



## Journalist Law School

**June 10–13, 2020**

**A competitive fellowship for journalists who report on the legal system.**

**“It’s a program that delivers on its promise: teach journalists a better, more comprehensive understanding of the law.”**

**Application Deadline:  
Friday, February 14, 2020**

**Apply: [www.lls.edu/JLS](http://www.lls.edu/JLS)**



The challenge of reporting on the legal system without a law degree is daunting. To help support journalists who cover legal issues on national, regional or local levels, the Civil Justice Program at LMU Loyola Law School in Los Angeles has developed a journalist law program consisting of a free four-day intensive seminar on the legal system.

Loyola Law School is offering fellowships to about 40 professional journalists who have a minimum of three years of experience. Fellowships cover instruction, materials, lodging and most meals, as well as one-half of travel expenses to a maximum of \$300. Fellows are competitively selected by a committee of Loyola Law School professors.

Journalist Law School activities will include classes with experienced law faculty who understand deadline pressure; lectures and break-out sessions by practicing lawyers; and opportunities to meet informally with state and federal judges, other journalists and leading members of the bar.

The classes will take place on the award-winning, Frank Gehry-designed Loyola Law School campus. Located in downtown Los Angeles, facilities feature state-of-the-art lecture halls and courtrooms.

A certificate will be awarded at the end of the program. To date, almost 600 journalists have completed the fellowship.

### Curriculum & Skills

#### Legal Experts

The Journalist Law School (JLS) features lectures, tutorials and expert commentary by over two dozen law faculty, judges and leading members of the bar.

#### Constitutional Law

The federal system; the constitutional role of the judiciary; key constitutional rights; and how the third branch functions.

#### Criminal Law

Key criminal law concepts; the role of the prosecutor and grand jury; procedural protections afforded criminal defendants; important differences between civil and criminal law.

#### Civil Law

An introduction to civil law; the role of lawyers, judges and juries in deciding conflicts; the role of the civil justice system; why litigation and lawsuits are controversial.

#### Breakout Sessions

The JLS features more than a dozen small group sessions on specialized topics suggested by fellows. Past topics have addressed police practices, cybercrime, election law and more. See reverse for past highlights.

#### Fellows will learn:

- Why the Supreme Court is not the final word on most legal questions.
- The 10 most common misunderstandings about the legal system.
- Why legal “technicalities” can be a matter of life or death.
- The most frequent reasons appeals courts reverse lower courts.

#### Key skills that will be addressed:

- How to situate run-of-the-mill cases into a broader framework.
- Deciding whether a case is ordinary or precedent-setting.
- Honing the capacity to ask lawyers tougher questions.
- How to find new stories in or outside of the courthouse.

**Fellows will receive a copy of the book: *The Journalist’s Guide to American Law*, written by faculty members of the Journalist Law School.**

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## Faculty

Journalist Law School faculty include professors from LMU Loyola Law School and Loyola Marymount University, prominent litigators, and federal and state judges. Select faculty:

**Ellen Aprill**, John E. Anderson Chair in Tax Law. *Specialties:* intersection of tax and politics.

**Jeffery Atik**. *Specialties:* cryptocurrencies.

**Samantha Buckingham**, director, Juvenile Justice Clinic. *Specialties:* juvenile law and criminal procedure.

**Brietta R. Clark**, associate dean for faculty. *Specialties:* health care law and access.

**David Glazier**, former commander, U.S. Navy. *Specialties:* law of war, military commissions/detainees, war criminals.

**Michael Genovese**, president, World Policy Institute at LMU. *Specialties:* presidency & leadership, presidential elections, law and presidential power.

**Stan Goldman**, director, Center for the Study of Law & Genocide. *Specialties:* criminal law, evidence and genocide law.

**Fernando Guerra**, Director of the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles at LMU. *Specialties:* electoral politics.

**Justin Hughes**, former senior adviser to the Undersecretary of Commerce for IP in the Obama Administration. *Specialties:* international trade, intellectual property.

**Dan Jacobs**, author, "BP Blowout: Inside the Gulf Oil Disaster." *Specialties:* environmental law, sustainability.

**Allan Ides**, former U.S. Supreme Court clerk. *Specialties:* constitutional law, presidential power. *Specialties:* sustainability.

**Sean Kennedy**, Kaplan & Feldman Executive Director, Center for Juvenile Law & Policy and former Federal Public Defender. *Specialties:* death penalty, juvenile law.

**Kathleen Kim**, faculty adviser, Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic. *Specialties:* immigration law, human trafficking.

**Laurie Levenson**, David W. Burcham Chair in Ethical Advocacy, founder of the Loyola Project for the Innocent, former assistant U.S. attorney. *Specialties:* criminal law and procedure, wrongful convictions.

**Jessica Levinson**, director, Loyola Public Service Institute and former president, L.A. Ethics Commission. *Specialties:* election law, power of the presidency, Supreme Court.

**Justin Levitt**, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. *Specialties:* election law, redistricting, voter access.

**John Nockleby**, director of the Civil Justice Program. *Specialties:* torts, privacy and the First Amendment.

**Priscilla Ocen**, member, L.A. County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission. *Specialties:* Critical race theory, gender and the law.

**Jennifer Rothman**, author, "The Right of Publicity: Privacy Reimagined for a Public World." *Specialties:* right of publicity, copyright.

**Michael Waterstone**, Dean. *Specialties:* disability rights, employment law.

**Kimberly West-Faulcon**, James P. Bradley Professor of Constitutional Law. *Specialties:* constitutional law, impeachment, presidential power, race & testing, Supreme Court.

**Gary Williams**, former assistant legal director, ACLU Foundation of Southern California. *Specialties:* civil rights, First Amendment, Freedom of Information Act.

**Adam Zimmerman**, Gerald Rosen Fellow. *Specialties:* class actions, opioid litigation.

### Guest Speaker Highlights:

- **Obie Anthony**, Founder and Executive Director, Exonerated Nation; first exonerated client of Loyola Project for the Innocent
- **Hon. Scott Bales**, Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme Court
- **Peter Bibring**, Director of Police Practices, ACLU of CA
- **Hon. Patricia Breckeridge**, Chief Justice, MO Supreme Court
- **Carol Costello**, LMU Journalism Professor & Former CNN Anchor
- **Cornelia Dean**, Author, "Making Sense of Science: Separating Substance from Spin"
- **Linda Deutsch**, Special Correspondent, Associated Press
- **Richard E. Drooyan**, Former President of L.A. Police Commission, Rampart Commission, Christopher Commission, Jail Commission
- **Nicolas Espiritu**, National Immigration Law Center
- **Bob Fuss**, Former Capitol Hill Correspondent, CBS News Radio
- **Max G. Huntsman**, Inspector General, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- **Shawn Holley**, Partner, Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump & Aldisert LLP
- **Marc Lacey**, National Editor, The New York Times, and JLS alumnus
- **Judy Muller**, Correspondent, ABC News
- **Warren Olney**, Host, KPCC-FM
- **Hon. Paul Reiber**, Chief Justice, Vermont Supreme Court
- **Connie Rice**, Advancement Project
- **Bill Whitaker**, Correspondent, CBS News

### Recent Breakout Session Highlights:

- Access to Government Documents: FOIA & Transparency
- Artificial Intelligence
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Elections & Exercising the Franchise
- Ethics in the Era of Trump
- Everything Immigration
- International Trade
- Police Accountability: Excessive Force & Renewed Scrutiny
- Privacy & Cybersecurity
- Russian & Other Foreign Actors' Efforts to Undermine the Justice Systems of Western Democracies
- Smart Contracts & Financial Technology
- Social Media & Fake News
- Suing or Removing the President: Impeachment, Executive Immunity & the 25th Amendment
- Opioid Crisis

## Accommodations & Logistics

Classes and lectures will be held on the LMU Loyola Law School campus in downtown Los Angeles. Fellows will be housed at the nearby Omni Los Angeles Hotel. Fellows need to arrive in Los Angeles on the morning of Wednesday, June 10, 2020 and depart on Sunday, June 14, 2020.

### Welcome Reception

Fellows will have the opportunity to meet JLS lecturers and members of the L.A. legal community on the evening of Wednesday, June 10.

### Casual receptions and dinners

After a day of classes, you will have the opportunity to meet in informal settings with faculty, participating judges, fellow journalists and leading lawyers. You will have at least one evening free to explore Los Angeles on your own.

### Graduation

The closing event on the evening of Saturday, June 13, will feature a reception and banquet. Speaker to be announced. Each fellow will receive a certificate of completion.

"I came to the program expecting a crash course in the law and, fortunately, I got that. I really felt I was being taught by the very best legal academic minds, and it both humbled me and inspired me to rededicate myself to better journalistic endeavors down the road. The payoff: accurate reporting and thus a more well-informed society."