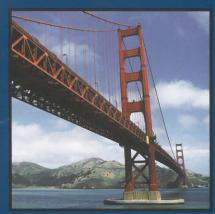
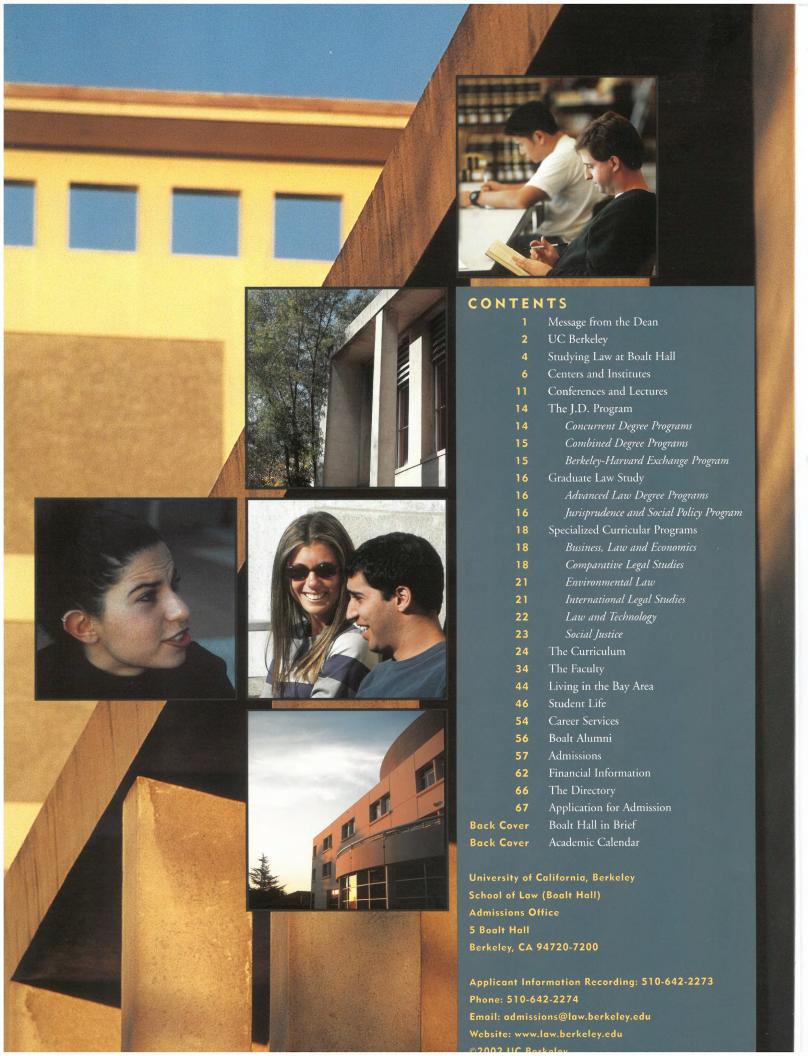
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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW



## message from the dean

The choice to study law at UC Berkeley's School of Law was one of the best decisions I ever made. When I came here as a student in 1977, I received a top-notch legal education that was enriched by Boalt Hall's setting within the nation's leading research and teaching university. I didn't just attend law school; I became part of an intellectual community that continues to inspire and sustain me.

I was drawn to Boalt Hall by its renowned faculty, exceptional students and innovative programs, and by its interdisciplinary approach to the study of law. The law school continues to maintain the highest standards of academic excellence and takes full advantage of its location in the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as proximity to Silicon Valley and the Pacific Rim.

The law school is deeply committed to nurturing the core activity of its academic mission—the teaching and learning that go on in the classroom. Our community of scholars and students, engaged in the pressing legal and policy issues facing our world, creates the social and intellectual atmosphere that makes a Boalt education a life-changing experience.

Our faculty members are outstanding instructors and internationally recognized experts in many areas of the law, from business, law and economics to law and technology, from juvenile justice to environmental law. They include recipients of 15 Fulbright and 20 Guggenheim fellowships as well as authors of casebooks used worldwide.

Our curriculum includes specialized programs in business, law and economics; comparative legal studies; environmental

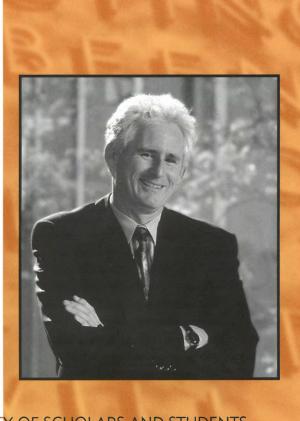
law; international legal studies; law and technology; and social justice. Classroom learning is complemented by Boalt's Center for Clinical Education, which provides students with the opportunity to engage in direct-client work. Through our death penalty, international human rights, and technology and public policy clinics, students explore the roles, responsibilities, ethical dilemmas and strategic decisions that lawyers face in their daily work.

Students at Boalt pursue a wide range of academic and social activities, such as participating in student organizations, student-run journals, centers for advanced legal research, and symposia featuring nationally and internationally recognized experts. Boalt students appreciate the camaraderie within our student body, our small class sizes, the open access to leading scholars, and our commitment to assisting students with their academic and professional growth.

If you want to join an intellectual community that continually breaks new ground in established and emerging areas of law—if you want to become a leader in the field—if you want to make a positive difference in the world—I invite you to join us at Boalt.

John P. Dwyer '80

Dean and John H. Boalt Professor of Law



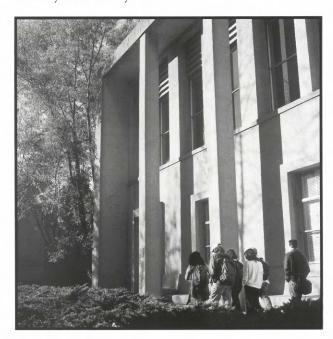
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The experience of studying law at Boalt Hall is enriched by the law school's position as part of the University of California, Berkeley campus. Berkeley ranks as one of the world's leading intellectual centers, and is internationally known for the distinction of its faculty and students, the scope of its research and publications, and the size and quality of its libraries and laboratories. The National Research Council has ranked Berkeley as the leading campus in the United States for graduate studies. Berkeley's current faculty includes eight Nobel laureates, more than 120 members of the National Academy of Sciences, and nearly 200 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The faculty also includes more than 130 Guggenheim fellows, more than any other university in the country, with law faculty well represented.

The original UC Berkeley campus had its beginnings in 1855, and the legislature granted its official charter in 1868. The University of California system includes nine campuses throughout the state, with Berkeley maintaining its role as the flagship campus. Of the current enrollment of more than 32,000 students, approximately 8,800 are in graduate or professional school. Beginning with 10 faculty and 40 students in 1868, Berkeley is now one of the major centers of scholarship in the world.

The incredible variety of research projects at Berkeley reflects the university's diverse range of disciplines and includes a wide array of interdisciplinary opportunities. More Berkeley undergraduates go on to earn doctorates than graduates of any other university in the country.



Whether or not law students take courses in, or earn joint degrees with, other departments, Berkeley's stimulating intellectual atmosphere enlivens and enriches the study of law at Boalt Hall.

#### THE BERKELEY CAMPUS

Overlooking the San Francisco Bay, the Berkeley campus is set on 1,232 acres. The campus retains much of the tranquil beauty of its rural past and is a park-like oasis in an urban setting, surrounded on three sides by the city of Berkeley and on the fourth by the Berkeley hills and Tilden Park.

The Berkeley campus is well known for its intellectual, social and political atmosphere. The university sponsors public lectures, concerts, plays and other performances; forums and seminars; and art, engineering, photographic and architectural exhibits. In addition the School of Law regularly sponsors lectures, seminars and programs of particular interest to law students, the legal profession and the campus community.

#### THE SCHOOL OF LAW

Since its beginning, the School of Law (also known as Boalt Hall) has educated men and women not only for the practice of law but also for all the varied roles lawyers perform in modern society. To achieve this goal, the law school provides an intellectually challenging course of study that imparts the theoretical and practical skills necessary for effective, creative and responsible legal counseling and advocacy.

An important part of this tradition is the conviction that legal education is significantly enriched when students are able to share experiences, and exchange and debate ideas and opinions with a diverse mix of colleagues. This belief is central to the philosophy of education at Boalt Hall, as the law school prepares students for careers—as lawyers, public servants, businesspeople and legal scholars—in a complex and changing society. A continuing commitment to innovative education, scholarly research, and public and professional service on the part of the Boalt community distinguishes the law school and its programs.

Boalt Hall offers a broad three-year curriculum leading to the J.D. degree, as well as postgraduate programs for students working toward LL.M. and J.S.D. degrees. Through its Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, the law school also offers a unique interdisciplinary program leading to M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. Concurrent degree programs that lead to the J.D. degree and a master's or doctorate degree in another discipline are also available in conjunction with a number of Berkeley schools and departments. Combined degree programs are also available in conjunction with other universities.

Boalt Hall is a member of the Association of American Law

#### THE HISTORY OF BOALT HALL

The teaching of law at Berkeley began when the History and Political Science Department offered the first law course, Roman Law, in 1881. The Department of Jurisprudence was founded in 1894, and the Boalt Memorial Hall of Law was built in 1911 with a major gift donated by Elizabeth Josselyn Boalt (in memory of her husband, John Henry Boalt, who was an attorney and a judge), as well as supplemental gifts from California lawyers. In 1912 the Department of Jurisprudence gained autonomous status and was renamed the School of Jurisprudence. The school hired full-time legal scholars as professors, and that same year the *California Law Review* was founded.

In 1950 the School of Jurisprudence became the School of Law, and "Boalt Hall" became the law school's popular name. The School of Law occupied the Boalt Memorial Hall of Law until 1951 when it moved to its current location in the new Boalt Hall, at the southeast corner of the campus. Improvements to this building in 1959, 1967 and 1996 included an expansion to the law library (North Addition) and the addition of Simon Hall.

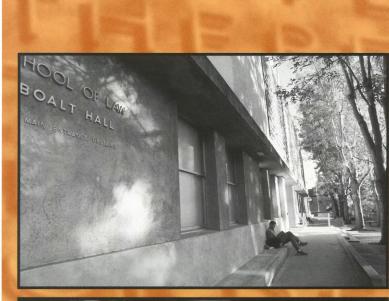
The Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program and the Center for the Study of Law and Society are located next to Boalt Hall in an attractive historic building.

Throughout the years, the law school has expanded its programs and continues to grow. Highlights include the Center for the Study of Law and Society (1961),

the Earl Warren Legal Institute (1963), the Ecology Law Quarterly (1970), the Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law (1976), the Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program (1978), the Berkeley Journal

of International Law (1983), the Berkeley La Raza Law Journal (1981), the Berkeley Women's Law Journal (1984), the Berkeley Technology Law Journal (1986), the Asian Law Journal (1991) and the African-American Law and Policy Report (1992).

More recently Boalt Hall has added the Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance (1994), the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology (1995), the Center for Clinical Education (1998), the International Human Rights Law Clinic (1998), the California Criminal Law Review (1999), the Center for Social Justice (1999), the Kadish Center for Morality, Law and Public Affairs (2000), the Samuelson Law, Technology and Public Policy Clinic (2000), and the Death Penalty Clinic (2001).







### studying law at boalt hall

Lawyers today must understand not only legal doctrine but also the political, social, moral and economic forces that shape it. They must master the basic working skills of advocacy, drafting, negotiating and counseling. They must be prepared to assume leadership and policy-making roles in the complex world of the 21st century. Thus the educational program at Boalt Hall must meet the needs of today's legal profession and balance the demands of both practical and theoretical learning.

To meet these challenges, Boalt Hall's curriculum is continually evolving. More than 160 distinctive courses are offered each academic year at the law school, including seminars, skills classes and clinics that offer special perspectives on legal practice today. Students may choose to study law in courses using different teaching methodologies, such as intensive research and writing through independent study; clinical work with clients under the supervision of clinical teachers; and role-playing in skills courses focusing on advocacy, negotiation, mediation and drafting.

Boalt Hall also offers students myriad opportunities to bring the perspectives of other disciplines to the study of law. Interdisciplinary approaches are incorporated into much of the curriculum, which includes courses in law and such other disciplines as business, economics, history, literature, natural resources, philosophy, psychology, public policy and sociology.

Most of the courses in the law school's doctoral program in Jurisprudence and Social Policy, which is designed to encourage the study of law and legal institutions from a multidisciplinary standpoint, are open to J.D. students. Boalt students may also enroll in courses in other departments on the Berkeley campus, or earn a graduate degree in another discipline while completing their J.D. at the law school.

Student programs enhance the law school's academic program and are an integral part of the Boalt Hall experience. Student-edited law journals provide significant educational opportunities in legal research, writing and editing. The Moot Court Board focuses on the skills of appellate brief writing and oral advocacy. Internships, clerkships, clinical placements, moot court competitions and a wide variety of other activities enable Boalt students to interact with practicing lawyers, judges and members of various governmental institutions.

#### THE BOALT COMMUNITY

The law school is a unique academic institution with a community that includes a faculty of preeminent legal scholars, the best and most interesting student body in the country, an administration dedicated to facilitating the work of students and faculty, and more than 12,000 alumni throughout the country.

#### The Students

Boalt students' intellectual excellence as well as their varied interests and backgrounds are among the law school's great strengths.

There are approximately 870 J.D. students at Boalt Hall, with some 6,800 applicants for an entering class of approximately 270. Many students also hold advanced degrees.

In addition Boalt enrolls approximately 30 students each year in its LL.M. and J.S.D. programs, mostly from Europe, Asia, South America and Africa; and approximately 10 students in its Ph.D. program in Jurisprudence and Social Policy.

The average age of entering students is 24, with a typical age range of 18 to 48. In recent years, more than 50 percent of the entering class has been women. For more than 30 years students of color have made up approximately 30 percent of the Boalt Hall student body. The law school community continues to strongly encourage students of all backgrounds to apply to Boalt Hall.

Along with their strong academic qualifications, Boalt students have diverse backgrounds in such areas as architecture, business, community organization, government, medicine and teaching. The students' wide array of interests and perspectives adds immeasurably to the intellectually stimulating environment at Boalt Hall.

#### The Faculty

Boalt Hall's faculty is renowned for its academic excellence and commitment to teaching. Students learn from legal scholars who are nationally and internationally recognized as authorities in their fields. Faculty members are actively engaged in research and in service to the public and the profession locally, nationally and internationally.

Boalt professors' scholarly research and writing fulfill one of the central missions of the law school—to serve as a major center of ideas for the understanding and improvement of law and legal institutions. As teachers, researchers and mentors, faculty members play an indispensable role in the Boalt Hall experience.

#### THE LAW COMPLEX

The School of Law is located on the southeast corner of the UC Berkeley campus and overlooks the campus and San Francisco Bay.

The law complex consists of four structures. Boalt Hall, built in 1951 and extensively renovated in 1996, contains classrooms, mock courtrooms, an auditorium, administrative offices and a substantial part of the law library. The North Addition, completed in 1996, contains faculty offices, a faculty lounge and other parts of the law library, including two reading rooms, a study atrium and a separate area for the Robbins Religious and Civil Law

Collection. Simon Hall, converted from a residence hall built in 1967, was completely renovated in 1996 and now houses a student lounge; a reception room; a cafe; two outdoor dining and study areas; and offices for faculty, the clinics, student journals and student organizations, many with spectacular views of San Francisco Bay or the Berkeley hills. The Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program building, located adjacent to the law complex, includes a library, a seminar room, a kitchen-lounge and faculty offices.

#### THE LAW LIBRARY

The Garret W. McEnerney Law Library is home to one of the largest and finest collections of legal materials in the United States. The library contains more than 650,000 volumes and has a comprehensive collection of Anglo-American cases, statutes, treatises and periodicals.

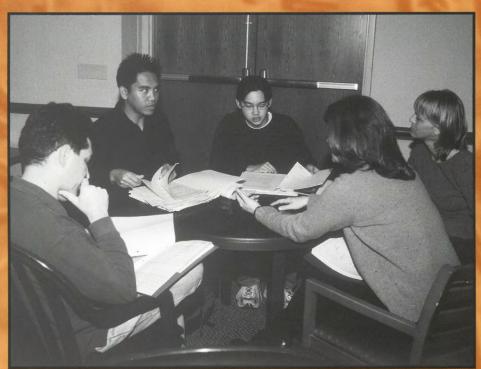
The law library is a depository for federal and state government documents and also maintains an extensive collection of legal material from approximately 150 of the world's jurisdictions. The world-renowned Robbins Religious and Civil Law Collection, which is housed in the law library, consists of approximately 360,000 titles in the specialized fields of ecclesiastical, civil, comparative and international law. A large collection of United

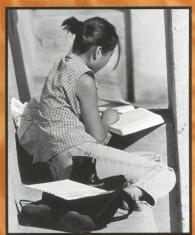
Nations and European community documents and human rights material complements these other collections.

The library's holdings are included in its own Web-based catalog, LawCat, as well as in the online University of California system-wide catalog, MELVYL. The law library's website (www.law.berkeley.edu/lawlibes) contains detailed information about the library and links to major law-related and government websites. The library also provides access to a growing number of online databases that support both instructional programs and intensive scholarly research.

The law library has four spacious reading rooms, including two in North Addition, where the carrels are wired for Internet access. The library also houses three computer labs, which have more than 77 fully networked PCs and Macintosh computers with a full range of software and access to the Internet. All Boalt students receive Lexis and Westlaw accounts that can be accessed from the law library or from their home computers.

In addition Boalt students also have access to the UC Berkeley library system, including Doe Library; Bancroft Library; and branch libraries, such as the International Studies Library, the Institute of Industrial Relations Library and the Institute of Governmental Studies Library. By number of volumes, Berkeley's holdings are the fourth largest in the United States and Canada.





## centers and institutes

## BERKELEY CENTER FOR LAW & TECHNOLOGY

The mission of the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology (BCLT) is to foster beneficial and ethical advancement of technology by promoting the understanding and guiding the development of intellectual property and related fields of law and policy as they intersect with business, science and technology.

Recognizing the critical importance of intellectual property and other aspects of the legal system to the development of high-technology industries and the new information economy, Professor Peter Menell, Professor Robert Merges and Raymond Ocampo '76 (retired senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Oracle Corporation) founded BCLT in 1995. They created the center to develop an unparalleled program for training future lawyers and to serve as a place where distinguished faculty members from the university, leading lawyers and entrepreneurs from Silicon Valley, and national policymakers could exchange ideas about the increasingly important intersection of law and technology.

The founders are now joined by Professor Pamela Samuelson, a leading authority on the new information economy; Professor Mark Lemley '91, one of the most prolific scholars in intellectual

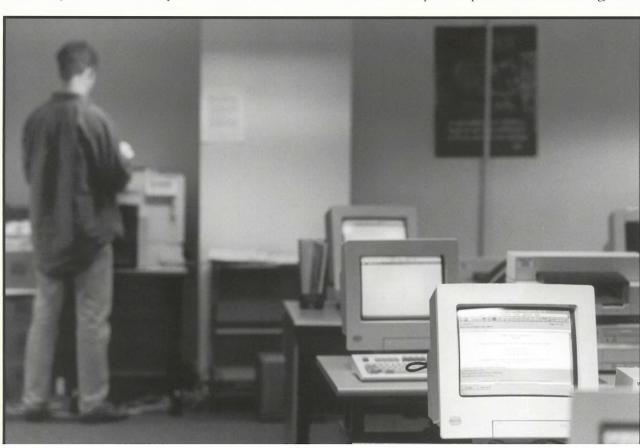
property and electronic commerce; and Howard Shelanski '92, an expert in telecommunications regulation and antitrust law.

The center also has three distinguished scholars who contribute to its research, teaching and public service missions. Robert Blackburn, chief patent counsel at Chiron Corporation, a leading biotechnology company; David Nimmer, author of the leading copyright treatise; and Lionel Sobel, editor and publisher of the *Entertainment Law Reporter*.

As BCLT has grown, it has broadened its mission to encompass biomedical ethics, cyberlaw, entertainment law, telecommunications regulation, and many other areas of constitutional and business law that are affected by new information technologies.

BCLT has developed the most comprehensive and innovative program in law and technology in the world. This program features three essential components:

- strong foundational courses taught by Boalt faculty members using their own leading casebooks;
- diverse and challenging advanced courses taught by leading faculty and practitioners (such as alumnus Larry Sonsini '66, a prominent securities lawyer in Silicon Valley); and
- closely supervised analytic writing and research-oriented courses with a specific emphasis on law and technology issues.



Each year the *Berkeley Technology Law Journal* and BCLT publish the *Annual Review of Law and Technology*, which includes many student articles on leading legal developments.

Other opportunities for students include working with the Samuelson Law, Technology and Public Policy Clinic and the *Berkeley Technology Law Journal*, the first student-edited journal to focus on the intersection of law and technology. Students may

also intern with a leading technology company or public office in the Bay Area, such as eBay, Lucas Digital, Homegain.com, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory or the UC Berkeley Technology Licensing Office.

Many students work with BCLT's directors to organize

important educational, public policy and research events throughout the academic year. The center provides students with many opportunities to meet leading practitioners in the law and technology field. More than 30 law firms sponsor BCLT and participate in a variety of events at Boalt Hall.

BCLT holds at least one major conference and numerous roundtable events each year. Recent conferences include the Fourth Annual Roundtable on Digital Content-Filesharing Technology in Napster's Wake (April 2002); Patent System Reform (March 2002); the Second Annual Roundtable on the Future of Television (February 2002); and Beyond Microsoft: Antitrust, Technology and Intellectual Property (March 2001). Each February the center organizes Law and Technology Month, which features a series of career panels that explore opportunities in many aspects of law and technology. In addition the center works with the Federal Judicial Center to provide educational programs for the federal judiciary.

For more information about BCLT, visit our website at www.law.berkeley.edu/cenpro/centers/bclt.html.

## CENTER FOR CLINICAL EDUCATION

The Center for Clinical Education, Boalt Hall's in-house clinical facility, was established in 1998 to enable students, working under close faculty supervision, to represent clients before courts, administrative agencies and international tribunals. The center's mission includes four primary goals:

- to teach students lawyering skills and practice in real-life context;
- to afford students an unsurpassed opportunity to learn about the law, government institutions, professional ethics and the lawyering process;



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- to provide the highest-quality legal representation to disadvantaged and underserved groups; and
- to make significant contributions to the development of the law and legal systems at home and abroad.

The center offers three clinics: the Death Penalty Clinic; the International Human Rights Law Clinic; and the Samuelson Law, Technology and Public Policy Clinic.

For more information, see the Curriculum section in this catalog or visit our website at www.law.berkeley.edu/cenpro/centers/clinicaled.html.

#### CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Center for Social Justice is a community of faculty, students, administrators, alumni, lawyers and judges interested in exploring ways the law can help fulfill the American promise of equality for all people in our society.

The mission of the center is threefold: to produce creative and innovative scholarship on issues of equality and diversity, to provide the rigorous training and exposure necessary to the education of future social justice advocates and scholars, and to build an academic coalition of groups and individuals with social justice goals.

The Center for Social Justice:

- promotes faculty and student research and provides rich course offerings on a wide range of social justice topics;
- fosters the discussion of social justice issues with a speakers series on topics that integrate clinical work, public interest themes and community law practice;
- convenes a reading group for first-year students, facilitated by Boalt faculty, to re-examine first-year subjects through a social justice lens;
- sponsors a practitioner-in-residence program that gives students access to prominent social justice attorneys who share their insights and expertise with the law school community;
- works with the Office of Career Services to coordinate a practitioner-student mentoring program to involve practicing lawyers in the mentorship and support of students;
- develops community among students interested in social justice issues through its Student Advisory Board; and
- sponsors or assists with conferences and workshops for people working in the field of social justice.

Boalt Hall offers theoretical and skills courses, and clinical programs that provide students with in-depth experience in many areas of social justice and public interest practice. In addition the center hosts national conferences and lectures. Recent events include the Reparations for Slavery and Its Legacy symposium, and "Transforming Democracy with Cross-Racial Coalitions," a lecture by best-selling author and law professor Lani Guinier. Through courses, research projects, clinical education opportunities and the center's many extracurricular activities, students are encouraged to think critically about how to use the law to address social justice issues.

For more information about the Center for Social Justice, visit our website at www.law.berkeley.edu/cenpro/centers/

## CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LAW AND SOCIETY

The central mission of the Center for the Study of Law and Society, established in 1961, is to facilitate interdisciplinary discussion and research by faculty from the Berkeley campus and throughout the world. Each year the center hosts visiting sociolegal scholars from Asia, Europe and the United States. It sponsors weekly research presentations and talks by scholars from Berkeley and elsewhere, as well as conferences and faculty-graduate student colloquia on socio-legal studies. The center administers research projects for individual faculty members interested in socio-legal studies and provides some support for individual student and faculty research projects.

The center has received substantial extramural funding to support major research programs, including the Guggenheim Crime Policy Program, the Comparative Regulation Program, the Corporate Legal Culture Program, the John Olin Program in Law and Economics, the Legal History Program, the Ocean Law and Policy Program, and the Federalism Studies Symposium. Each of these programs has produced a substantial body of books, articles and other publications.

Boalt J.D. students, along with students in the Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program and other graduate programs, are active in the life of the center, working on research projects with faculty and taking part in the center's many symposia, conferences and informal lunchtime discussions.

For more information about the Center for the Study of Law and Society, visit our website at www.law.berkeley.edu/cenpro/centers/lawandsociety.html.

#### EARL WARREN LEGAL INSTITUTE

The Earl Warren Legal Institute was established by the University of California Regents as a center for interdisciplinary law-related research and public service. The institute participates in a wide variety of projects to improve the understanding of law and related social, economic and political institutions. These projects facilitate research by both faculty and students and serve as a valuable link between the law school and the profession.

Research in recent years has focused on criminal justice studies, and family law and policy. In 2002 the institute expanded its program of conferences, lectures and collaborative research projects on interdisciplinary issues in law and policy, including constitutional studies, focusing on American and comparative federalism, and civil liberties; environmental law and policy, including ocean law; and comparative legal institutions. The institute collaborates with other research units on the Berkeley campus and with institutions abroad.

The institute is also home to the Sho Sato Program in Japanese and U.S. Law, named in honor of the late Professor Sho Sato, a distinguished Boalt faculty member and scholar. The program is dedicated to the historical and contemporary comparative study of the Japanese and American legal systems.

Most recently the program cosponsored The Judiciary in Changing Societies, a major conference in Tokyo. The conference featured legal scholars, jurists and lawyers from Asia, Europe and the United States.

For more information about the Earl Warren Legal Institute, visit our website at www.law.berkeley.edu/cenpro/centers/earlwarren.html.

#### KADISH CENTER FOR MORALITY, LAW AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In January 2000, Professor Sanford Kadish and his wife, June Kadish, endowed the Kadish Center for Morality, Law and Public Affairs. A faculty member since 1964, Professor Kadish also served as dean from 1975 to 1982.

The Kadish Center seeks to promote research and reflection on moral and philosophical issues in law and public life, with special emphasis on substantive criminal law. Many issues in contemporary society have moral dimensions. Rapid technological and economic growth, for example, raises complex issues regarding ownership, privacy and the gap between rich and poor. Likewise, economic globalization prompts questions about international justice, the nature of citizenship and the status of the nation-state.

The Kadish Center aims to consider issues such as these in a philosophically informed but nonpartisan manner. Its wide areas of concern include the morality of affirmative action and the complexities surrounding merit-based selection; the claims of cultural minorities within a liberal state; the implications of new research in genetics and biotechnology for health insurance and reproductive freedom; the distribution of scarce medical resources; the ethics of assisted suicide; environmental preservation and duties to future generations; the moral and legal status of nonhuman animals; gender and the ethics of the family; the ethics of immigration policy; and the role of religion and religious diversity in our society.

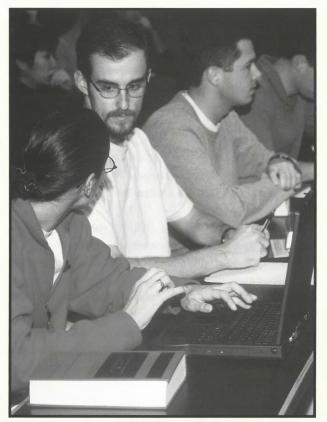
The Kadish Center strives to achieve its objectives in three ways. First, the center sponsors conferences and lectures to foster greater understanding among academic audiences and the wider public community. The annual Kadish Lecture Series has featured talks by Jeremy Waldron, Kathleen Sullivan and Martha Nussbaum. Second, the center provides research support for students in the Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program and for academic visitors to Berkeley. Third, the center organizes a workshop for law and graduate students. Prominent scholars from around the country come to Boalt to present their research.

For more information about the Kadish Center, visit our website at www.law.berkeley.edu/cenpro/kadish.

## ROBERT D. BURCH CENTER FOR TAX POLICY AND PUBLIC FINANCE

Established in 1994, the Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance is dedicated to promoting the study of tax and fiscal policies. The center, a collaboration between Boalt Hall and the UC Berkeley Department of Economics, was founded to help support the thoughtful, objective analysis of tax policy issues.

The center has sponsored several conferences, including most recently the Conference on Aging, Financial Markets and Monetary Policy, cosponsored with the Deutsch Bundesbank in Frankfurt, Germany.







#### Anna Tryon Pletcher '04

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE: B.A., Yale University

OTHER LAW SCHOOLS ACCEPTED TO: Georgetown University; Stanford University;

University of California, Los Angeles; University of Michigan

INTERESTED IN: Undecided

PARTICIPATES IN: Boalt Hall Women's Association, Parents at Boalt

LIVES IN: San Francisco

#### WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND BOALT HALL?

I couldn't get a top law school education anywhere else for the price.
I liked the focus on public interest/public sector and social justice.
Plus, I'm a California resident and I wanted to stay in the Bay Area.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT BOALT'S LOCATION?

I love the Bay Area. The weather is perfect for people with active lifestyles. I enjoy mountain biking, hiking and running in the mountains. San Francisco is a manageable city with stunning natural beauty, culture, diversity and a social conscience.

## WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT BOALT HALL'S CURRICULUM AND/OR PROGRAMS?

I like the emphasis on public interest work and social justice. Boalt isn't just concerned with churning out cookie-cutter corporate lawyers.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE BOALT COMMUNITY?

I love that the students are not competitive with each other. One of my classmates sent her brief for a case that was on a final exam to our module—completely on her own initiative. Classmates readily volunteer their notes and outlines and offer to tape classes if I have to miss them. Grades are not a big deal to anyone other than the individual.

I also have yet to have a class with a strict Socratic method professor. Most professors assign students in advance to be "on call," or they just call on volunteers. None of my professors make a sport of embarrassing students *Paper Chase* style. Students offer candid and diverse opinions in class and respect all viewpoints.

#### WHAT HELPED PREPARE YOU MOST FOR LAW SCHOOL?

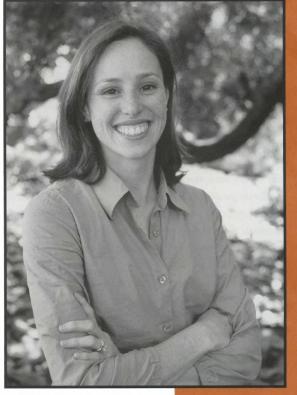
Working as an investment banking analyst, I learned how to handle large workloads in a small amount of time, work under pressure, write succinctly and speak in public. Having lots of family responsibilities has forced me to be organized and diligent.

#### WHAT WAS YOUR GREATEST CONCERN ABOUT LAW SCHOOL/COMING TO BOALT HALL?

Balancing school and family life was my biggest worry. I love law school and being with my family—and there are not enough hours in a day to spend as much time on both as I'd like. I treat law school like an eight-to-five job. I make time on the weekends to study, and spend evenings and some weekend time with my family. I'm very busy and tired, but that arrangement has worked well—for this first year at least.

#### WHAT CAREER WILL YOU PURSUE AFTER LAW SCHOOL?

I'm not sure, but I think I'd like to work for the government in some way.



## boalt hall in brief

#### **ENTERING J.D. CLASS PROFILE**

Applicants to Boalt Hall More than 6,000

Mean Grade Point Average 3.77

Mean LSAT 165 (94th percentile)

Class Size Approximately 280

Age Average age: 24

Age range: 21-48

Over age 30: Approximately 12%

Gender Approximately 40% Men, 60% Women

Students of Color More than 30%

Entering with Advanced Degrees More than 15%

Most Common Undergraduate Majors

Biology, Economics, English, History, Political Science, Psychology

#### **BOALT HALL AT A GLANCE**

#### **Student Body**

J.D. = 850

LL.M./J.S.D. = 30

M.A./Ph.D. = 40

#### J.D. Program Tuition and Fees

California resident: \$11,026.90

Nonresident: \$22,158.90

#### **Estimated School Year Costs**

Housing and food: \$12,408.00

Books and other expenses: \$5,034.00

#### **Students Receiving Financial Aid**

Approximately 88%

#### **Faculty**

Faculty: 57

Clinical Faculty: 5

Lecturers in Residence: 14

#### **Degrees Offered**

J.D. (Juris Doctor)

LL.M. (Master of Laws)

J.S.D. (Doctor of the Science of Law)

M.A. (Masters in Jurisprudence and Social Policy)

Ph.D. (Doctorate in Jurisprudence and Social Policy)

#### **Specialized Curricular Programs**

Business, Law and Economics

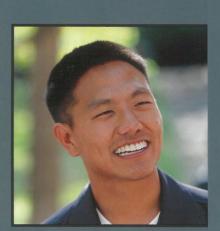
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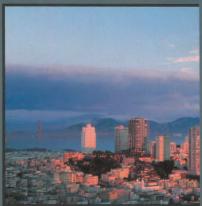
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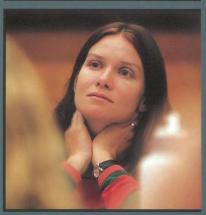
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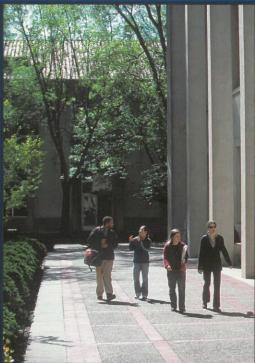
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