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The University of San Diego School of Law offers you first-rate educational opportunities. With its distinguished faculty, talented student body and dedication to excellence and innovation, USD is a law school on the move. Our 1,100 students share superb credentials, intellectual curiosity and a commitment to learning the law. The demanding but welcoming environment of the law school emphasizes individualized education and services.

THE SCHOOL OF LAW

USD's School of Law is located on a spectacular 182-acre campus that features Spanish Renaissance architecture and immaculate grounds. USD sits high on a hill overlooking Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean. Its central location offers easy access to the business, cultural and recreational areas of San Diego.

Students come from more than 40 states, 20 foreign countries and 150 undergraduate institutions. With approximately 46 percent women and 24 percent minorities, the diverse student body contributes to USD's unique atmosphere.

Warren Hall, a major classroom facility, encompasses Grace Courtroom, faculty and administrative offices, student organization offices and a student lounge. With more than 460,000 volumes and volume equivalents, the Pardee Legal Research Center has one of the major legal research collections in Southern California, as well as a state-of-the-art computer lab.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The School of Law offers a juris doctor (J.D.) degree as well as joint degree programs that allow the concurrent pursuit of a master of business administration (M.B.A.), an international master

of business administration (I.M.B.A.) or a master of arts in international relations (M.A.). Students who wish to specialize in a particular area of law can choose electives from a broad range of courses. Various master of laws degrees are obtainable through the graduate programs, which include specializations in the fields of tax, international law, business and corporate law, and other areas "as approved." The law school also sponsors the Institute on International and Comparative Law, which conducts summer programs in England, France, Ireland, Italy, Russia and Spain.

USD's Clinical Education Program is one of the most extensive and successful in the nation. Clinics provide students with the opportunity to learn lawyering skills and represent clients in actual cases. The program focuses on many areas, including public interest, child advocacy, civil, criminal, environmental, immigration, land development, mental

health, small-claims court and tax law. In addition, agency and judicial internships are available.

The Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL) specializes in research and advocacy in state administrative law and the regulation of businesses, professions and trades. CPIL interns work with public interest advocates and participate in public policymaking on the state level.

The Children's Advocacy Institute (CAI) trains future lawyers to skillfully represent children. Students study the law governing children, and work on projects promoting the interests of children in the state government.

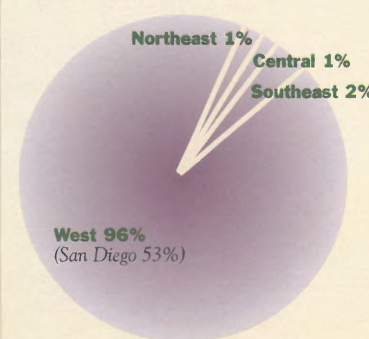
The School of Law's commitment to developing students' oral communication skills is demonstrated by the success of both the Moot Court Program and the Trial Advocacy Program. USD's national moot court teams are some

of the best in the country. The trial advocacy team is an eight-time winner of the Western Regional Championship of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and has been selected as the best team in the 9th Circuit for seven of the last nine years.

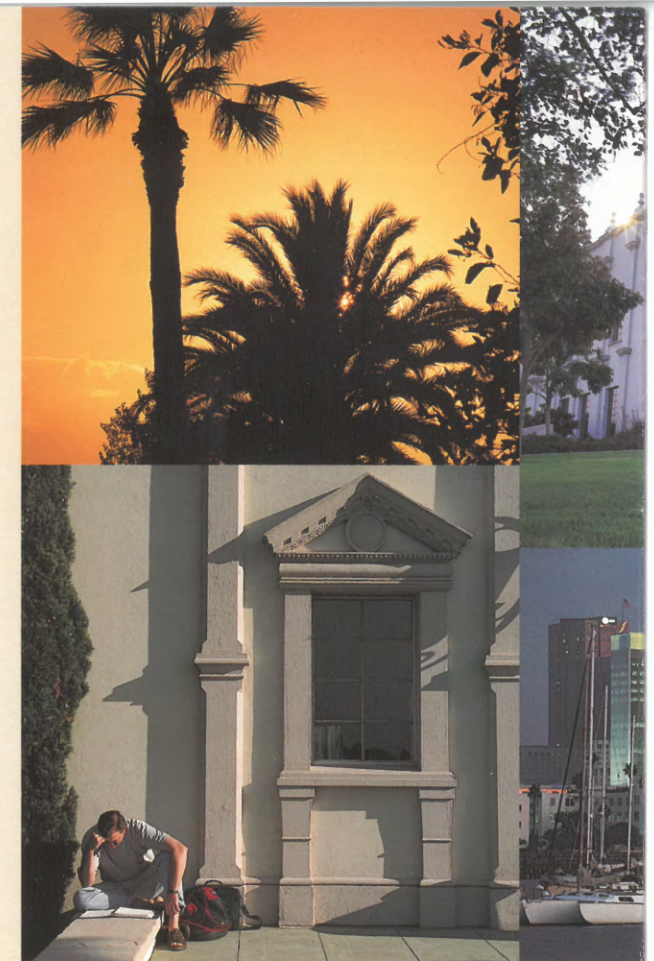
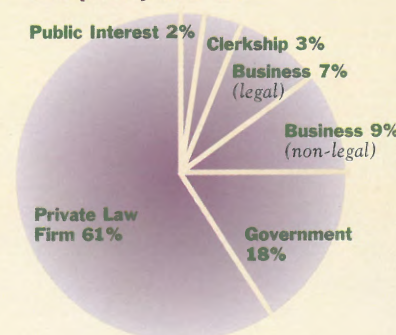
CAREER SERVICES

The primary focus of Career Services is helping law students plan and achieve their career objectives. Staff members meet with students to discuss job search strategies and critique résumés and cover letters. Students can explore various career options, including judicial clerkships; internships; fellowships; private law practice; and jobs in government agencies, public interest organizations and nontraditional careers.

Employment Location



Area of Employment



Each year, law firms and government agencies from more than 25 states and 70 cities participate in an extensive recruiting program. Among the more than 250 affiliated interviewers are some of those named in the *National Law Journal's* list of the top 250 law firms in the country.

Graduates of USD's School of Law practice in 50 states and 15 countries. During the past several years, graduates had an 89 percent placement rate within nine months of graduation and an annual salary range of \$35,000 to \$125,000.

FACULTY

One measure of a truly great law school is its faculty. At USD's School of Law, the faculty consists of extraordinarily talented, energetic and innovative scholars and teachers. Faculty members author significant books, treatises and articles on a vast range of legal topics; participate regularly in national and international academic conferences;



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and are on the cutting edge of interdisciplinary research in fields such as economics, psychiatry and philosophy. Many provide legal services for disadvantaged individuals and groups in the local area; others are deeply engaged in law reform and public policy activities. Several professors are members of the most prestigious legal organizations, including the American Law Institute.

ACCREDITATION AND DISTINCTION
USD's School of Law is one of only 77 law schools in the country to have a chapter of The Order of the Coif, the most distinguished rank of American law schools. The school is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Founded in 1954, the law school is part of the University of San Diego, a private, nonprofit, independent, Roman Catholic university chartered in 1949.

FINANCIAL AID

USD's School of Law is committed to providing all possible financial assistance to eligible students whose personal resources are insufficient to meet their educational expenses. Sources of financial

aid include more than 300 need-, merit- and diversity-based scholarships; federal plans, such as work-study programs; the Perkins and Stafford loan programs; and institutional loans. Private loan programs are also available to assist law students with supplemental financing.

SAN DIEGO

San Diego, the nation's sixth largest city, is blessed with a gentle climate, a unique cultural heritage and unsurpassed recreational resources. San Diego offers ballet, opera, theater, major league sports and attractions such as SeaWorld and the Wild Animal Park. Balboa Park houses the Old Globe Theater, many galleries and museums, and the world-renowned San Diego Zoo. It is a city with a wealth of growth industries, such as biotechnology and health care. In addition, San Diego offers access to the arts, business and culture of Mexico, and is a major business center for the Pacific Rim.

The University of San Diego School of Law does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or sexual orientation in the admission or status of students, in the hiring, promotion or supervision of faculty, staff or administrators, or in the administration of law school programs and procedures.

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