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CALIFORNIA WESTERN FIRST-YEAR STUDENT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP

Lauren-Nicole Carter has a passion for labor and employment law. California Western first-year student Lauren-Nicole Carter has been awarded a 10-week summer fellowship by the [Peggy Browning Fund](#), a prestigious honor.

Carter will serve her fellowship working at Los Angeles Black Worker Center Project in Los Angeles. "The application process is highly competitive, and the award was based on her outstanding qualifications," according to a Peggy Browning Fund official.



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FAMILY VIOLENCE CLINIC STUDENTS OBTAIN IMMIGRATION STATUS FOR A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Students and faculty members who participate in the Bette and Wylie Aitken Family Violence Clinic at Chapman University's Dale E. Fowler School of Law provide legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, often addressing interrelated questions in immigration law. Recently, two clinical students, Jacqueline Gonzalez Valle (JD '14) and Madiha Shahabuddin (JD '15), successfully obtained immigration status for a survivor of domestic violence.

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EXPANDED, EXPERIENCE-FOCUSED ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS ANNOUNCED AT GONZAGA LAW



Curriculum Changes at Gonzaga Law

Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)

Requirement may be completed with an internship or externship

Requirement for students beginning 2014:

36 Month Program: 6 credits
 24 Month Program: 12 credits

ELR for students entering 2009-2013: 3 Credits

Current students earn an average of 8 ELR Credits

Legal Research & Writing (LRW)

New 4th Term Capstone Options

Judicial Opinion Writing ~ Advanced Advocacy
 Drafting for Litigation ~ Transactional Drafting

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GGU Law's 1st STEP Program was recently recognized among the Top 25 Most Innovative Ideas in legal education by *National Jurist* magazine.

Developed by the Litigation Center at Golden Gate University

School of Law, 1st STEP (Summer Trial and Evidence Program) is an integrated summer litigation program for students who have recently completed their first year of law school and want to accelerate their training as trial attorneys and litigators.

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FIVE CORE CONCEPTS AT HEART OF LA VERNE LAW MODEL OF LEGAL EDUCATION

When Gilbert Holmes became Dean of the University of La Verne College of Law in June 2013, he brought along more than his years of experience in legal education and the successful practice of law. He carried with him an awareness of the discussions taking place across the country involving the landscape of legal education and the challenges facing it.



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PROFESSOR DOUGHERTY RECOGNIZED FOR ENTERTAINMENT

[Professor Jay Dougherty](#) was named Public Counsel of the Year by the Association of Media & Entertainment Counsel (AMEC) for his work to further the field of entertainment law through the creation of the Loyola Entertainment & Media Law Institute and oversight of the Law School's Entertainment Law Concentration.

AMEC bestowed its Ninth-Annual Counsel of the Year Awards during a gala luncheon held at the House of Blues in Los Angeles in January. Attendees included executives from major studios and networks, along with the top entertainment and media law firms. Other recipients include in-house counsel and others who serve dealmakers in the entertainment industry with distinction.



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IN CONVERSATION WITH JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR

Her visit to campus on March 12 marked the fifth by a member of the U.S. Supreme Court since 2008.

In keeping with her warm, approachable demeanor, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor delivered most of her remarks at Lewis & Clark not from a lectern but from an armchair.



During her hour-long conversation with the audience—which included distinguished judges and other members of the Oregon legal community as well as Lewis & Clark students, faculty, and staff—Justice Sotomayor described her inspiring journey from the Bronx to America's highest court.

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MILLION DOLLAR GIFT LAUNCHES PARRIS PROFESSIONALISM INSTITUTE

"Amid the useful varieties of mission and emphasis among American law schools, the formation of competent and committed professionals deserves and needs to be the common, unifying purpose. A focus on the formation of professionals would give renewed prominence to the ideals and commitments that have historically defined the legal profession in America." William M. Sullivan et al., *Educating Lawyers: Preparation for the Profession of Law* 13 (2007).



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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

The International Human Rights Clinic provides Santa Clara Law students with unique, practical and supervised real-life experiences in international human rights litigation and advocacy and represents victims of human rights violations in partnership with regional and international human rights organizations. [Read More...](#)



WHAT IS IT LIKE TO EARN A JD IN TWO YEARS?

[Watch the video at www.swlaw.edu/scalestories](http://www.swlaw.edu/scalestories) to get the student and alumni perspective on **SCALE**, Southwestern's unique 2-year JD curriculum. Established in 1975, SCALE® is the longest running accelerated JD program in the country.



THREE STUDENTS RECEIVE FELLOWSHIPS

[Marisa Ordonia](#) '14 received the law school's Leadership for Justice Fellowship to work with incarcerated youth. [Quinn Dennehy](#) '14 received Harvard's prestigious Zuckerman Fellowship to study education, and [Fatima Dilek](#) '14 was named a Presidential Management Fellow in federal government.



[Unjust arrest led to law school](#)
Phil Chinn used to fight the establishment by blocking military vehicles at ports throughout Puget Sound. Now he's working for social justice from a different angle. [Read all about](#) how Chinn's frightening experience with government surveillance led him to Seattle University School of Law.



TJSL - THE MOST UNDERRATED LAW SCHOOL IN SCHOLARLY PERFORMANCE

Thomas Jefferson School of Law ranks as the number one undervalued law school according to Paul Caron of Pepperdine University School of Law, who writes for TaxProf Blog: A Member of the Law Professor Blogs Network.

In Ranking Law Schools: Using Social Science Research Network (SSRN) to Measure Scholarly Performance, 81 Ind. L.J. 83 (2006), Professors Paul



Caron and Bernie Black compared the ranking of law schools in U.S. News with a prominent means of distributing legal scholarship: Social Science Research Network (SSRN) downloads of faculty scholarship. SSRN roughly measures which scholarship is read and presumably valued. [TJSL tops the lists of schools](#) that are undervalued by US News, by a factor of over 100 points, compared to SSRN ranking.

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YOUR LEGAL CAREER BEGINS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL OF LAW

San Francisco Advantage: One of the world's most dynamic cities, San Francisco is a microcosm of the world in which the next generation of legal professionals will build a career.

Passion for Justice: A USF legal education is the first step toward a successful career that makes a positive impact in the world.



Engaged Learning: At USF, education is intellectually demanding and intensely personal. We focus on professional skills training, and our students gain real-world experience while serving the legal needs of local and international communities.

Equipped to Lead and Succeed: Our students are prepared to be successful, effective leaders who are inspired to do their part to change the world. Our alumni exemplify excellence in action, and serve in leadership roles across the country.

Diversity is a Core Value: Tied as 5th most diverse law student body in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Ranked as 5th most diverse law faculty in the nation by the National Jurist. 52% students of color in the 2013 entering class. [Read More...](#)

USD SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENT MARYAM RASTEGAR '15 (JD) AWARDED BERGSTROM CHILD WELFARE LAW FELLOWSHIP

University of San Diego (USD) School of Law second-year law student Maryam Rastegar, '15 (JD), has been awarded a 2014 Bergstrom Child Welfare Law Fellowship by the University of Michigan School of Law.

Rastegar was selected to receive the fellowship due to her commitment to the field of children's law, past experiences related to children and family, and performance indicative of likely future success in the field.



After a three-day training session at Michigan Law at the end of May, Rastegar will spend 10 weeks working for the Alliance for Children's Rights in Los Angeles. Working under the supervision of Jill Rowland in the education department of the organization, Rastegar's work will include client intakes, analyzing and assessing clients' needs and preparing legal materials.

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ASYLUM VICTORY IN IMMIGRATION COURT

Vallerye Mosquera, a second-year student participating in the Immigration Clinic, won asylum for her client before the San Francisco Immigration Court on April 25. Vallerye's client was in removal proceedings and faced deportation if her asylum case was unsuccessful.

Upon reflection of the experience, Vallerye commented, "My client was such an integral part of the process. She invested not only her time but also immense emotional energy into the case." She stated that after the decision granting her client asylum, "My client was the absolute happiest person I have ever seen. She told me that 'all the doors and all the windows to the world' had suddenly opened in her life. I will never forget that image of joy across her face."



Second-year student Vallerye Mosquera with Blake Nordahl, supervising attorney of the Immigration Law Clinic.

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USC GOULD LAUNCHES NEW INITIATIVES

USC Gould has participated in the launch of a number of new initiatives in recent months. One such initiative is serving as a founding law school of the 2+2+3 Community Colleges Pathway to Law School initiative. This program creates a partnership among 24 of the state's community colleges and six law schools along with their respective undergraduate institutions. The goal of the program is to put talented community college students on the path to enter some of the most elite law schools in the nation and receive the necessary support. [Read More...](#)



Additionally, USC Gould has received approval from the ABA for an experimental 3+3 program. This will allow the highest performing USC undergraduates the opportunity to complete both the BA and JD degrees in six years. The program will allow those with a 3.80+ GPA to apply for admission without taking the LSAT examination.

Finally, the law school has launched an online LL.M. program for international students, which is the only of its kind in the nation that also offers a graduate certificate in Business Law. [Read More...](#)



U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKS WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL AS MOST DIVERSE LAW SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA



Whittier Law School's student body is the most diverse in California.

In the latest 2015 U.S. News and World Report rankings, Whittier Law School ranks as the most diverse law school in California, and is tied for the third most diverse law school in the nation. In addition, Whittier Law School was named the 5th Best Environment for Minority Students by Princeton Review.

This year, Whittier Law School has the highest diversity rate in 14 years. The incoming class is composed of 52% students of color, not including students who declined to state their ethnicity.

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Prepare for Law School
Achieving Success in the Application Process (ASAP)

This seminar's primary goal is to assist college students and postgraduates successfully gain admission to and succeed in law school. Some topics covered are: how to draft a personal statement and select a law school, as well as LSAT preparation strategies.

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Sophomore Super Saturday Seminars

This seminar will show you how to improve skills that can get you a competitive LSAT score: analytical and logic reasoning, reading comprehension as well as writing skills.

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83% of Western State's first time takers passed the February 2014 California Bar Exam, placing them among the top ABA law schools in California. This marks the fourth consecutive year Western State graduates have performed at or above the California ABA law school average on each exam. www.wsulaw.edu



WILLAMETTE LAW STUDENTS FOLLOW BRIEF TO U.S. SUPREME COURT

Four Willamette College of Law students visited Washington D.C. this week to observe oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in a case for which they prepared a friend-of-the-court brief as part of their [Clinical Law Program](#).



The amicus brief, prepared by law students Rachel Schwartz-Gilbert, Janna Giesbrecht-McKee, Cassandra Cooper and Joshua Savey, addresses international and foreign legal authority in *Paroline v. United States*, a case involving restitution of child pornography victims. It was written on behalf of the Dutch National Rapporteur, the Netherlands national agency that monitors child sexual abuse and human trafficking.

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