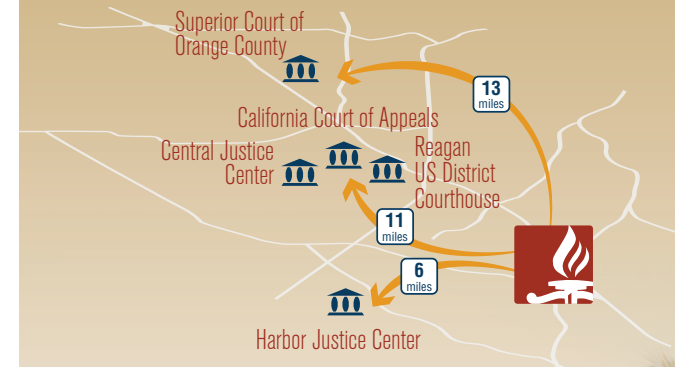
Harbor Justice Center: 6 miles from Western State

Central Justice Center: 11 miles

Reagan US District Courthouse: 11 miles

California Court of Appeals: 11 miles

Lamoreaux Family Justice Center: 13 miles





# Admissions and Application Process

## Application Deadlines

### For the Fall (August) entering class:

- >> Applications are accepted beginning October 1
- >> Priority deadline to apply for Fall: April 1
- >> Final day to start an application with LSAC (Law School Admission Council): July 1

### For the Spring (January) class:

- >> Applications are accepted beginning September 1
- >> Final day to start an application with LSAC: December 1

## Application Requirements and Documents

Application; \$60 application fee

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Applicants must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and register with the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS); for more information regarding LSAT test dates and registration, visit [www.LSAC.org](http://www.LSAC.org)

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Must have completed a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution prior to matriculation at the law school; no particular undergraduate major is required

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LSAT score(s) – in the case of multiple scores, Western State College of Law gives most weight to the highest score

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Transcripts from all colleges attended must be submitted to the Credential Assembly Service (CAS)

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Personal statement (2-3 pages)

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2 letters of recommendation — 1 academic preferred

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Resume — recommended

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Addenda — as required

## Transcripts

All applicants must register for the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) in order for us to access undergraduate and/or prior graduate degree transcripts. For more information about the CAS, please call 215.968.1001 or visit [www.LSAC.org](http://www.LSAC.org).

## Personal Statement

Although academic history and the LSAT score are very important in the application review process, the personal statement is a vital factor as well. The personal statement should be no more than three pages, typed and double-spaced. Focus on your accomplishments, skills, experiences and motivation that indicate potential for success in law school. Include any information such as extracurricular activities, career plans, leadership ability or anything else that will help the Admission Committee gain a clear and accurate picture of you as an individual. No single item in an applicant's file defines the outcome of an admission decision. Please allow 4-5 weeks for a decision to be rendered once your file is complete.

## Letters of Recommendation

We prefer that letters of recommendation be sent through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service. Please do not send duplicate letters directly to us. If necessary, letters of recommendation may also be sent directly to Western State from the recommender. At least one letter should be from a recent professor or employer.

## Rolling Admissions

Western State reviews applications and renders admission decisions on a rolling basis until the class is full. Those who apply on or before the priority deadline will receive first consideration for scholarship awards. Admission to the law school becomes more competitive after the priority deadline has passed.

## International Students

Contact the Admission Office for information regarding student visas and foreign credential evaluation.

# Tuition for 2018-2019 Academic School Year

Full Time (12-16 Units) \$21,430.00/Semester (Fall or Spring)

Part Time (1-10 Units) \$14,330.00/Semester (Fall or Spring)

**Overload\* and Summer Units are charged at \$1433.00/unit**  
 (\*Overload is more than 16 units for full-time students and more than 10 units for part-time students)

In addition, each student will be assessed the following non-refundable fees each semester:

- Registration fee .....\$50
- Student activity fee, each fall and spring ..\$80
- Parking, each fall and spring ..... \$115
- Parking, summer .....\$50

Other miscellaneous non-refundable fees include:

- Application fee .....\$60
- Graduation fee .....\$50
- Diploma fee .....\$20
- Diploma replacement fee .....\$25
- Late payment fee .....\$25
- Late registration fee ..... \$100
- Returned check fee .....\$25
- Transcript fee (per copy) .....\$7

# Earn a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree – Full-time or Part-time

- >> Western State offers the flexibility of full-time day, part-time day and part-time evening programs.
- >> 88 units are required to graduate. The full-time program normally takes three years to complete, attending two academic terms per year; while the part-time program takes four years, including summers.
- >> Subject to availability of classes, students in good standing may by petition move from the part time to the full time program or vice versa during the course of their studies.

## Program of Study

Full-Time Fall Start			Full-Time Spring Start		
Year 1	Fall	Introduction to Legal Methods Legal Writing and Research 1 Civil Procedure 1 Contracts 1 Criminal Law Torts 1	Year 1	Spring	Introduction to Legal Methods Legal Writing and Research 1 Property 1 Contracts 1 Criminal Law
	Spring	Legal Writing and Research 2 Civil Procedure 2 Contracts 2 Property 1 Torts 2 Principles of Agency & Partnership		Summer	Contracts 2
Year 2	Fall	Constitutional Law 1 Criminal Procedure OR Elective Evidence OR Business Associations Professional Responsibility Property 2		Fall	Legal Writing and Research 2 Civil Procedure 1 Torts 1 Property 2 Constitutional Law 1
	Spring	Constitutional Law 2 Criminal Procedure OR Elective Evidence OR Business Associations Electives	Year 2	Spring	Torts 2 Principles of Agency & Partnership Civil Procedure 2 Constitutional Law 2 Electives
Year 3	Fall	Community Property Estates Sales Electives		Fall	Criminal Procedure Evidence OR Business Associations Professional Responsibility Elective
	Spring	Remedies Electives	Year 3	Spring	Remedies Evidence OR Business Associations Electives
				Fall	Estates Sales Electives

- >> The admission policies and standards in effect in any given semester apply to full-time and part-time applicants equally.
- >> Admission requirements are the same for the part-time or the full-time program. Admitted students may move from the part-time to the full-time program, or vice versa prior to registration.

Part-Time Fall Start			Part-Time Spring Start		
Year 1	Fall	Introduction to Legal Methods Legal Writing and Research 1 Contracts 1 Torts 1	Year 1	Spring	Introduction to Legal Methods Legal Writing and Research 1 Contracts 1 Criminal Law
	Spring	Legal Writing and Research 2 Contracts 2 Torts 2 Principles of Agency and Partnership		Summer	Contracts 2
	Summer	Electives		Fall	Torts 1 Civil Procedure Legal Writing and Research 2
Year 2	Fall	Civil Procedure 1 Criminal Law Constitutional Law 1	Year 2	Spring	Torts 2 Principles of Agency and Partnership Civil Procedure 2 Property 1
	Spring	Civil Procedure 2 Constitutional Law 2 Property 1		Summer	Electives
	Summer	Electives Professional Responsibility		Fall	Property 2 Constitutional Law 1 Evidence OR Business Associations
Year 3	Fall	Evidence OR Business Associations Property 2 Electives	Year 3	Spring	Civil Procedure 2 Constitutional Law 2 Criminal Procedure
	Spring	Evidence OR Business Associations Criminal Procedure Elective		Summer	Electives
	Summer	Community Property Electives		Fall	Evidence OR Business Associations Electives
Year 4	Fall	Sales Electives	Year 4	Spring	Remedies Elective
	Spring	Remedies Electives		Summer	Estates Community Property
				Fall	Sales Electives

## Scholarships and Financial Aid\*

Our student finance office is devoted to helping you finance your law school education successfully.

### Scholarships

- Western State offers generous merit-based tuition scholarships for new and continuing students which may range from 10% up to 100% of tuition based on past academic achievement.
- All admitted students are automatically reviewed for scholarship consideration; no special application is required.
- It is a distinct advantage to apply early, as available scholarship funds may be limited later in the enrollment cycle.
- Scholarships are annual awards payable half in the fall semester and half in the spring semester.
- Scholarships after 1<sup>st</sup> year of law school are awarded based upon law school performance (GPA).
- Diversity Scholarships are available to selected entering students who meet admission requirements and demonstrate through work, academic history, community service or extracurricular activities that they will contribute to the diversity of the class.

### Financing Options Available

At Western State we administer a variety of financial aid programs designed to enable you to pursue your legal education.

- Tuition scholarships, private scholarships, federal and credit-based private loan programs, and Federal Work-Study programs may all be part of a student's financial aid strategy. Most law students use one or more sources of financial aid to meet their educational and living expenses while in law school.
- In addition, students should expect to provide part of their own support from resources such as savings, help from parents, spouse or other family members, and employment.
- The part-time program at Western State provides an opportunity to study law with a lighter course of study over a four-year period. Students may be employed full-time and many are able to earn enough to cover living expenses and borrow funds for tuition, fees, and books only.

### Financial Aid Counseling Available

To assure that you understand all of the resources that may be available to you, Western State encourages applicants to meet with student finance staff to discuss individual needs as soon as possible. They will assist you in avoiding unnecessary delays and funding limitations by familiarizing you with all the necessary forms and deadlines. Only U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens may receive institutional scholarships, federal loans, and federal work study funds. Other restrictions may also apply. 714.459.1119

\*Financial Aid is available to those who qualify.



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