WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON CAMPUS, YOU’LL FEEL THE LOYOLA SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AND COLLABORATION IN OUR VERY ARCHITECTURE. OUR FRANK GEHRY-DESIGNED BUILDINGS. OUR INTIMATE CLASS SIZES. OUR NETWORK OF ACTIVE AND INFLUENTIAL ALUMNI ARE ALL MEANT TO EVOKE AND INSPIRE CONNECTION. BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT’S THE PEOPLE YOU STUDY WITH, AND ARGUE FOR, AND CLIMB THE LADDER OF THE LAW BESIDE, WHO WILL BE THE TRUE FOUNDATION OF YOUR FUTURE. THAT’S WHY AT LOYOLA WE ARE FOCUSED ON YOU.
Brietta Clark

POSITION: Associate Dean for Faculty and Professor of Law
ALMA MATER: University of Southern California, Order of the Coif
FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? Sonia’s—the cafeteria, because I love to eat.
WHAT THREE CHARACTER TRAITS DOES A LAW STUDENT NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL? Intellectual curiosity, integrity, persistence.
WHAT ONE THING WOULD YOU TELL AN INCOMING STUDENT TO DO DURING THEIR TIME AT LLS? Take a health law course! I am the faculty adviser for our Health Law Course of Study, and I shamelessly plug health law every chance I get. As I’ve been telling students all year, the fate of the Affordable Care Act may seem uncertain, but the need for health care lawyers grows stronger every day!
Mark Geragos ’82

CURRENT POSITION: Principal, Geragos & Geragos APC

ONE BIG CHANGE YOU’D LIKE TO SEE IN THE LEGAL WORLD? I would like to see comedy become a more integral part of the workplace. The best professional relationships I’ve developed over the years are with the people I can laugh with.

WHAT ONE WORD WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO DESCRIBE YOUR TIME AT LLS? Rewarding. Loyola equips its students to be truly fantastic trial lawyers. I really saw myself develop during my time at LLS, and it was incredibly gratifying.
Cyndie M. Chang ’03

CURRENT POSITION: Office Managing Partner at Duane Morris LLP
WHY LOYOLA? Loyola attracted me because it had a great reputation, a solid alumni base, a beautiful campus and a well-recognized trial advocacy program.
WHAT ONE WORD WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO DESCRIBE YOUR TIME AT LLS? Collaboration. The students at Loyola were collaborative, not competitive, and professors were caring and involved. I certainly think the advocacy programs and the faculty at Loyola fostered confidence in our preparation to be excellent lawyers.
ADVICE FOR AN INCOMING LAW STUDENT? Take your time and try to enjoy every moment of your legal career. It should not be a rat race.
Julien Kacou ’17

HOMETOWN: West Covina, CA
NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS/ACTIVITIES: Sayre Macneil Scholar/Team Leader of the Young Lawyers Program
UPCOMING: Associate position at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BUILDING OR SPOT ON CAMPUS, AND WHY? I love studying in Casassa because studying in the library can get a little overwhelming, especially during finals time. Studying in Casassa allows me to stay away from the nervous energy and ensure I continue studying with a positive attitude.
WHAT’S YOUR LLS HASHTAG?
#BestDecision
WHAT IS THE MOST SURPRISING SKILL YOU HAVE ACQUIRED WHILE AT LLS? How to network!
Michael Waterstone

POSITION: Dean, Loyola Law School
AT LLS SINCE: 2006

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BUILDING OR SPOT ON CAMPUS? The Rose Garden. It’s a great spot for quiet thinking and reflection.
WHAT WOULD YOU TELL YOUR YOUNGER SELF ENTERING LAW SCHOOL? Law school is an intellectual experience like no other and gives you the opportunity to attempt to make the world a better and more just place. And build relationships with professors – they will help you on your path!
NON LAW-RELATED INTEREST THAT STUDENTS MIGHT BE SURPRISED BY? I spend most of my time chasing around after my three kids. In my family, we are all avid baseball fans. Go Angels!
Kathleen Kim

POSITION: Professor of Law
ALMA MATER: Stanford Law School

DESCRIBE THE TEACHING PHILOSOPHY AT LLS? We want to challenge our students to think critically, engage deeply with substantive law and policy, and shape their professional identities as lawyers. We want our students to be the most effective lawyers: intellectually rigorous, creative and ethical.

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The live-client clinical offices. There is a vibrancy that exists in the clinical offices that reflects our students’ passion in representing their clients’ best interests.

ONE THING YOU WOULD TELL AN INCOMING STUDENT TO DO DURING THEIR TIME AT LLS? Take a live client clinic.
We Are One of a Kind

We come from a wide range of backgrounds, as well as social and economic spheres. We are diverse in age and outlook. We are an academic village, built with the spirit of community and collaboration.

We are Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (LLS).
DEGREE PROGRAMS
Nine pathways to your future:

JD Day Program
3 years

JD Evening Program
3.5 to 4 years

JD/MBA
4 years

JD/Tax LLM
3 to 4 years

LLM Specializations for U.S. Attorneys
1 to 2 years

LLM in Tax
1 year

LLM for Foreign Students
1 to 2 years

MT Master of Tax Law
1 to 5 years

MLS Master of Science in Legal Studies
1 to 2 years

CONCENTRATIONS
With in-depth, hands-on training—
including a semester of live or simulated
client experience—each of these
Concentrations gets you one step closer
to becoming practice-ready.

Civil Litigation & Advocacy
Corporate Law
Criminal Justice
Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
Entertainment & Media Law
Entrepreneurship
Immigrant Advocacy
Intellectual Property Law
International and Comparative Law
Public Interest Law
Tax Law

WHO SAYS WHAT

"WE HAVE MOCK COURTROOMS,
MOCK BOARDROOMS...WE TEACH
OUR STUDENTS TO NEGOTIATE,
TRY CASES—WHATEVER A
STUDENT IS INTERESTED IN, WE
HAVE THE FACILITIES TO HELP A
STUDENT PRACTICE AND DEVELOP
THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO BE AN
EFFECTIVE LAWYER."

— Dean Michael Waterstone
At Loyola, You Count

Your legal education should be built to serve you. Whether that means a flexible schedule, a teaching philosophy where students provoke and lead discussion, or the simple knowledge that you have people in your corner. As a student at Loyola, you are the architect of your own future.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING
Loyola classes are offered from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m, making a top-notch legal education available...on your schedule. Our Evening Program is one of the most highly regarded programs of legal education in the United States. On-campus and off-campus learning are integrated, so that you can both study and gain experience in the law, seamlessly.
You Will Practice What We Teach

In a Loyola classroom, students drive the discussion, lectures take a backseat to hands-on learning, and practical skills are what it’s all about.

PRACTICA: A SAMPLING

District Attorney. You are embedded as a certified law clerk conducting felony preliminary hearings and misdemeanor jury trials.

Entertainment Law. You will work, hands-on, in industry law firms or in the legal departments of entertainment and media companies.

Civil Rights Litigation. You hone your interviewing, drafting and trial skills while studying key affirmative action, free speech and other civil liberties cases.

Tax Law. You will experience first-hand the tax attorney’s role in a variety of transactional cases, including simulated mergers & acquisitions deals.

It’s Not Just About the Classroom

At Loyola, we believe you’re not only here to learn, you’re here to live. So no matter your preferred form of downtime, there are options for you.

WHEN YOU’RE HERE, YOU’RE NEVER ALONE

As a first-year Loyola student, you’ll have a special opportunity to participate in our Alumni Mentorship Program. 1L students participating in the program are paired with active and engaged Loyola alums. Maybe you’ll only email your mentor when the tough questions arise. Maybe you’ll meet for coffee every week. Either way, your mentor will be your advocate and your ally at Loyola... and beyond.

Our Alumni are Your Alumni

You’ll never have to jump without a net when you’re at Loyola. Our accessible, involved alumni are there for you.

SUPER HEROES? NO. SUPER LAWYERS? YES.

LLS alumni regularly grace lists of super lawyers, rising stars, ones to watch—they are entrepreneurs and DAs and high-powered divorce attorneys. They work for corporate clients and for the disadvantaged. But what they all share is a foundation in the intimate, hands-on experience of being an LLS student.
FIRST-YEAR FLOW
In your first year, your classes will reflect the LLS philosophy of collaborative, experiential, student-centered learning. That said, there are countless ways your time at LLS might look—that part is up to you.

Lay your foundation.
Required courses:
- Civil Procedure
- First-Year Elective
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Legal Research & Writing
- Property
- Torts

Define your interests.
Sample first-year electives:
- Introduction to Immigration Law
- Introduction to Income Taxation
- Introduction to International Law
- Innovation Law

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Just a sampling.
- Black Law Students Association
- Entertainment & Sports Law Society
- Health Law & Bioethics Association
- Immigration Law Society
- Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Start-Ups Club
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- La Raza de Loyola
- OutLaw – LGBTQ Students & Their Allies at LLS
- Public Interest Law Foundation
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Women’s Law Association
- and many, many more.
Students conference in Robinson Courtroom, housed in Loyola’s state-of-the-art Girardi Advocacy Center.
**ALUMNI: DO THE MATH**

Our alumni dominate the list of Southern California Super Lawyers. And their impact spans the globe.

17,000+ members

35 countries represented

800 are partners at law firms

#1 in hires by the L.A. District Attorney’s Office

10 are L.A. Daily Journal’s “Top 100 Lawyers in California”

102 federal clerkships secured since 2011

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**BREAKING GROUND**

Our alumni aren’t just great lawyers, they are innovators in their fields.

At Freed Law, the firm she founded, LLS Alumna Tracey Freed ‘05 advises and serves as outside general counsel to entrepreneurs, digital creators and Fortune 100 companies. Prior to that, she was the head lawyer of Crackle, the award-winning, multi-platform, ad-supported, video entertainment network at Sony Pictures. While at Sony, she structured and negotiated many unprecedented, first-of-its-kind deals, and she brings that expertise to her work as an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School, where she teaches “Digital Media and the Law,” a class she designed and originated.

Charles J. Harder ‘96, partner at Harder, Mirell & Abrams, LLP, is one of the top media lawyers in the United States, and a go-to litigator for defamation, reputation protection, privacy, media law, entertainment, intellectual property and business litigation. He represents high-profile clients, many in the entertainment industry, and recently won a $140 million jury verdict in a privacy infringement suit for Hulk Hogan against Gawker Media. In 2017, he was awarded the California Lawyer of the Year Award for Media, and he has been named one of the Top 100 “Power Lawyers” in America by The Hollywood Reporter on multiple occasions.
Who You’ll Learn From

Loyola’s professors are drawn from among the finest attorneys and academics in the nation. They aren’t just teachers—they are practicing attorneys, policymakers, and experts in their fields. And as a Loyola student, their doors are always open to you.

FACULTY STAND-OUTS

» **F. Jay Dougherty**  A graduate of Columbia University Law School, Professor Dougherty began his legal career in New York, representing Broadway composers and authors. His interest in motion pictures then led him to positions at Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp; United Artists Pictures; Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures; and Morgan Creek Productions. He eventually became senior vice president of production and worldwide acquisition legal affairs at Twentieth Century Fox. Before joining the Loyola faculty, Dougherty served as assistant general counsel for Turner Broadcasting System, responsible for Turner Pictures.

» **Victor Gold**  Widely considered one of the country’s top experts in evidence law, Professor Gold is the author of several books on the Federal Rules of Evidence. He has also written numerous articles on evidence law and advocacy. His treatise on evidence was cited in U.S. Supreme Court opinion Pena-Rodriguez v. Colorado.

» **Sean Kennedy**  Prior to coming to Loyola Law, Professor Kennedy was the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California from 2006 to 2014. He recently was appointed to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Civilian Oversight Commission.

» **Laurie Levenson**  Attorney representative to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Professor Levenson founded Loyola’s Project for the Innocent. She also leads the renowned Fidler Institute on Criminal Justice and serves as an invaluable resource for students seeking federal clerkships.
**Cesare P.R. Romano**
An international law professor and a W. Joseph Ford Fellow, Professor Romano holds degrees in three disciplines (political science, international relations and law) from three countries (Italy, Switzerland and the United States). He has expertise in many facets of international law, and is a world-renowned authority in the field of international courts and tribunals. He also is the founder of the International Human Rights Clinic at Loyola.

**Kimberly West-Faulcon** Professor West-Faulcon is a graduate of Yale Law and has had a decorated career as a civil rights attorney and litigator. Her work focuses on the legal standard for proper use of standardized tests in elementary, secondary and higher education. She recently authored an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in Fisher v. University of Texas.

**Adam Zimmerman** Professor Zimmerman co-authored an amicus brief in the Federal Circuit Court case of Monk v. McDonald, which dealt with the question of whether veterans may bring class actions in Veterans’ Court. The Federal Circuit explicitly relied upon Zimmerman’s amicus brief in their decision to permit veterans to bring class actions, determining that the Veterans’ Court has broad powers to adopt class action rules.

Professor Jean Boylan ’86 emphasizes practical skills in her Ethical Lawyering class.
Professor Simona Grossi shares her passion for Civil Procedure.
WHAT WE STAND FOR

Change Starts Here

At Loyola, making a difference is mandatory. We were one of the first law schools in the nation to require students to complete legal public service work in order to graduate. To aid in that mission, there are multiple live-client clinics, externship programs and projects where you will be boots-on-the-ground, working as an advocate for your future clients.
CURRENT CLINIC OPTIONS
Bankruptcy Clinic
Capital Habeas Litigation Clinic
Employment Rights Clinic
Fashion Law Clinic
International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC)
IRS Small Case Tax Clinic
Juvenile Innocence & Fair Sentencing Clinic (JIFS)
Juvenile Justice Clinic (JJC)
Landlord Tenant Clinic
Low Income Tax Payer Clinic
Loyola Center for Conflict Resolution
Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic (LIJC)
Loyola Project for the Innocent (LPI)
Nonprofit Tax & Transactions Clinic
Ninth Circuit Appellate Clinic
Sales and Use Tax Clinic
State Income Tax Clinic
Workers’ Rights Clinic
Youth Justice Education Clinic (YJEC)

EVERY ONE OF OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN JIFS WILL FUNCTION AS AN ATTORNEY IN A POST-CONVICTION HEARING, AN APPELLATE ARGUMENT OR A PAROLE HEARING. MANY OF OUR STUDENTS APPEAR IN MULTIPLE VENUES. AND YES, THEY DO A LOT OF RESEARCH, INVESTIGATION AND WRITING, AS WELL.”
— Chris Hawthorne ’00, Director, Juvenile Innocence & Fair Sentencing Clinic

CENTER FOR JUVENILE LAW & POLICY
Dedicated to improving the quality of legal representation for juveniles making their way through the justice system.
525 clients served
934 cases aided
75,000 pro bono hours

LOYOLA CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION (LCCR)
Takes on court referrals at dependency court, conducts mediation training and works to resolve disputes for clients in multiple languages.
50,000 clients served
25,000 cases aided
100,000 pro bono hours

WHO SAYS WHAT
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Learning with Purpose

A good legal education is critical, but understanding who you serve and why being a lawyer is important is indispensable. Public service is our legacy, and we want it to be yours, too, no matter what field of law you decide to study.

LIVE-CLIENT CLINICS
With more than 20 live-client clinics to choose from, you will spend your time at Loyola doing more than just studying. You will get practical, hands-on, person-to-person experience working with real clients on real cases.

Loyola Project for the Innocent (LPI)
Dedicated to the exoneration of the wrongfully convicted, LPI students are on the front lines. Students go through all submitted cases—reading the appellate documents, interviewing inmates and witnesses—and make final recommendations about which cases to take on.
In 2017 alone, LPI secured the release of three men—Andrew Leander Wilson, Marco Contreras and Jaime Ponce—who served a combined 71 years in prison.

**>> Andrew Leander Wilson**
Andrew Leander Wilson spent more than 32 years behind bars. Loyola’s Project for the Innocent secured his release after more than two years of legal work by LPI attorneys and students on his behalf.

As a result of that work, Judge Laura Priver found that Wilson’s constitutional rights had been violated due to the prosecution’s withholding of exculpatory evidence and unreliability of the single eyewitness.

**>> Marco Contreras**
Marco Contreras was released from prison after serving 20 years of a life-plus-seven-years sentence for a wrongful conviction of attempted murder and robbery.

Loyola’s Project for the Innocent took Contreras’ case, and brought it to the L.A. District Attorney’s Office, which agreed to supervise an independent investigation into the shooting. They were not only able to confirm that Contreras is innocent, but the parties suspected of actually committing the offense have now been arrested.

**>> Jaime Ponce**
Jaime Ponce reunited with his family in Mexico following a judge’s order that released him from prison after serving 19 years of a 47-years-to-life sentence.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Steven Blades ordered Ponce’s release after the LPI investigated the case and presented its findings to the court.

**Center for Juvenile Law & Policy**
This center houses three live-client clinics devoted to serving juveniles caught up in the criminal justice system or experiencing needs unmet by the L.A. educational system. Since its inception, students have contributed nearly 75,000 pro bono hours to the Los Angeles community.

**Juvenile Justice Clinic (JJC)** represents children charged with crimes in the L.A. County court system.

**Youth Justice Education Clinic** serves the educational needs and rights of children.

**Juvenile Innocence & Fair Sentencing Clinic (JIFS)** represents the post-conviction needs of juvenile offenders serving lengthy prison sentences.
Students in Loyola’s Project for the Innocent interact with clients and interview witnesses and jurors.
IRS Small Case Tax Clinic
Live-client clinics are a cornerstone of Loyola’s Tax Law program, which is ranked No. 6 nationally and has been ranked in the top 10 by U.S. News & World Report for the last decade. The IRS Small Case Tax Clinic is one of five tax law clinics offered.

» Students will learn the structure of the IRS and Tax Court, small case procedures, ethics and disclosure issues.

» Participants will handle several small cases on behalf of the IRS, including filing answers and dispositive motions, working with taxpayers to settle cases and litigating the cases in Tax Court.

» Students in the clinic are supervised by senior attorneys from the IRS Office of Chief Counsel.

Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic
The Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic has become an integral part of the Los Angeles community, especially as the demand for services has grown.

» The only law school-housed community-based immigration clinic in the United States.

» Nearly 50 student participants have assisted in more than 7,000 client consultations.

» Students and clinic attorneys secure relief in the form of U visas, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and more.
Workers’ Rights Clinic
Working on behalf of local civil-rights agencies, students represent low-wage workers in marginalized communities. This clinic will give participants an opportunity to address and dissect the role of a lawyer in movements for social change.

Student participants will receive substantive research, writing and interviewing experience, working closely with clients and witnesses during mediation and settlement hearings.

Street Law Teaching Practicum
Participating students will teach law-related critical life skills to domestic violence survivors at transitional housing facilities around L.A. County. In addition to preparing for and teaching a 10-week class, students will gain an overview of the law of domestic violence and restraining orders.

“I GET TO HELP PEOPLE WHO TRULY NEED IT. EVERYONE SHOULD BE TREATED FAIRLY AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. BUT THE SAD REALITY IS, THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN.”
— Christina Bazak ’15, Student Attorney, Juvenile Innocence & Fair Sentencing Clinic
Practical Made Personal

Loyola is renowned for its long-standing tradition of graduating lawyers adept in philosophical, analytical and professional skills. By providing practical and experiential learning opportunities from Day One, we give our students a solid foundation in law.

TRIAL ADVOCACY & MOOT COURT

Ranked No. 6 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, our Trial Advocacy program is led by professors and alumni at the top of their fields. Between them, our 14 trial advocacy and moot court teams have claimed victories in prominent competitions in recent years.

LAW REVIEW

The intellectual and practical skills gained by working on one of our three outstanding law reviews are incomparable. And it doesn’t hurt that prospective employers often seek out candidates with tried-and-true journal experience.

EXTERNSHIPS

Experience the up-close, day-to-day workings of a variety of legal institutions by participating in one of Loyola’s many externships. Whether a law firm, public interest organization, government office, or state or federal court, you will gain real-world experience working with clients alongside practicing legal professionals at the top of their fields.

Semester-in-Practice

Where You’ll Work: Many of the top trial-practice firms in L.A.  
What You’ll Do: Shadow at depositions, mediations, arbitrations and trials, and go deep into the substantive work of what it is to be a trial lawyer.

Judicial Externships

Where You’ll Work: In the chambers of a state or federal judge in exchange for unit credit at Loyola.  
What You’ll Do: Externs perform such tasks as file evaluation, legal research or preparation of memoranda, all while seeing up close the inner-workings of one of L.A.’s many state or federal courts.

The Resident Associate Program

RAP pairs Loyola grads with law firms in and around Los Angeles. You get hired as a salaried, full-time attorney; the firm that hires you gets a whip-smart, well-trained associate for the price of a post-grad fellow; and Loyola provides you with free and ongoing training during your time in RAP, including a Legal Skills Boot Camp. In the last two years, 30 Loyola grads hired through this program received an offer with their RAP firm. It’s a win, win, win.
LOYOLA OF LOS ANGELES LAW REVIEW
Promotes scholarship in the national legal community by publishing articles and critical analyses on developing areas of law.

ENTERTAINMENT LAW REVIEW
ELR is distinctive among law reviews and legal journals because it is one among few scholarly publications dedicated exclusively to legal developments in entertainment, sports, and intellectual property law.

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW
Publishes articles (critiques and analyses of decisive issues) written by prominent legal scholars, including professors, attorneys and jurists. ILR also publishes quality student-written articles.

Moot Court Teams
Finalist and “Best Oralist”
2016 American Bar Association Appellate Advocacy Competition
“Best Oralist”
2016 Roger J. Traynor California Appellate Moot Court Competition
“Best Oral Advocate”
2015 Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition

BYRNE TRIAL ADVOCACY TEAM
Regional Champions in 22 of last 28 Regional Competitions
Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition
Six-time Regional Champions
American Association of Justice (AAJ) Student Trial Advocacy Competition
10 national championships
including the National Board of Advocates 2015 Tournament of Champions and the 2014 National Civil Trial Competition
Members of Loyola's Transactional Negotiation Team participate in an annual competition after receiving weeks of coaching from professors and top practitioners.
WHY LOYOLA

We Don’t Look Like Other Schools

In 1978, Loyola chose Frank Gehry, a then-budding architect, to construct its new campus. His hiring was risky—he was young and unproven. His ideas were big—he wanted to design a campus that evoked and inspired the study of the law, down to the last column and staircase. But we have never shied away from big ideas here. And the result is more than a campus, it’s a home, a landing pad, an incubator…and a place to build your future.

— Justin Levitt, Professor of Law, LLS
Campus History

Established in 1920 as a part of Loyola Marymount University, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles is among the oldest law schools in Southern California.

GEHRY-DESIGNED

Frank Gehry incorporated elements drawn from ancient Athens and Rome in his design—columns, grand staircases, even an oak tree with seats beneath, meant to replicate the tree under which Socrates famously taught. (LLS tidbit: On sunny days, of which there are many, some professors will hold classes outdoors, beneath this very oak tree).

But Gehry also designed the campus to facilitate community, collaboration and connection. In that way, the architecture is a perfect reflection of the ethos of Loyola Law. We are all in this, together.
“YOU CAN TALK ABOUT THE LAW UNDER A TREE, LIKE THE ANCEINTS DID. THAT WAS THE IDEA—IT WAS A TREE OF LEARNING... JUST THE SIMPLE IDEA OF TEACHING UNDER A TREE.”

— Frank Gehry, Architect
Access for All

We believe that access to a top-tier, nationally renowned law program should not be limited to one kind of applicant. In order to foster a learning environment that is both intimate and expansive, we have created an Evening Program that is one of the best in the nation.

EVENING PROGRAM

- The Monday-Thursday, 6-10 p.m. schedule means that if you have a full-time job or full-time family commitments, a top-notch legal education is still within reach.
- The entire program takes 3.5-4 years to complete.
- Evening students are eligible for externships, student orgs, law review and moot court, and can even petition to transfer to the Day Program after the first year.
- Same elite faculty, same outstanding alumni network, same Loyola family.
- For more info, see our Evening Brochure.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

In addition to training lawyers versed in the philosophy and practica that Loyola is famous for in our JD programs, we have several additional graduate programs for students interested in a more diverse approach to their legal education.

Master of Science in Legal Studies (MLS)

Loyola’s MLS program provides working professionals with a solid foundation in law in a little more than one year. With a flexible curriculum, focused specializations or a custom program tailored to your career goals, our MLS can give you the legal foundation to advance where you are, or branch out into new territory.

WHO SAYS WHAT

“LOYOLA VALUES ALL TYPES OF DIVERSITY. MY CLASSMATES HAD CAREERS IN A WIDE RANGE OF INDUSTRIES AND CAME FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, NEIGHBORHOODS, CULTURES AND COUNTRIES. LOYOLA NOT ONLY CREATED AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH I FELT COMFORTABLE AS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT, BUT IT CREATED A LAW SCHOOL CULTURE THAT ENABLED ME TO THRIVE.”

— George C. Fatheree, III ’07, Counsel, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Master of Tax Law (MT)
Loyola’s Master of Tax Law (MT) program makes our rigorous tax law training available to non-lawyers. With courses taught by tax lawyers, using law texts and teaching techniques, students graduate with the tools they need to engage in tax research, planning, and dispute resolution at the highest levels.

Tax LLM
Loyola’s Tax LLM program, ranked among the U.S. News & World Report top 10 Tax LLM programs for nine of the past 10 years, offers rigorous, practical training designed to produce practice-ready tax lawyers in a supportive and personalized environment. This extremely selective program is led by nationally recognized experts in the field of tax law.

Master of Laws (LLM)
Designed for foreign law graduates and experienced foreign and U.S. attorneys, Loyola’s LLM program allows students to build a flexible curriculum in American law and an array of specializations, and prepares them to become leaders in a globalized market.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY
We pride ourselves on being one of the most diverse law schools in the country. The entering class is typically 35-40% students of color, which ranks Loyola’s diversity rate in the top 20 among ABA-approved law schools (U.S. News & World Report). Because of this, clubs like La Raza de Loyola, the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, and the Black Law Students Association thrive on the Loyola campus.

But diversity is not just about the numbers. We encourage a diversity of ideas. We defend accessibility for all. And we don’t just teach social justice, we live it.
WORK IN L.A.

L.A.’s major law firms are a 5-minute shuttle ride from campus.

Entertainment and media companies, as well as sports industry hubs like ESPN LA, are all nearby.

Loyola’s shuttle operates continuously during campus hours.

The largest government district outside of Washington, D.C., including L.A. Superior and District Courts, is just a stone’s throw away.

LIVE IN L.A.

Walt Disney Concert Hall brings music and musicians from all over the world.

Staples Center is home to the Lakers and Clippers.

L.A. Live is a bustling center, bursting with cinemas, restaurants, hotels and more.

The rest of L.A.—its beaches, diverse neighborhoods, breathtaking hikes and nearby natural wonders—are all at your fingertips on weekends and days off.

Or if you want to stay close to your new Loyola home, there are always student events on campus replete with food trucks (L.A.’s are the best), music and mingling.

WHO SAYS WHAT

“I DECIDED TO ATTEND LOYOLA BECAUSE PEOPLE JUST LOOK HAPPY HERE.”

— Countless Loyola Students

FIDLER INSTITUTE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Every year the Fidler Institute on Criminal Justice addresses hot-button topics with nationally renowned members of the legal community. Recent symposia have included panels meant to encourage innovative conversation on topics such as environmental crimes, protest law, police body cameras and human trafficking. The day is capped by a judges’ reception and the presentation of the Fidler Awards.

FASHION LAW SYMPOSIUM

Hosted by Loyola’s Fashion Law Project, a comprehensive academic center focused on legal issues affecting the fashion industry, this yearly symposium brings together panelists from across industries to discuss topics relevant to the unique and all-encompassing legal issues faced by those in the world of fashion. Past panel topics have included social media, brand identity and the global fashion trade.
A Community Within A Community

Every law school in Southern California can boast about the sunshine and the sandy beaches, but only Loyola lays claim to the most direct and reciprocal access to Los Angeles’ thriving legal community and court system. Dividing their time between class and clerkship or externship, our students become a part of the fabric of Los Angeles.

A Community For Work

Our access to downtown’s legal hub means participating in an off-campus externship or clerkship is a breeze. It also means that the Loyola alumni who populate the top firms and courts in L.A. often return to campus to offer guidance and support to current students.

On-Campus Law Events

Through our many on-campus legal events, lectures and symposia, we bring the greater legal community to you, our students. Not only do these gatherings create an opportunity for lively discussion and debate on specific legal topics, they also facilitate deeper engagement with fellow Loyola students.

A Community For Life

No one needs to tell you that there’s a lot to do in Los Angeles. And Loyola is perfectly situated in the heart of downtown, one of L.A.’s most vibrant cultural scenes. Our campus is within walking distance or a short campus shuttle ride to a plentitude of restaurants, music venues, art walks, opera, theater, and movie premiers.
Fritz B. Burns Academic Center
Home to many administrative and faculty offices and classrooms.

Sonia’s Café
Offering students made-to-order food options and a salad and soup bar.

Oak Tree Quad
A respite, an impromptu classroom, a connection to the past.

Chapel of the Advocate
A quiet space open to all. On Wednesdays, a Jesuit legal fellow presides over weekly Mass.

Donovan Hall
Home to a 113-seat theatre classroom, the hall is adorned with stately columns.

The Girardi Advocacy Center
Two mock courtrooms are used by Loyola’s successful trial advocacy teams.
William M. Rains Library
Students book study rooms online; 24-hour space available.

Founders Hall
Student Services offices and Loyola’s newly created on-campus clinics center.

Parking Garage
A 24-hour facility housing 825 parking spaces.

Merrifield Hall
The largest classroom on campus.

Basketball Court
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Visit Campus

Interested in learning more? Tour our Frank Gehry-designed campus, meet current students and experience a law school lecture.

Schedule a visit.
Online: lls.edu/visit
By phone: 213.736.1074
By email: admissions@lls.edu

Law Start

Want a preview to law school? You’re invited to attend Law Start—a multi-part series of interactive classes and sessions. Loyola’s top professors present a mock lecture and conduct sessions on case-briefing, note-taking and legal analysis. Get a leg up on the skills law students use every day.

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