

Professional Development Graduation Requirement

One of the many advantages of studying law at Chapman is the opportunity to participate in our robust, research-based Professional Development Program. Through this program, which is a graduation requirement, you receive training in valuable “real world” subjects not typically covered in depth at other law schools. You are also given numerous opportunities to engage with members of the local legal community to network and receive valuable mentorships. All of these experiences combine to provide you with the actual competencies needed to become a successful practicing attorney. This program is similar to the California State Bar’s mandatory continuing legal education requirements that practicing attorneys have to complete to maintain their bar license.

Benefits

Professional Development Training

- Ethics
- Civility
- Business Development and Networking
- E-professionalism and Social Media Use
- Professional Correspondence
- Work/Life Integration
- Career Planning and Development
- Diversity and Inclusion

Opportunities for Chapman Students

- Meet and network with lawyers and judges from the local legal community
- Attend seminars and programs in your area(s) of interest
- Become a member of the Orange County Bar Association.
- Join bar sections and/or affinity groups in your area(s) of interest
- Engage in *pro bono* and volunteer activities
- Participate in the Orange County Bar Association’s Law Student Mentoring Program
- Notice of mandatory and many elective sessions will be in the weekly e-bulletin, *The Classifieds*

Graduation Requirements

- Students must attend five mandatory sessions in their first year at the law school
- Students must complete an additional four elective sessions—either law school-hosted programs or outside events approved in advance
 - Two sessions in their 2L year and two sessions in their 3L year
 - Students can earn up to two electives through *pro bono* work

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Session Hours Personal Log

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Date	Event	Check if Completed
	Mandatory Event #1:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mandatory Event #2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mandatory Event #3:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mandatory Event #4:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mandatory Event #5	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Elective #1:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Elective #2:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Elective #3:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Elective #4:	<input type="checkbox"/>

REQUIREMENTS

- 5 mandatory sessions must be completed by end of your first year (transfer students must complete these credits by the end of your second year).
- 4 elective sessions (2 elective credit hours must be completed by the end of your second year; the remaining 2 credit hours must be completed by the end of your last year). Participation in preapproved *pro bono* projects may count toward elective credits up to a maximum of 2 credit hours regardless of the number of projects you complete.

I understand that I must complete the required 9 Professional Development Graduation Requirement Credits before my Juris Doctor degree will be conferred on me and that I will not graduate from Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law without completing these requirements.

Signature: _____ Date: _____