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Fowler School of Law

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Welcome to the Fowler School of Law and Chapman University! You've chosen an incredible law school and community to launch your career in law, offering you a rigorous, personalized legal education tailored to fit your needs and your professional focus.

Our philosophy defines our mission:

"The Fowler School of Law is a place where future lawyers prepare for life as professionals and officers of the court, providing the groundwork for a lifetime of legal service."

Our graduates learn the fundamentals of professional life in classrooms led by a world-class faculty, through classes driven by encouragement, not intimidation. Our alumni go on to serve with honor and distinction in small and large legal firms, as well as in industry—both local and international, in government, our military and in education.

On our beautiful campus near Old Towne Orange, California, you will find an inclusive and supportive community that benefits from small class sizes and easy access to an expert faculty, a state-of-the-art law library and thriving student organizations. Our internship/externship and clinical training opportunities will expose you to real-world, practical experience, while our bar preparation, academic achievement and career services teams provide you with all the tools you'll need for academic excellence and future career success.

I encourage you to visit Kennedy Hall and see the transformational impact our personalized education of distinction has on our students. Come and see the professional opportunities our graduates enjoy, and the incredible contributions, careers and service of our alumni as they carry the Chapman name proudly forward.

Kenneth Stahl
Interim Dean, Fowler School of Law

Why the Fowler School of Law?



Our personalized approach allows students to partner closely with faculty and staff. We offer one of the best student-to-faculty ratios among ABA-approved law schools, giving students greater access to faculty.



Here, you'll learn from the best. Among our distinguished faculty are a Nobel laureate, three former U.S. Supreme Court clerks, a former five-term U.S. congressman and three members of the American Law Institute.



We pair theory with real-world training, fully preparing you for practice as an attorney. Our externship opportunities, skills labs, clinical programs and research projects allow students to gain vital experience relevant to their future careers.



We'll help you obtain an impressive position in the legal workforce through our dedicated Career Services Office. We offer one of the top bar preparation programs, complete with for-credit courses, a supplemental summer program, mock bar exams and individualized feedback.



You'll get the best of both worlds: a great quality of life and a top-notch legal education. Our campus is located in the heart of Orange County, just one block from the lively Old Towne Orange dining and shopping district and close to beaches and Disneyland. Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego counties are all just a short drive away.



"I chose Chapman because of the positive atmosphere. For me, having a supportive and open-minded school was important. I also loved the emphasis on the practice-oriented learning because I wanted to leave law school feeling ready to enter the workplace. Chapman offered all these things for me. As soon as I walked in, I felt at home."

— SILGAI MOHMAND (JD '21)



Personalize Your Degree

Our forward-looking curriculum encourages students to take an entrepreneurial approach to their individual journeys. Here, our academic programs balance foundational legal instruction with a wide-ranging selection of concentrations and joint degree options.

YEAR 1

JD FIRST-YEAR CURRICULUM

These required classes provide the essentials for students in legal studies and cover foundational topics.

FULL TIME

Fall	Credits
Torts I	3
Contracts I*	3
Civil Procedure I	3
Criminal Law*	3
Legal Analysis Writing & Research I	3

Total Credits	15
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Spring	Credits
Torts II	2
Contracts II*	3
Civil Procedure II	2
Civil Procedure Practice Lab	1
Property	4
Legal Analysis Writing & Research II	2

Total Credits	14
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Students interested in reduced load status (part-time study) should contact the Law Admissions Office to discuss their options: lawadmission@chapman.edu

YEARS 2 & 3

JD REQUIRED COURSES

Constitutional Law
Corporations or Business Associations
Evidence
An Experiential Course
A Practice Foundations Course
(Civil Litigation, Criminal, or Transactions)
Professional Responsibility
(2) Practical Writing Requirements

JD CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

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Advocacy & Dispute Resolution

Business Law

Criminal Law

Entertainment Law

Entrepreneurial Law

Environmental, Land Use & Real Estate Law

International Law

Tax Law

JD ELECTIVES

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EXPLORE MORE OPTIONS

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

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JD/MBA

Juris Doctor and
Master of Business
Administration

JD/MFA

Juris Doctor and
Master of Fine Arts
(Film & Television Production)

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Choose Your Focus

Electives allow students to focus their studies, either within the requirements of an emphasis program, or to build a specialty not covered by one of the certificates. Our course offerings range from traditional, bar-tested courses to “live client” clinical training, with special topics that address the changing legal landscape.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Mediation
Negotiations
Trial Practice

Bankruptcy Law

Bankruptcy Law

Business/Corporate/Securities

Agency & Partnership
Antitrust Law
Business Planning
Client Development and Marketing
Employment Law
Financial Accounting
Fundamentals of In-House
Corporate Practice
International Business Transactions
Mergers and Acquisitions
Practice Foundations: Transactions
Secured Transactions

Civil Procedure/ Pre-trial/Trial

Client Interviewing and Counseling
Practice Foundations: Civil Litigation
Practice Foundations: Criminal Litigation
Trial Practice

Constitutional Law/ Government

Advanced Topic: Separation of Powers
Civil Rights Law
Constitutional Law: Equal Protection
& First Amendment
Federal Courts/Jurisdiction
Healthcare Law
Immigration Law
Laws of War
National Security Law
State and Local Government Law

Criminal Law

California Street Gangs
Criminal Defense Clinic
Criminal Law and Psychology
Criminal Procedure/Practice
and Professionalism
Criminal Procedure/Police Practices
Criminal Prosecution Clinic
Practice Foundations: Criminal Litigation
Preliminary Hearings

Elections

Election & Political Campaign Law



JD ELECTIVES

Entertainment/Music/Sports

Copyright Law & Practice
Entertainment Business & Legal Affairs
Entertainment Industry Contracts
Entertainment Law
Entertainment Law Clinic
Law, Lawyers & the Legal System in Film
Sports Law

Environmental/Land Use/ Real Estate

Climate Change and the Law
Commercial Leasing
Environmental Law
Real Estate Transactions

Family and Children

Community Property
Family Law

Food Law

Advanced Topic: Food Law

Health Law

Health Care Law

Immigration Law

Immigration Law
Refugee Law

Intellectual Property

Art and Cultural Heritage Law
Copyright Law and Practice
Intellectual Property
Patent Law and Practice
Trademarks and Unfair Competition



International Law

International Comparative Law
International Criminal Law
International Environmental Law
International Law & Organizations
Laws of War

Legal Research/Writing

Advanced Legal Research
Directed Research
Legal Writing Skills

Tax Law

Advanced Federal Income Tax
Estate and Gift Taxation
State & Local Taxation
Taxation of Business Organizations
Tax Law Clinic
United States Tax Court Clinic

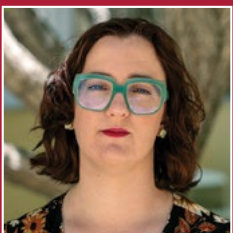
Torts and Damages

Remedies & Remedies Practice Lab

Wills, Trusts and Estate Law

Estate Planning

Specific offerings will vary from year to year, depending on periodic rotation of electives, instructor availability, student interest and scheduling dynamics.



"I was drawn to Fowler School of Law by the entertainment certificate because it allowed me to take classes specializing in entertainment and sports law. From learning about intellectual property to drafting contracts specifically for the entertainment industry, I gained valuable skills that allowed me to have an impact on day one of my work in the industry."

— JODEE STORM SULLIVAN (JD '24)

Explore Our Specialties

Focus your studies and earn a certificate by choosing one or more of our certificate programs. Demonstrate to employers that you obtained core skills in your chosen area, distinguishing yourself in the job market and in your career.

ADVOCACY & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Designed for students who will pursue a career in litigation, arbitration or mediation, this program complements our commitment to train competent, ethical lawyers by offering foundational courses that are fundamental to virtually all areas of legal practice.

Director: Professor John Bishop, bishop@chapman.edu

Core Courses: Client Interviewing and Counseling, Negotiations, Trial Practice

BUSINESS LAW

This program enables students to practice law in matters involving companies and trade associations and provides an understanding of the fundamental language of business, including mergers and acquisitions, start-ups, bankruptcy, taxation, accounting and more.

Director: Professor Tom Campbell, tcampbell@chapman.edu

Core Courses: Business Associations OR Corporations, Federal Income Tax, Financial Accounting

CRIMINAL LAW

Ideal for students interested in pursuing careers as prosecutors or defense attorneys, in this program students learn from experts in their field to gain a competitive edge upon graduating.

Director: Professor Lawrence Rosenthal, rosentha@chapman.edu

Core Courses: Criminal Law, Evidence, Criminal Procedure: Police Practices, Practice Foundations: Criminal Litigation

ENTERTAINMENT LAW

Learn the legal aspects of the entertainment business, including intellectual property rights, entertainment contract negotiations, licensing and more from faculty with broad entertainment industry experience.

Director: Professor Mary Lee Ryan, mryan@chapman.edu

Core Courses: Entertainment Law, Intellectual Property

Learn more about our JD certificate programs at chapman.edu/law/academic-programs.

ENTREPRENEURIAL LAW

The new entrepreneurship certificate program offers two tracks:
Track 1 – Solo and Small Firm Practice
Track 2 – Advising and Representing Entrepreneurs

Director: Assistant Professor Sean Bigley, bigley@chapman.edu

Core Courses: Law Practice Management (Track 1), Financial Literacy for Lawyers, Financial Accounting, Federal Income Tax, Legal Landscape of Small Business (Track 2)

ENVIRONMENTAL, LAND USE & REAL ESTATE LAW

The ENLURE program integrates the study of environmental protection and land use regulation with the study of real property transactions and development.

Director: Professor Kenneth Stahl, kstahl@chapman.edu

Core Courses: Constitutional Law, Property

Core Electives (at least two): Environmental Law, Land Use Regulation, Real Estate Transactions

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Complementing our commitment to preparing students to be global citizens, this program explores a comprehensive scope of global legal concerns, from immigration and human rights to energy security and intellectual property.

Director: Professor Lan Cao, lcao@chapman.edu

Core Courses: International Law and Organizations, International Business Transactions OR International Business Litigation

TAX LAW

Named one of the Top Schools for Tax Law in the country by *preLaw Magazine*, the Frank J. Doti Tax Law Program provides a solid foundation in an area of law that impacts both individuals and businesses, exposing students to a variety of tax issues encountered in practice.

Director: Professor George Willis, gwillis@chapman.edu

Core Courses: Estate and Gift Taxation, Federal Income Taxation, Advanced Federal Income Tax, Taxation of Business Organizations, Federal Tax Research OR Tax Procedure and Administration (with clinic) OR U.S. Tax Court Clinic

Joint Degree Programs

Our most popular joint degrees are offered in concert with Argyros College of Business and Economics and Dodge College of Film and Media Arts, allowing you to earn an additional degree quicker than if you completed them separately.

JD/MBA

Juris Doctor and Master of Business
Administration

The full-time JD/MBA program requires four years of study and acceptance to both the Fowler School of Law and Argyros College of Business and Economics. The program gives students the opportunity to obtain two highly marketable professional degrees while saving a full year of class time.

JD/MFA in Film & Television Producing

Juris Doctor and Master of Fine Arts

The full-time JD/MFA program requires four years of study and acceptance to both the Fowler School of Law and Dodge College of Film and Media Arts. The program allows students to master both the legal workings of the entertainment industry and the fundamentals of film production.

Academic Achievement Program

We ensure all law students have access to incredible support and resources for academic and professional success, including:

- One-on-one faculty mentoring
- Undergraduate-to-graduate transition workshops
- Essay-writing workshops in the 1L substantive law subjects
- Additional instruction from advanced students (Academic Fellows)

Fowler School of Law mentoring helps students pass the bar exam and become productive attorneys — all while unlocking their potential to succeed academically.



"The Academic Assistance Program helped me to step up to the challenge of post-graduate studies by helping me manage my priorities and carefully sharing time in my schedule between each of my courses and extracurricular activities."

— ZACHERY PRINCI (JD '23)



Committed to Learning

The world-class faculty at the Fowler School of Law includes three former U.S. Supreme Court clerks, a Nobel laureate, a former five-term U.S. congressman, leading legal scholars, former law partners, clinical and practice specialists and a host of passionate educators from a wide range of specialty areas.

Our professors are seasoned experts, leading public and academic discussions of the law. You can find them:

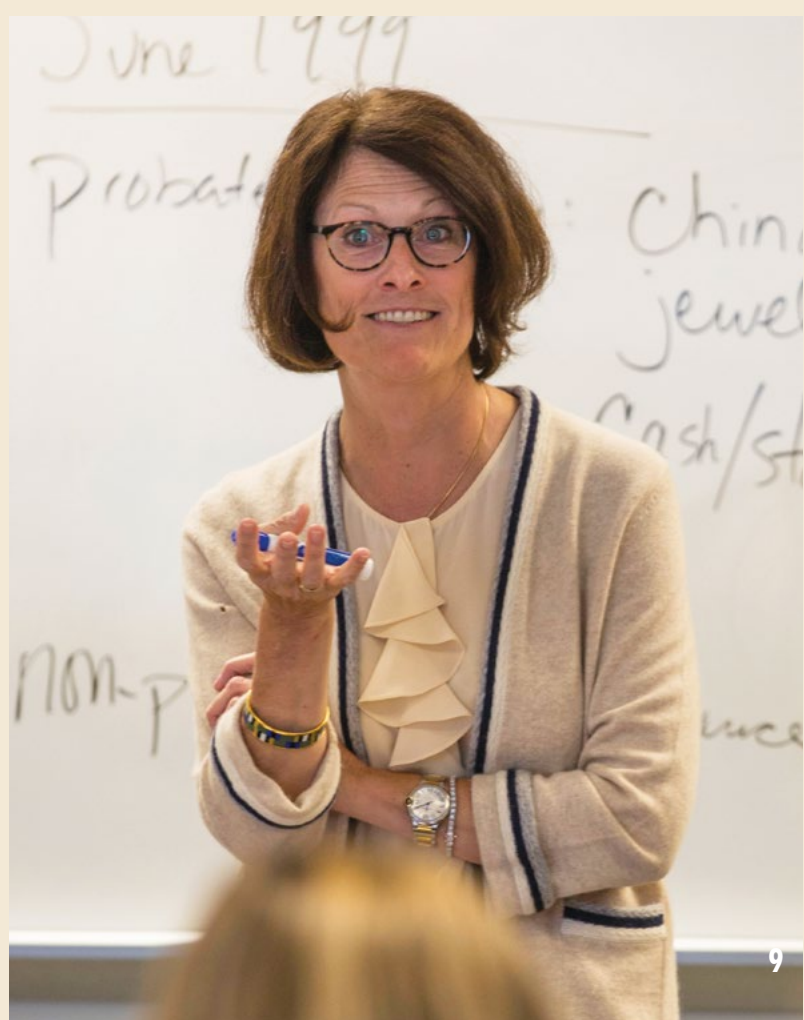
- Publishing in the nation's top law journals as well as in top-tier publications such as the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post*
- Appearing as experts on network, cable and public television and radio news programs
- Writing leading casebooks and treatises
- Contributing to legal and academic blogs



"The 'Chapman Family' means that everyone does whatever it takes to help each other succeed. Whether it's students helping each other with studying, or professors helping you understand a complicated topic during office hours, everyone wants to make sure they can do whatever it takes to help you."

— NICHOLAS GONZALEZ (JD '21)





Hands-on Training

Named one of the best law schools for practical training, the Fowler School of Law provides a rigorous legal education rooted in a practice-prepared curriculum. We teach both tangible skills and conceptual theory. We seize the opportunity to represent real clients and strategize with some of the brightest legal minds in the nation. Everything we do prepares our students to become the best lawyers possible, so that when the world calls on them, they will be ready for anything.



Experiential Learning Opportunities

We're committed to training skillful, ethical lawyers. That's why we've established innovative and exciting clinical, externship and other placement offerings, giving students invaluable hands-on experience and providing real benefits to the surrounding community.

In our legal clinics, students work on actual cases under the supervision of clinical specialists and seasoned practitioners. In addition to classroom training sessions, students engage in hands-on fieldwork with clients, research projects, document preparation, brief writing and court appearances. These clinical programs provide pro-bono services to members of the community in need of legal aid.

Criminal Defense Clinic

In partnership with the Orange County Public Defender's Office, the Chapman Law Criminal Defense Clinic is aimed at second- and third-year students focused on gaining experience in advocacy, litigation and criminal law. This clinic affords students an opportunity to gain practical experience while working under the supervision of the public defender's office.

Criminal Prosecution Clinic

Offered in partnership with the Orange County District Attorney's Office, the Criminal Prosecution Clinic provides a unique opportunity for upper-level students interested in exploring careers in advocacy, criminal law and litigation. A senior assistant district attorney teaches the classroom component of the clinic, while students work directly with assistant district attorneys in the courtroom, assisting in the prosecution of felonies and misdemeanors.

— RANKED —
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in “Best Law Schools for Practical Training” category by *preLaw Magazine*



Entertainment Contracts Law Clinic

The Entertainment Contracts Law Clinic provides students with a unique opportunity to work directly with independent filmmakers, serving as production legal counsel for feature length motion pictures. Under the supervision of veteran entertainment law faculty, participating students set up corporations and LLCs, file for copyrights and draft all production-related contracts.

Tax Law Clinic

Chapman is one of the only law schools in the nation to offer both trial and appellate level tax clinic courses. Through the program, students have served thousands of taxpayers, saving millions of dollars in taxes since launching in 1997.



PRACTICAL TRAINING

Externships

An externship isn't just another class — it's an opportunity for students to develop real-world skills so they can become well-rounded, confident lawyers. Our students work in courts, government agencies and public interest organizations and also have the opportunity to extern for law firms and legal departments of corporations.



State Government:

Attorney General of California
(multiple units)
California State Board of Equalization
Tax Appeals Assistance Program



Courts:

U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
U.S. District Court
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
California Court of Appeal
California Superior Court
Immigration Court

Local Government:

Orange County Office of the
County Counsel
Anaheim City Attorney's Office
Santa Ana City Attorney's Office
Huntington Beach City Attorney's Office
Newport Beach City Attorney's Office

Public Interest/Non-Profits:

Legal Aid Society of Orange County
Public Law Center
Children's Law Center
ACLU of Southern California
Disability Rights Legal Center
Bet Tzedek



Criminal Law:

Orange County District Attorney
Orange County Public Defender
United States Attorney's Office
Federal Public Defender



Federal Government:

U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Securities and
Exchange Commission
Equal Employment
Opportunity Commission
Office of Medicare Hearings
and Appeals
U.S. Small Business Administration
Internal Revenue Service

Make Your Own:

Know a judge who wants an extern?
Met an attorney who could use a
hand? They may be eligible to
take on an extern. As a student
at Fowler School of Law, you can
help the externship program bring
in new opportunities.

Private Placements:

Students can earn externship credit
at an ever-developing list of in-house
counsel, entertainment organizations
and private law firms. Recent
examples include:

Aitken Aitken Cohn
Earth Friendly Products
Rutan & Tucker
Universal Pictures
World Poker Tour Enterprises



Winner of Cardozo
FAME Center Moot Court
Competition, 2025

2nd in the National
Appellate Advocacy
Competition (NAAC), 2025

Winner of The Shark Beach
Showdown Moot Court
Competition, 2025



Competition Teams: A Winning Tradition

The award-winning lawyering skills competition teams at the Fowler School of Law offer opportunities to practice research, writing, analysis and communication skills. They also provide real-world platforms for students to develop ethics, judgment and professionalism. Students can receive academic credit for approved lawyering skills competitions.

Appellate Moot Court Board

The Appellate Moot Court program offers students the opportunity to develop oral and written advocacy skills in simulated courtroom settings. Student teams argue challenging legal issues in front of panels of lawyers and judges and prepare written appellate briefs.

Mock Trial Board

Members of the Mock Trial Board represent the Fowler School of Law at mock trial and arbitration competitions. Teams prepare and argue cases in an actual courtroom, with members of the bench and bar serving as judges. Participants make opening statements and closing arguments, conduct direct and cross-examination of witnesses and raise evidentiary objections when appropriate.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Board

The ADR Board consists of students who participate in client counseling, negotiation and mediation competitions both nationally and internationally.



"Being part of the Moot Court competition team was one of the highlights of my experience at Fowler School of Law. It taught me how to be prepared, tenacious and creative. I'm grateful to have been coached by accomplished Chapman alumni and to have had the opportunity to travel to places I'd never been to before. As a Latina and first-generation law student, Moot Court prepared me to become a legal professional."

— JESSICA ARBGAST (JD '23)

Law Outside the Classroom

Student Organizations & Publications

Practical training is an important focus at the Fowler School of Law, and getting involved in student organizations and publications helps students prepare for careers outside of the classroom — all while allowing them to network with lawyers and scholars in their fields of interest.



Student Organizations

Alternative Dispute Resolution Board
Animal Legal Defense Fund
Armenian Law Students Association (ALSA)
Art Law Society
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
Black Law Student Association
Chapman Law Review
Chapman Women Lawyers Association
Children's & Family Law Society
Christian Law Student Society
Constitutional Law Society
Corporate Law Society
Criminal Law Society
Diversity and Social Justice Forum
Entertainment and Sports Law Society
Environmental Law Society
Health Law Society
Immigration Law Society
Intellectual Property Law Society
International Law Society
Jewish Law Students Association
Korean American Law Student Association
Latinx Law Students Association
Law Students for Disability Rights
Middle Eastern-North African Legal Society
Mock Trial Board
Appellate Moot Court Competition Board
Muslim Law Student Association
National Lawyers Guild
National Security and Intelligence Law Society
OUTLaw
Public Interest Law Foundation
Real Estate Law Society
South Asian Law Student Association
St. Thomas More Society
Student Bar Association
Tax Law Society
Veterans Law Society

Intellectual Life at Fowler School of Law

The Fowler School of Law is home to numerous unique and engaging events that offer our students opportunities to interact with leaders in law, business and politics, while delving deeper into and openly discussing contemporary, real-world issues with social impact.



Chapman Dialogue Series

The Chapman Dialogues is the Fowler School of Law's signature lecture series that brings to campus some of the most innovative and thought-provoking leaders in law, business, academia, entertainment and public policy.

Notable Past Dialogue Speakers

- **Russ Feingold**, Former U.S. Senator
- **Jeannie Buss**, Owner, Los Angeles Lakers
- **The Hon. Paul J. Watford**, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Former Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- **Blye Pagon Faust**, Academy Award-winning producer of "Spotlight"
- **Eduardo M. Peñalver**, President of Seattle University, and Professor of Law at Seattle University School of Law

Chapman Law Review Symposium

Every spring, the student-run *Chapman Law Review* hosts an annual symposium, featuring panel discussions with distinguished scholars, judges and practitioners.

Notable Past Keynote Speakers

- **The Hon. Samuel A. Alito, Jr.**, U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- **Judge Leslie Abrams Gardner**, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia
- **John Dean**, Former Nixon White House Counsel
- **Edwin Meese III**, Former U.S. Attorney General
- **Michael Chertoff**, Former Secretary of Homeland Security

Entertainment & Sports Law Symposium

Co-sponsored by Chapman's Entertainment and Sports Law Society, this annual symposium features leaders and influencers in the fields of sports and entertainment discussing topics related to such substantive areas as intellectual property, contract law, labor law, antitrust law and corporate finance.

Inspiring Surroundings

The combination of our diverse student body and small class size makes it possible for you to connect across borders and backgrounds, opening your experience to different cultures and new ways of viewing the world. Not only do we strive to connect academic areas through collaborative study, we also work to connect students to faculty and the university to the community — so that your education is personal, relevant and engaged in the larger world.



"I chose the Fowler School of Law because of its great location. Being located in Orange County, it is also close to Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego counties. It has great weather, a beautiful campus, and most of all, truly wonderful faculty and staff who are here for you no matter what."

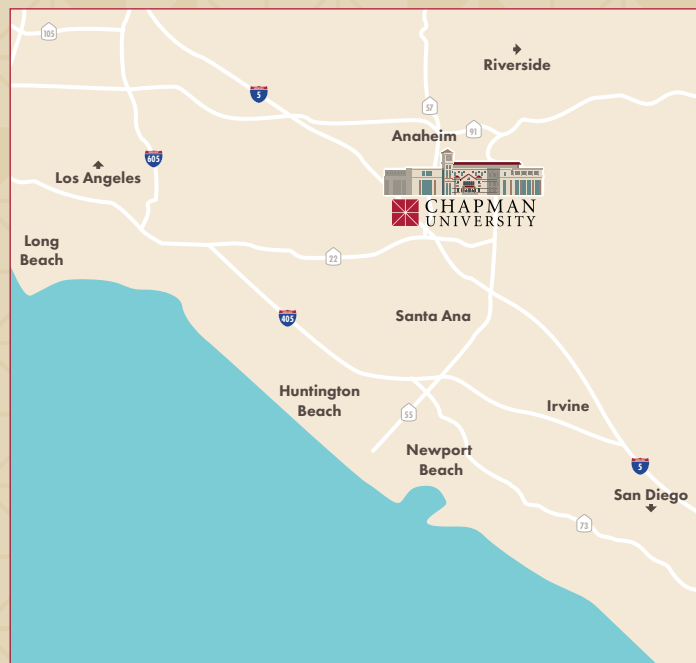
— FLOR GONZALEZ (JD '19)





Location

The Fowler School of Law is located in the heart of Orange County, just one block from the lively Old Towne Orange dining and shopping district — and a short drive to beaches and Disneyland. Our location — in close proximity to the Irvine Business Complex and the county's federal and state courts — is ideal for maximizing opportunities for externships, internships, summer employment and networking, with Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego counties nearby.



Campus

As the only private law school in Orange County that is part of an all-inclusive university campus, the Fowler School of Law is able to offer a host of additional benefits, services and activities, including:

- Aquatics center / lap pool
- Art exhibitions
- Computer discount purchase program
- Concerts and recitals
- Film screenings and theater programs
- Fitness center and tennis courts
- Football field
- International student services
- Intramural sports
- On-campus dining options
- Pool table, air hockey and foosball
- Scholarly lectures

A Commitment to Access and Opportunity

We believe in the importance of being open to all viewpoints and encouraging equal protection of the law for everyone. We invite you to bring your voice to the wonderfully diverse chorus that is the Fowler School of Law, which brings together those representing a variety of ethnicities, religious backgrounds, political affiliations, gender identities and sexual orientations.

It's because of our appreciation of viewpoint diversity that we are able to lay the foundation for a truly noble practice of law, and you would be hard pressed to find a more inclusive environment than Orange County, California – a region that has become one of the most inclusive in the country.

The Fowler School of Law was recently awarded the Cal LAW Education Pipeline Award, acknowledging the exceptional work our admissions team does in the school's Pre-Law Winter Institute. The institute is an annual showcase event where our admissions team, members of faculty, our career services office, alumni and our dean expertly coach prospective law students about what goes into earning a Juris Doctor degree.

The Constitutional Rights Foundation of Orange County awarded Chapman University Fowler School of Law their 2024 CRF Community Partner of the Year Award at their annual benefit, acknowledging the CRF-OC Law Day conference held at the school.



Recipient of the Orange County
Hispanic Bar Association's 2022
Corporate Citizen Award

Six-time recipient of the
Law School Admission Council's
Diversity Matters Award





Ranked among
preLaw magazine's
"Most Diverse Law Schools"

Winner of the 2024 Cal
Pathways Pipeline Award



An Award Winning Commitment to Access and Opportunity

The Fowler School of Law was one of just 11 schools honored with the CLEO EDGE Award for Greater Equality, which recognized our commitment to inclusivity and egalitarianism in the legal profession. An example of our past and present efforts in this area include:

- **Student Organizations:** More than three dozen student organizations at the law school represent a cross-section of ethnic, religious, cultural, political and ideological interests and populations.
- **California LAW Pathways Partner:** This exclusive program creates a clear educational pipeline for diverse students from high schools, community colleges and four-year institutions into law schools or law-related careers.
- **International Club Fair:** An annual event led by our student groups to celebrate the many cultures, cuisines and customs from their diverse backgrounds.

Fowler School of Law Adjunct Professor Tiffany Cruz, Esq.

was honored as a 2024 Woman of Distinction at the Chapman University Women of Distinction Awards ceremony. The 2024 Women of Distinction honorees, selected by the Office of First Generation and Promising Futures, are drawn from faculty, staff, students and alumni and exemplify outstanding leadership, demonstrate a commitment to advancing the empowerment of women and make meaningful contributions to Chapman University.



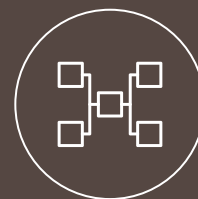
Be Prepared to Make an Impact

We want to understand your professional goals so that we can help you launch a career that will be meaningful to you. Whether it's providing tools to help you on your job path or creating networking opportunities, we are here with you every step of the way.



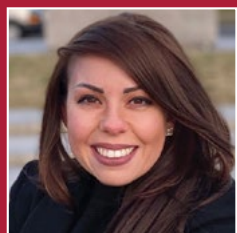
Job Search

Get real-world experience through internships, externships or paid positions — before you even explore post-graduation employment opportunities. We'll help you prepare with in-person and online mock interview programs, then put your skills to the test with on-campus interviews.



Networking

We'll help you make valuable connections with alumni and provide a complimentary membership to the Orange County Bar Association so you can mingle with fellow students and experienced attorneys at bar association events or school-sponsored mixers.



"Chapman's Career Services Office helped me every step of the way. I earned a coveted summer associate position the summer of my 2L year through on-campus interviews arranged by the CSO. This led to a full-time job offer."

— HOLLY SOLIMAN (JD '20)





Individualized Support

A dedicated Career Services advisor will provide personalized career counseling both during school and beyond to help find the best path for your passion.

Bar Prep Program

The Fowler School of Law's industry-leading bar exam preparation program includes two distinct for-credit courses that students take as part of the JD curriculum and an intensive supplemental program after graduation, during which the participants attend classes, receive individualized feedback on practice essays and take several mock bar exams.

Bar Preparation

- Selected Topics in American Law
- Advanced Selected Topics in American Law
- Legal Analysis Workshop



\$1 million

endowment received to expand bar prep program resources for students and faculty.



Practice Anywhere

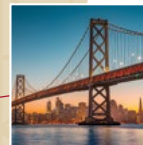
Our alumni are found in trial and appellate courtrooms and in the offices of law firms, as well as in a variety of industries, ranging from real estate and legal aid to pharmaceuticals and video game development. Although we have strong ties to the Southern California legal community, our graduates find opportunities across the United States and the globe.



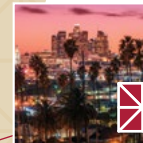
RACHEL TALLON REYNOLDS (JD '05)
Partner at Wilson Elser
Seattle, Washington



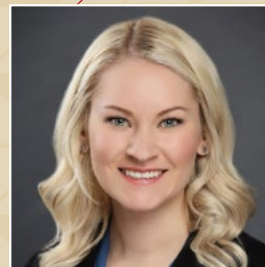
TIFFANY KUO (JD '15)
Lead Counsel, Reality Labs at Meta
San Francisco, California



LIZ DIAZ (JD '09)
General Counsel at
pocket.watch
Los Angeles, California



**KATHERINE
CURRIE-DIAMOND (JD '14)**
Deputy Public Defender at
Clark County Public Defender's Office
Las Vegas, Nevada



BRIT TEMPLETON (JD '18)
Partner at Jaburg Wilk
Phoenix, Arizona



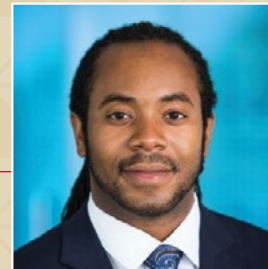
RYAN WILLIAMS (JD '02)
Partner at Wilson Elser
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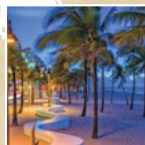
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Finance Your Future

Financial Aid

Attending law school is an investment in yourself and your future. We understand — and that's why we offer a generous scholarship program. We want you to maximize your resources and make the best decisions for your personal situation.

Merit-Based Scholarships

Admitted first-year students are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships based on undergraduate cumulative GPA and LSAT at the time of admission. These scholarships are renewable provided students have a cumulative 2.9 GPA at the end of each spring semester.

Earning a Merit Scholarship

Students who did not qualify for an entering merit-based scholarship are eligible to earn a scholarship if they rank in the top 15% of their cohort group at the end of their 1L year. Students who qualified for a partial scholarship upon matriculation are eligible for a scholarship increase, if they rank in the top 15% of their cohort group at the end of their 1L year, and the amount earned is greater than their current scholarship.

Dean's Kennedy Scholarships

Dean's Kennedy Scholarships are awarded to a very limited group of full-time admitted students with outstanding academic achievements, usually in the top 75% percentile of the student profile, to support their legal studies at Fowler School of Law. These scholarships are renewable provided students have a cumulative 2.2 GPA at the end of each spring semester.

\$5.8 million
in first-year scholarships
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Distinguished Student Fellowships

Distinguished Student Fellowships are awarded to a very limited group of full-time admitted students with outstanding academic achievements, usually in the top 75% percentile of the student profile, to support their legal studies at Fowler School of Law. The Distinguished Student Fellowship is disbursed directly to the student in two installments during their first year of study at the Fowler School of Law. Distinguished Student Fellowships are awarded in addition to and separately from Dean's Kennedy Scholarships. These fellowships are renewable provided students have a cumulative 2.2 GPA at the end of each spring semester.

First Generation Scholarships

This scholarship is open to admitted students who are the first members of their immediate family to earn an undergraduate degree or pursue a law degree. Applicants with demonstrated commitment and/or history of service to legally underserved communities' populations are given priority. The first generation scholarship application is sent to all eligible first generation students in March. These scholarships are renewable provided students have a cumulative 2.9 GPA at the end of each spring semester.

Federal Loans

A completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with Chapman University listed (school code 001164) is required to be eligible for Federal Direct Loans and need-based scholarships. Visit studentloans.gov for more information.

Private Loans

Private loans are offered by lenders for international students and students who do not qualify or do not wish to borrow federal loans.

Yellow Ribbon Program

Through the Yellow Ribbon Program, Chapman University will contribute up to \$17,500 towards qualifying tuition and fees per academic year (and the Veterans Administration will contribute matching funds) for eligible military veterans.

Additional information on scholarships, financial aid and current tuition and fees can be found on our website at chapman.edu/gradfinaid, by calling (714) 628-2730 or by emailing us at gradfinaid@chapman.edu.



Application Checklist

To be considered for admission to the JD program, all applicants must submit an application via lsac.org, which includes the following:

- ❑ **Resume:** A description of your work experience, community involvement, volunteer work, scholastic honors and achievements, and/or extracurricular activities after high school. Must be typewritten as an attachment with your electronic application.
- ❑ **Personal Statement:** A brief statement indicating your reasons for wanting to study law, why you chose to apply to Fowler School of Law and any further information you feel should be considered by the Law Admission Committee. It must not be more than three pages in length, must be typewritten in 12-point font, double-spaced and submitted as an attachment with your electronic application.
- ❑ **LSAT & LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS):** Applicants must furnish their results of the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), register for the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and pay all LSAC-mandated fees. Only LSAT scores that fall within the five-year reportable period will be considered.
- ❑ **Letters of Recommendation:** Letters must be submitted through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service that serves all member schools. The maximum number of letters we will review is three.
- ❑ **LSAT, GPA, Adversity Statement:** If you believe any item in your application requires clarification, you are welcome to submit a brief addendum to address the issue. However, an addendum is not another opportunity to submit a personal statement; it should be a concise one-page statement addressing a particular aspect of your application.

Apply Now at [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org)

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Applications are reviewed upon completion beginning in September

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Priority Deadline for **Fall JD** Applicants: **April 15**

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Deadline for **Spring Transfer & Visitor** Applicants: **December 15**

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