USC Gould is a unique academic environment. We are a small and collegial community where collaboration is ever present, yet we embrace high standards and academic excellence. We have a history that stretches back more than 100 years, yet we are leaders in experiential education and do not hesitate to embrace changes that can make us better. We teach and study law, but the methods and perspective of other academic disciplines are in our DNA and enrich our classrooms and intellectual community. Our classes are rigorous and our faculty will push you, but your success is our top priority. I invite you to read these materials and see why USC Gould might be the right law school for you.

Andrew T. Guzman
Dean and Carl Mason Franklin Chair In Law
USC Gould’s curriculum is comprehensive, interdisciplinary and designed to challenge. We ground students in the reality of the law: letter and spirit, theory and practice. Not only will you learn the functions and structures of legal rules and argument—you’ll learn how lawyers actually work by participating in clinics, internships and externships.

Because we believe your legal education should be deep as well as broad, our three-year curriculum lets you specialize in traditional law or an emerging field. We stress the interconnections among law and other academic areas, from economics and history to public policy and health care. USC Gould’s scholarly yet practical approach ensures that you will gain the skills and perspective every lawyer needs.

Whether you think you would like to enter private practice, public service, academia or the corporate arena, USC Gould will help you design a course of study that meets your plans for the future. USC Gould provides an innovative take on traditional law, and we encourage pioneering viewpoints. Through mind-expanding course work and hands-on experience with real clients, USC Gould really prepares you for practice.
1st Year
Prepare to examine the foundations of the law and develop the lawyering skills you’ll need for any legal career you choose. Your course materials will include the basic sources of law—common law, constitutions, and statutes. Teaching methods vary across courses, but expect to engage in Socratic dialogue and participate in class discussions analyzing legal issues, reasons, and arguments. First-year classes meet in sections ranging in size from 15 to 70 students—small enough to foster class participation, big enough to offer diverse perspectives.

Beginning Spring 2016, 1Ls will select one of three new elective courses designed to prepare students for the upper division years of law school, as well as for their careers after law school.

- **Fundamentals of Business**— trains our law students in the basics of business and financial concepts that are important to effective legal work.
- **Legal Profession**— oriented for lawyers who aspire to careers in the public interest or public sector areas.
- **Constitutional Rights**— examines many of the key rights protected by the U.S. Constitution with a particular emphasis on equal protection rights and rights under the due process clause.
Year 1

9 Foundation Courses
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Law, Language and Values
- Legal Profession
- Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy
- Procedure
- Property
- Torts

Summer Internships

Student Organizations
Legal Clinics
- Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic
- International Human Rights Clinic
- Immigration Clinic
- Mediation Clinic
- Post-Conviction Justice Project
- Small Business Clinic

Personalized Academic Path
Upper Level Courses and Seminars
- Clinical Training and Public Interest Law
- Corporate and Business Law
- The Court System and Civil Rights
- Environmental Law and Land Use
- Family Law, Health, and Behavioral Sciences
- Government Regulation
- Intellectual Property, Entertainment, and Patent Law
- International Law
- Law and Society
- Law of Taxation

Certificate Programs
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Law
- Entertainment Law

Interdisciplinary Education
- Center for Law and Social Sciences
- Center for Law, History, and Culture
- Center for the Study of Law and Politics
- Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics
- Center on Law and Philosophy
- Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics
- Initiative and Referendum Institute

Continuing Legal Education Program
- Institute on Entertainment Law and Business
- Institute for Corporate Counsel
- Real Estate Law and Business Forum
- Tax Institute
- Trust and Estate Conference
- Intellectual Property Institute
88 Credits Required to Graduate

Judicial Clerkships
Clinical Externships
Entertainment Practicum
International Programs
Public Interest

Law Review
and Journals

Judicial Clerkship
Preparation

Moot Court
Competition

Academic Support
Program

Public Service

Study Abroad
Programs

Bar Examination
Preparation

Intensive Career
Management Program

Dual Degree Programs
J.D./Master of Arts in Economics
J.D./Master of Business Administration
J.D./Master of Business Taxation
J.D./Master of Arts in International Relations
J.D./Master of Arts in Communications Management
J.D./Master of Arts in Political Science
J.D./Master of Science in Gerontology
J.D./Master of Real Estate Development
J.D./Master of Social Work
J.D./Master of Public Administration
J.D./Master of Public Policy
J.D./Master of Philosophy
J.D./Doctor of Pharmacy
J.D./Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science (CalTech)
J.D./Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science and International Relations
2nd and 3rd Years

With your first-year foundation firmly in place, you’re ready to develop and pursue your personal interest in the law. Your coursework is entirely up to you. Choose from USC Gould’s broad curriculum of courses, seminars, clinical instruction, and supervised writing programs. Some upper-division courses explore basic subjects, such as taxation, evidence, and criminal procedure. Others provide advanced instruction that assumes knowledge of basic subjects. Upper-level courses and seminars are small, and instruction is intensive. Seminars are offered on many topics and are designed to facilitate in-depth, small-group discussion.

In your second and third years, you can earn academic credit by serving as an editor or staff member for one of USC Gould’s scholarly journals. Faculty members will review and evaluate your written work. You can also earn academic credit by assisting on directed research projects.
Year 2
August:
Early Interview Week
Off Campus Interview Programs in New York and Washington, D.C.
September:
Fall On Campus Interview Program
February:
Spring On Campus Interview Program

Year 3
August:
Early Interview Week
Off Campus Interview Programs in New York and Washington, D.C.
September:
Fall On Campus Interview Program
October:
Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair in Washington, D.C.
November:
Public Interest Career Fair
Interview Program
February:
Spring On Campus Interview Program
LEGAL CLINICS

By the time you’ve finished your first year of the USC Law curriculum, you’ve learned that lawyers do not live by theory alone. To instill lawyering skills of the highest quality—and to steep students in real experience of the law—USC Gould maintains six client clinics (five of which are live client clinics and not simulated) that give you the opportunity to put theory into practice. Los Angeles itself allows USC Gould to offer an incredible diversity of legal clinics with exposure to both litigation and transactional work.

The clinical program offers two kinds of training. Through classroom exercises that simulate real-life law practice, you’ll use hypothetical case materials to study a case and take it to court, with actors serving as clients and witnesses. And in the clinics, under the supervision of faculty members and practicing attorneys, you’ll work with actual clients—sharpening your skills while experiencing the impact your legal education can have on real people in the community.
USC clinical programs include the Mediation Clinic, Immigration Clinic, International Human Rights Clinic, Small Business Clinic, Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic and the Post-Conviction Justice Project.

**DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS**

USC Gould sponsors 15 dual-degree programs, in partnership with other professional schools at USC and Caltech. Participate in one of these programs and leave USC Gould with recognized competence that combines with your legal education to prepare you for specific career options.

Most dual-degree programs can be completed in three years, but a few till take four years. To pursue a dual degree, you must apply separately to the J.D. program and to the non-law discipline, at the time of your application to USC Gould or during your first year of law school.

All dual-degree candidates, with the exception of those participating in the J.D./Doctor of Pharmacy program,
must complete their first year of law school before taking non-law courses.

J.D. / Master of Arts in Economics
J.D. / Master of Business Administration
J.D. / Master of Business Taxation
J.D. / Master of Arts in International Relations
J.D. / Master of Arts in Communications Management
J.D. / Master of Arts in Political Science
J.D. / Master of Science in Gerontology
J.D. / Master of Real Estate Development
J.D. / Master of Social Work
J.D. / Master of Public Administration
J.D. / Master of Public Policy
J.D. / Master of Philosophy
J.D. / Doctor of Pharmacy
J.D. / Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science (Caltech)
J.D. / Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science and International Relations

**STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**

USC Gould offers study abroad programs in China, Italy, France, Australia, and Brazil for J.D. students. These programs provide opportunities to learn about foreign legal systems and experience different cultures. Qualified second and third year J.D. candidates are
exposed to international law as they take part in exchange programs with leading partner institutions worldwide. Experience in other cultures and knowledge of international legal arenas is important for law school graduates in an increasingly interconnected world.

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

As part of our commitment to inter-professional education, we offer three specialized certificate programs—Business Law, Entertainment Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). The Business Law certificate prepares students to address legal and business issues that practitioners face when engaging in transactional work. The Entertainment Law certificate prepares students for legal and business issues that practitioners face in the entertainment and media practice areas. The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) certificate prepares students in the arbitration and mediation practice areas.
Judicial Externships and Clerkships

Judicial Externships
At USC Gould, you have the career-making opportunity to earn academic credit while working as an extern for a state or federal judge. Judicial externs develop legal analysis and writing skills, gain exposure to adversarial practice, and witness the judicial decision-making process from a unique and valuable perspective.

For 2014–15, over 70 students externed for academic credit for judges/justices in the California Court of Appeal, Los Angeles Superior Court, U.S. District Court, U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.
Judicial Clerkships
Judicial Clerkships are a key credential for your future practice of law—no matter what the area of legal specialty. Many USC Gould graduates earn coveted berths as judicial law clerks to federal and state judges.

By beginning their legal careers in a judge’s chambers, and taking on these prestigious clerkships, USC Gould graduates find themselves in the enviable position of being later courted for a wealth of amazing career opportunities in both the public and private sectors. It’s commonly noted that a judicial clerkship can help accelerate a young attorney’s path to law firm partnerships and other prestigious positions.

**USC Gould Federal Judicial Clerkships 2012–14**

**Circuit Level**
- 9th Circuit Court of Appeals
- 8th Circuit Court of Appeals
- 5th Circuit Court of Appeals
- 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals

**District Level**
- Central District of California
- District of Nevada
- District of New Mexico
- Southern District of Florida
- Southern District of Texas
Moot Court allows USC Gould students to take part in simulated court proceedings before mock appellate-court panels made up of seasoned practicing attorneys and sitting judges from the local community and across the country. Actually preparing cases that mimic real cases often pulled from current events provides you with lively hands-on experience. It’s an exciting opportunity to research, write and present in order to hone these important skills in a controlled environment.
Commitment to Public Service

Can one law student make a difference? The USC Gould community says, unequivocally, “Yes.” Whether you’re assisting a family in adopting a child, or a veteran with medical and housing benefits, you can make a difference through countless volunteer opportunities, internships, in-house legal clinics, and grant programs.

Interested in learning more? Visit:
Office of Public Service:
gould.usc.edu/why/public/ops.cfm
Public Interest Law Foundation:
gould.usc.edu/why/students/orgs/pilf.cfm
Latino Law Students Association Teen Court Program:
gould.usc.edu/go/llsa
Street Law Outreach Program:
gould.usc.edu/why/students/orgs/streetlaw.cfm
USC Gould’s student-run Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) offers myriad volunteer opportunities in partnership with Los Angeles’ leading public interest organizations. PILF also provides more than 25 summer grants that enable students to work for a variety of public-interest agencies each summer—gaining practical legal experience while providing desperately needed legal aid to the poor and underrepresented.

USC Gould’s Office of Public Service (OPS) supports all student-driven service projects. The OPS also coordinates public-service externships. Approximately 100 students annually earn academic credit and develop their advocacy skills while working for public interest organizations, government agencies, and judges.

USC Gould’s Clinical Program offers students an opportunity to participate during the academic year or work full-time over the summer for one of several in-house clinics, including: Immigration Clinic, Intellectual Property and Technology, International Human Rights Clinic, Post-Conviction Justice Project, Small Business Clinic, and Mediation Clinic.

There are many ways to get involved in public interest projects at USC Gould. Legal Aid Alternative Breaks (LAAB) sponsored spring break trips to the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast, where students provided crucial legal
services to residents rebuilding their lives. Other student-led service projects include Latino Law Students Association’s Teen Court, a diversion program for first-time juvenile offenders in lieu of formal juvenile court proceedings, and Street Law, a nationally recognized educational outreach program that teaches legal literacy to local high school students.

USC encourages students to pursue careers in public interest, pro bono opportunities, and other public service beyond law school by providing:

**PILF’s Irmas Fellowship**
An annual fellowship for a one-year, post-graduate position with the nonprofit agency of the fellow’s choice

**Clinton Orfalea Brittingham Fellowship**
A one-year, post-graduate opportunity to work on one of the foundation’s domestic or international initiatives

**Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)**
Funds which help repay student loans for graduates working in public service

**PILF’s Outstanding Public Interest Graduate Award**
Honors alumni commitment to public-interest careers

**Justice Bus Project**
Teams of attorney and law students volunteer to set up free legal clinics for low-income Californians living in rural and isolated communities.
USC Gould boasts 58 full-time faculty and more than 100 adjunct professors with legal expertise in a variety of areas, including politics, intellectual property, business, international, entertainment, ethics and tort reform. USC Gould’s interdisciplinary focus is strengthened by these faculty members, many of whom hold doctorates in other fields.
2015–16 Faculty

Scott A. Altman  Gillian K. Hadfield  Rachel Kronick Rothbart
Pauline M. Aranas  Leeanna Izuel  Heidi L. Rummel
Elizabeth Armour  Diana C. Jaque  Julie A. Ryan
Jody David Armour  Kyle W. Jones  Emily Ryo
Jonathan M. Barnett  Gregory C. Keating  Elyn R. Saks
Valerie Barreiro  Edward D. Kleinbard  Wayne Sandholtz
Kristen Bell  Daniel M. Klerman  Hilary M. Schor
Scott H. Bice  Lisa Klerman  Donald Scotten
Michael J. Brennan  Bart A. Kosko  Michael H. Shapiro
Rebecca L. Brown  Rosanne Krikorian  Sandy Y. Shin
Kim Shayo Buchanan  Yoon-Ho Alex Lee  Dan Simon
Deborah A. Call  George Lefcoe  Karen Skinner
Alexander M. Capron  Martin L. Levine  Edwin M. Smith
Elizabeth A. Carroll  Sharon A. Lloyd  Nomi M. Stolzenberg
Michael A. Chasalow  Rebecca S. Lonergan  Gary Watson
Marshall Cohen  Thomas D. Lyon  Mark I. Weinstein
Catherine Coleman  Edward G. Matsusaka  Simon J. Wilkie
Geoffrey Cowan  Edward J. McCaffery  Diana I. Williams
David B. Cruz  Melissa Joy Miller  Leonette M. Williams
Bryant Danner  Claudia Moatti  Abby K. Wood
Judy K. Davis  Paul J. Moorman  Susan C. Wright
Samuel C. Erman  Kevin J. Murphy  USC Gould School of Law
Susan R. Estrich  Wendy Y. Nobunaga
Edward J. Finegan  Clare Pastore
Raymond Flores  Cynthia Prado-Guyer
Niels W. Frenzen  Brian M. Raphael
Alice R. Galstian  Robert K. Rasmussen
Ronald R. Garet  Chloe T. Reid
Hannah R. Garry  Jean Reisz
Thomas D. Griffith  Alison Dundes Renteln
Ariela J. Gross  Camille Gear Rich
Sofia Mary Gruskin  Stephen M. Rich
Andrew T. Guzman  Daria Roithmayr
Student Experience

USC Gould offers support in many areas of student life. From the moment you begin law school, you’ll have access to programs, workshops, organizations, and activities that provide personal, academic, and professional enrichment. We’re here to help you have the best possible law school experience.
A great benefit for USC Gould students is that we are a small, tight-knit community, amidst a large and vibrant campus with resources that serve thousands of students. USC Gould School’s Office of Student Services recognizes and addresses the unique needs of law students.
USC Gould’s Office of Student Services provides personalized support for students. There are many programs and services that help students with the personal issues associated with transitioning to law school, and then thriving once here. Some things you can access through Student Services:

**Mentorship:** We offer a Peer Mentor Program that helps incoming students transition into law school by providing trusting interactions with a second-year student mentor. Mentors guide new students to social and developmental resources that help them become an integral part of the law school and alumni community.

**Health and Wellness:** Law school involves a great investment of time and effort that can often lead to anxiety and stress. We help students maintain a healthy balance between school and life. Through on-campus counseling, medical and disability services, students receive the assistance required to face mental and physical challenges. For students with disabilities, we work with other university services to coordinate necessary accommodations and support.
Awards: Each spring, USC Gould presents the Edward and Eleanor Shattuck Awards, the Miller Johnson Equal Justice Award and the Mason C. Brown Award to selected graduating law students.

Student Organizations: The diversity of USC Gould’s student population is reflected in over thirty political, religious, social, cultural and ethnic organizations. Students play an active and valued role in the day-to-day operation of the law school and are encouraged to pursue their interests through the creation of new student organizations and events.

Academic Support: It is common for first-year law students to seek guidance in learning the new language and analytic skills that confront them in law school. The Academic Support Program assists students as they learn how to study law. It also works to support students seeking to improve their academic performance throughout their studies. With the guidance of peer tutors and faculty, new students learn to hone their writing skills through periodic co-curricular workshops as well as specialized courses, myriad online resources, and individual counseling. All of these resources and approaches are designed to help students achieve success in their classes, on the Bar examination, and in law practice.
Find out more about your future colleagues at gould.usc.edu
This is Our Legacy

With more than 100 years of renowned legal education, USC Gould is an institution that continues to make history, through its philosophy of innovation, and through its people. By the students, for the students, that’s the founding premise and guiding principle behind USC Gould.

At the end of the 19th century, when there was no formal law school in Southern California, aspiring lawyers prepared by “reading law” at local firms. Then, in 1896, a band of ambitious apprentices brought organized legal education to Los Angeles. Their goal: Create “a school of permanent character,” and educate lawyers of exceptional quality. Today’s USC Gould reflects a distinguished past built on the principles of equity and excellence, and the courage to break new ground.
1896
Year established. James Brown Scott as head.

1911
Moves to Tajo Building

1912
Yearbook reflects diverse and international student body

1924
You Chung Hong graduates and becomes first Chinese American to practice in California

1925
USC Gould moves to the University Park campus.

1931
African American, Edwin Jefferson graduates
Diversity Pioneers: From its informal beginnings, the fledgling institution made diversity its earliest hallmark and embraced this innovation every step of the way. USC Gould’s early yearbooks showcase the school’s deep commitment to diversifying the profession. The faces of students reflect the communities that USC alumni have gone on to lead.

Alumni on the Bench: In the school’s first 100 years, more than 450 graduates have held state and federal judgeships, making USC Gould a key contributor to leadership in the legal profession. In 1906, Frederick W. Houser ’00, became the first alumnus to serve on the bench when he was elected to the Los Angeles Superior Court. Georgia Bullock ’14 became the first woman appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court. In recent years, USC Gould graduates formed the majority on the California Supreme Court—unprecedented among law schools.

Women in the Law: The five women on the committee that founded USC Gould began a tradition of women in leadership perpetuated throughout the school’s history. In 1911, USC formed the nation’s first female law-student sorority, Phi Delta Delta. By 1930, USC was a national leader in preparing women for careers in law, and, in 1968, became the first leading law school with a female dean. Today, women constitute approximately half of each class, making way for a new generation of trailblazers.

Law Without Boundaries: Recognizing the complexity of law practice in an increasingly interconnected world, USC Gould professors began to integrate the social sciences, such as anthropology and economics, into their law classes as early as the 1960s. Today, USC Gould continues to transcend traditional boundaries through the many professors who hold advanced degrees in economics, history, political science, and psychology, in addition to law credentials.

Public Interest: Believing that practical experience is essential, in 1928, USC became one of the country’s first law schools to establish a public-interest clinic. In time, the clinic evolved into the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, one of the state’s largest providers of free legal services and a place where USC students continue to contribute.
1949
First William Green Hale
Moot Court competition.

1961
Southern California
Law Review staff

1968
Dorothy W. Nelson
becomes the first
woman dean of a leading
American law school.

1970
USC Gould
moves into the
Elvon and Mabel
Musick Building.

2006
Office of Public
Service is formed

2014
USC’s Post-Conviction Justice
Project represents Mary Jones,
freed after being wrongly
convicted for 32 years.

2015
$5 million gift to launch
the Alternative Dispute
Resolution program.
Alumni Network

This is who we become:
Leaders in the practice of law. Career advantages begin before you even search for a job, and continue long after you receive your degree. From our Alumni Mentor Lunch in your first year which introduces you to the USC Gould Alumni Network, to our Career Services support throughout your career, USC Gould networking epitomizes a collegial approach to career-building.
Bruce Soll ’82
Undergraduate School: Claremont McKenna College
Current Employer: L Brands, Inc.
At USC Gould, my path included a Washington DC component and my USC Gould network was always invaluable. I’m always glad to help students considering a DC or non-traditional pathway.

Jamie Heine ’13
Undergraduate School: University of California, Berkeley
Current Employer: Covington & Burling LLP
Attending USC Law is among the best decisions I have ever made. The collegial student environment provides an encouraging setting for new law students, and allowed me to make life-long friends. The school offers an unparalleled mix of interdisciplinary and practical learning courses that helped me hit the ground running when I entered legal practice. Most of all, the faculty, staff, and alumni are committed to the success of their students and consistently go above and beyond to help students navigate their careers and find opportunities.

Anna Lee ’12
Undergraduate School: University of Virginia
Current Employer: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
The strength of USC lies in its small, intimate class size. This contributes to a collegial community of students, deeper relationships with faculty, and easy access to administration.
Steve Mindel ’85
Undergraduate School: University of California, Los Angeles
Current Employer: Feinberg Mindel Brandt & Klein LLP
The USC Gould alumni network is one of the most powerful and important driving forces in the success of our 18-attorney family law practice. My USC connections were responsible for my first law firm job, finding my first law partner, and building our practice into one of the premier family law practices in LA county. At USC, your 3 years in law school is just the beginning of your lifetime Trojan family experience.

Matt Cave ’11
Undergraduate School: University of Michigan
Current Employer: Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
The Trojan Network is truly invaluable. During my 1st year, I was introduced to a USC Gould alum who is a partner at a prominent LA law firm and has been a mentor to me since. After graduating, I clerked for a judge in the Central District of California who is a “double Trojan.” Today, I keep in close contact with my USC Gould classmates, who collectively work at nearly every law firm in LA.
Richard Benes ’76
Undergraduate School: Yale University
Current Employer: Self
At USC I was trained to question the meaning of language. That training opens the mind, and it is a very special strength of a legal education at USC. Having practiced civil appellate law for 38 years, I remain grateful for that training every day. USC truly graduates physicists in the law, not mechanics.

Rosezetta Upshaw ’11
Undergraduate School: UC Berkeley
Current Employer: Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers
The strength of USC Gould comes from the people. All of the professors, deans, staff, and alumni are committed to helping students reach their goals and all of the students want each other to succeed.

Andrew Elken ’09
Undergraduate School: Princeton University
Current Employer: Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
As an East-coaster, it was important to me to choose a law school that would open doors in any city. I currently practice corporate law in New York City and there is no doubt in my mind that USC Gould School provides nationwide opportunities to its students.
Frank Walton ’08
Undergraduate School: Boston College
Current Employer: Morgan Stanley
After attending the admitted students’ reception, I found the most
down to earth and welcoming student body and faculty of all of the
schools I visited. Finally, I was definitely ready to leave the northeast
weather behind for a few years. I couldn’t be happier with my choice.

Mark Karasik ’81
Undergraduate School: USC
Current Employer: Baker & Mckenzie LLP
Everything good in my life started with USC. I went to USC undergrad.
I went to USC Gould. I met my wife there. My youngest son has two USC degrees.
I was hired out of USC Gould by the Chicago office of Baker & McKenzie LLP in 1981
and have worked there since.

“Everything good in my life started with USC.” Mark Karasik ’81
Justin H. Sanders ’00
Undergraduate School: Morehouse College
Current Employer: Sanders Roberts & Jewett LLP
I chose USC Gould over other top law schools because of USC’s relatively small class size and the close interaction between the professors, administrators and students. USC opened countless professional opportunities for me and has provided me with an amazing, life-long network of close friends and business contacts.

Rafael Bernardino ’84
Undergraduate School: USC
Current Employer: Hobson, Bernardino & Davis, LLP
It is fair to say that every job I have ever had, from Law Clerk to the Honorable Manuel L. Real (alum) to my first jobs at the United States Department of Justice (alums) to every firm I worked for (many alums) were facilitated by an alum; first giving me an opportunity, and then encouraging my development as an attorney.
“The sunshine, culture, and maybe the bacon-wrapped hot dogs reeled me in, the Trojan Network has kept me here.”

Cristyn Chadwick ’11

Christiane Roussell ’06
Undergraduate School: Georgetown University
Current Employer: Hunton & Williams
When I visited other schools and asked students if they liked the school, they usually replied, “Well, it’s law school,” as though law school was not meant to be enjoyable. However, when I visited USC Gould, every student I encountered was genuinely happy to be there and made glowing remarks about the invested faculty and staff, the camaraderie amongst students, and the engaged alumni.

Cristyn Chadwick ’11
Undergraduate School: University of Michigan
Current Employer: Reed Smith, LLP
I’m a Midwesterner through and through. I love steak and potatoes and football. But moving to Los Angeles when I got into USC Gould was the best decision I’ve made. The sunshine, culture, and maybe the bacon-wrapped hot dogs reeled me in, the Trojan Network has kept me here.
Whether you stay in California, or your career aspirations take you across the country, USC Gould offers plenty of support. The knowledgeable professionals in the Career Services Office are on tap to help you design a tailored job search through individualized career counseling, providing information and access to public and private sector employers both regionally and nationally, orchestrating recruitment programs and job fairs, and engaging the famous Trojan network to help pave the way in the legal community. Each fall and
spring, hundreds of private law firms, government and public interest agencies, and corporations from around the country visit USC Gould, or participate in our job fairs in major legal markets nationwide, to interview our students for summer or post-graduate jobs. USC Gould’s Career Services team understands the legal market and how best to launch you into it.
USC Gould’s recent graduates work for private and public sector employers across the country, including:

- #Instacurity
- Adelson, Testan, Brundo, Novell & Jimenez
- Advancement Project
- Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP
- Alston Bird LLP
- Arizona Attorney General’s Office
- Arnold & Porter LLP
- Asian American Justice Center
- Avasant Law LLP
- Baker & Hostetler LLP
- Baker Marquart LLP
- Bayview Asset Management
- BCMS Corporate
- Best Best & Krieger LLP
- Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP
- Bononi Law Group LLP
- Browne George Ross LLP
- Bryan Cave LLP
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid
- Cades Schutte LLP
- CAI International, Inc.
- Caldwell Leslie & Proctor, PC
- California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General
- California Department of Transportation
- California Public Utilities Commission
- California School Employees Association
- Canlas Law Group, APLC
- Carecen
- Carico Johnson Toomey LLP
- Cedars-Sinai Technology Transfer Office
- Chicago Park District
- Clark County District Attorney’s Office
- Clark County of Nevada Manager’s Office
- Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
- Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST)
- Conlin, Mckenney & Philbrick, P.C.
- Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office
- Courteau & Associates, P.C.
- Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP
- Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
- Crawford Tax Law Group
- Crone Hawxhurst LLP
- Crowell & Moring LLP
- David Steiner & Associates
- Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
- Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
- Dechert LLP
- Dentons
- Dickstein Shapiro LLP
- DLA Piper
- Donaldson & Calif
- Dongell Lawrence & Finney LLP
- Doniger/Burroughs
- Dorsey & Whitney LLP
- Drinkle Biddle & Reath LLP
- Effres & Associates
- Eighth Judicial District Attorney's Office
- Enterprise Counsel Group, A Law Corporation
- Environmental Integrity Project
- Ernst & Young
- Evercore Partners, Inc.
- Fangda Partners
- Feldman & Associates, PLLC
- Ferguson Case Orr Paterson LLP
- Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett and Dunner LLP
- Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto
Locke Lorde LLP
Loeb & Loeb LLP
Los Angeles City Attorney's Office
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers, Inc.
Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center
Losh & Leon PC
Losvet Co., LLC
Low, McKinley, Baleria & Salenko LLP
Lund Law Group, PLLC
Mahamedi Paradise LLP
Makarem & Associates
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP
Marcin Lambirth LLP
Markson Pico LLP
Martinian & Associates, Inc.
Maschoff Brennan
Mayer Brown LLP
McCormick Barstow LLP
McDermott Will & Emery LLP
McGuire Woods LLP
Messner Reeves LLP
Meyer Law Organization
Michelman & Robinson, LLP
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP
Miles, Sears & Eanni PC
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If you’re going to spend three years as a law student immersed in the law, shouldn’t you choose a setting that’s dynamic, diverse, and rich in opportunity? That’s Los Angeles—the perfect place to study hard (maybe even at the beach), lose yourself in the local culture, and plot your first big career move.

USC is at the center of one of the most exciting urban environments of the 21st century. Los Angeles is ethnically diverse, culturally vibrant, and has a fantastic and varied climate that permits unparalleled year-round recreational activities. It’s one of few places in the world where you could ski on snow-capped mountains in the morning and hit the beach with your surfboard by afternoon.
All aspects of high and popular culture are represented in Los Angeles; L.A. is an incredible center of outstanding and innovative film, music, theatre and dance. L.A. is also one of the most affordable and diverse cities in which to eat. From the fresh produce in numerous farmers’ markets to sidewalk stands that are L.A. institutions, you will find not just the best hamburgers and hot dogs, but also amazing sushi, burritos, dim sum, pho, kalbi and pupusas.

If it’s culture you’re looking for, look no farther. Los Angeles boasts world-class art museums such as the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Norton Simon Museum of Art. Depending on your musical tastes, you could enjoy the Los Angeles Philharmonic at Walt Disney Concert Hall, a world-music festival at the Hollywood Bowl, a show at LA Live downtown, or a small rock gig at the Roxy on just about any given night of the year. If it’s drama you long for, choose from the renowned Ahmanson Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, or a plethora of smaller stages that boast big names and world-premiere shows.

If you’re a sports fan, you don’t need us to tell you that Los Angeles is a sports haven. Starting with our own national champion USC Trojans, you’ll have plenty of opportunities to see the best in everything from football to basketball, baseball to hockey, and golf to soccer. Enjoying sports is a year-round activity here. Local opportunities include skiing in the San Gabriel mountains, hiking and camping in the California desert or the Santa Monica Mountains, and swimming or surfing in the Pacific Ocean. Weekend trips from Los Angeles include some of the most awe-inspiring places on earth, including the Sierra Nevada mountains, Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Parks, the Mojave Desert, and the Baja coast.

Living in Los Angeles means choices. Just pick a neighborhood from Downtown L.A. to Beverly Hills to Silver Lake or Pasadena to Venice Beach, Los Angeles’ eclectic and varied neighborhoods offer a wide range of lifestyles. Each one has housing options, shops, restaurants, and parks with its own unique flavor and vibe.
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224

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3,928,864

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470

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2 September 2015
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Complete USC Gould’s Application for Admission and write your personal statement. You must transmit your application electronically using LSAC’s electronic application service. LSAC will send an electronic version of your application directly to USC Gould.

3 October 2015
Get Letters of Recommendation Written and Submit to CAS
We require that you submit at least two letters of recommendation through the CAS Letter of Recommendation Service. At least one of these letters should specifically address your academic abilities.

4 November 15, 2015
Early Decision Deadline

5 January 1, 2016
File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Complete the 2016–2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.ed.gov. When completing the FAFSA, list University of Southern California (code #001328) in the schools release section of the form. Parental information is not required.

6 February 1, 2016
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Priority review will be given to applicants who file a timely application by February 1, 2016. All applicants who submit by this deadline will receive an admissions decision by May 15.
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