

An aerial photograph of the Pepperdine University campus, showing various buildings, parking lots, and green spaces. The campus is situated on a hillside overlooking the ocean. The sky is clear and blue. The text "PEPPERDINE | CARUSO SCHOOL OF LAW" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

PEPPERDINE | CARUSO SCHOOL OF LAW



**YOU BECOME A LEGAL PROFESSIONAL
ON YOUR FIRST DAY AT CARUSO LAW**

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PREPARE TODAY FOR THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

In its 50-year history, the Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law has risen further and faster than any other private law school in the nation. We are unrivaled in our academic program, welcoming community, and spectacular location overlooking the Pacific Ocean. We are proud to be ranked among the top 50 law schools in the *U.S. News & World Report* annual ranking of the Best Law Schools in America.

At the Caruso School of Law, you will find that our legal training, fused with our faculty's faith-fueled devotion to your success, is second to none. Our accomplished teachers and scholars get to know you personally, with their offices, homes, and hearts open to you from day one, equipping you to thrive in law school today and in the legal marketplace tomorrow.

No other place can match our distinctive Pepperdine community marked by scholastic excellence, Christian values, and rigorous, real-world legal training. Diverse in our backgrounds and faiths, we are united in our commitment to embolden you to reach higher than you ever thought possible.

OUR MISSION

IS TO STRENGTHEN LIVES FOR PURPOSE, SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP

Pepperdine Caruso Law strives to be the nation's premier faith-based law school, combining academic excellence and Christian values in a unique, close-knit community that is welcoming to all. We ignite in our students a lifelong passion for law through a transformative experience that launches them into impactful careers to change the world.

TOP-RANKED DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING

The Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution is a global leader and premier academic center for conflict resolution teaching and scholarship, having been ranked the number one alternative dispute resolution program for 13 of the past 16 years by *U.S. News & World Report*. Straus' global faculty provides a comprehensive curriculum that is rich in theory and practical skills for lawyers and professionals across diverse industries. Interactive courses, small class sizes, and flexible schedules make its academic programs ideal for advancing a wide variety of career goals.

BEST PROFESSORS

Our faculty is consistently ranked among the Princeton Review's Best Law Schools "Best Professors" for classroom teaching and accessibility outside of the classroom. Caruso professors are also world-class scholars, committed to the success of each and every student, and among the most ideologically diverse faculty in the nation.

PRACTICAL TRAINING

Our goal is for our students to graduate practice ready. We offer co-curricular experiential learning that includes clinical work, externship experience, study abroad, and mentoring opportunities that are unique to our school.



**DEDICATED FACULTY COMMITTED TO
HELPING YOU FIND YOUR PASSION**





A HISTORIC COMMITMENT

In 2019, alumnus Rick J. Caruso (JD '83) and his wife, Tina, made a generous \$50 million commitment to the Pepperdine School of Law, which was subsequently renamed the Rick J. Caruso School of Law.

As our largest-ever gift, the \$50 million from the Carusos will help low-income and other underserved students attend, assist students in paying off student loans, and encourage graduates to pursue public-service careers. The Carusos also have pledged to help raise an additional \$50 million over the next decade for an endowment to keep the financial aid sustainable.

This transformative gift will propel the School of Law's rise in becoming one of the truly elite institutions of legal education not only in the United States, but throughout the world.

"The human spirit is endless if you free it up, just give it a chance."

RICK CARUSO, JD '83

Founder and CEO, Caruso

PICTURE YOURSELF HERE

JOIN AN IDYLIC LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

MALIBU

Strikingly beautiful and accessible to Los Angeles, Malibu is the ideal location in which to study law. The law school is part of the 830-acre oceanside campus of Pepperdine University and is consistently ranked among the most beautiful places of study in the nation by the Princeton Review. Pepperdine offers housing, conference suites, leading classroom technology, courtrooms, an on-site cafe, sports facilities including an Olympic-sized pool, and a highly regarded art museum and theatre. Our thriving academic environment attracts hundreds of scholars and professionals to campus each year.

LOS ANGELES

All business centers and entertainment venues in Los Angeles are within driving distance of campus, including Santa Monica, Silicon Beach, Century City, West Los Angeles, Brentwood, and Downtown Los Angeles. The proximity of one of the largest and most diverse cities in the world provides Caruso Law students with unique externship and employment opportunities in international trade, sports, finance, real estate, immigration, entertainment law, and more.

ANYWHERE

A Pepperdine Caruso law degree has no geographical limits. Pepperdine has been a leader in online education since 2017 with the inception of its online master's programs.



Hollywood Bowl
32 MILES

Santa Monica Pier
13 MILES

STAPLES Center and Downtown Los Angeles
29 MILES

Century City
20 MILES

Venice Beach
15 MILES



PEPPERDINE



MEET YOUR CARUSO LAW COLLEAGUES

Our more than 30 student organizations and co-curricular activities give students the opportunity to explore varied interests and supplement their classroom experience while in law school. Some of the most accomplished speakers hosted by Pepperdine Caruso Law each year are invited by student organizations, and one of the school's most-anticipated annual formal events, the Barrister's Ball, is student run. The Student Bar Association provides support and funding to student organizations and directly sponsors several events.





STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Advocates for Public Interest Law
- Advocates for Youth
- American Bar Association - Law Student Division
- American Constitution Society
- Armenian Law Students Association
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Blockchain Club
- CALI Lessons
- Chess Club
- Christian Legal Society
- Consumer Law Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Dispute Resolution Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society
- First Generation Law Student Association
- Health Law Society
- Intellectual Property Student Association
- International Justice Mission
- International Law Society
- Iranian Law Student Association
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under the Law (LDB) Law Student Chapter
- National Latinx Law Student Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- OUTLaw
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi
- Public Defender Student Association
- Society for Advancement of Logical Thought and Inquiry
- Spanish Conversation Club
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Student Mentor Program
- Veterans Legal Society
- Video Game Law Society
- Women's Legal Association

This list is subject to change. See our website for the most up-to-date information.

THE CARUSO LAW ADVANTAGE

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Our graduates consistently agree that no law school in the country has a more supportive and collegial community than Pepperdine Caruso Law.

FACULTY ACCESSIBILITY

The Princeton Review counts our professors among the nation's best year after year. Known for their excellence in teaching, scholarship, and accessibility outside the classroom, Caruso professors play an integral role in our students' success.

PRACTICAL SKILLS EXPERIENCE

Caruso's clinics, externships, internships, institutes, public interest, and global justice opportunities regularly rank in the top 10 in the country.

INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION

Our faculty and staff see each student as an individual of infinite worth. We want to know where our students want to go, and we will do everything in our power to help them get there.

FAITH TRADITION

Pepperdine is a Christian university committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and Christian values, where students are strengthened for lives of purpose, service, and leadership. Caruso Law's dedication to our Christian mission drives a deep desire to embody and imbue in our students the highest standards of ethics and morality. We are proud to have a strong Christian faculty that also includes several professors from other faiths. We welcome students of all faiths, as well as students who are not part of any faith tradition.

DIVERSITY AND BELONGING

We believe that our differences make us better, stronger, and intellectually richer. The Diversity Council and Interfaith Student Council cultivate a community of honest dialogue in which every voice is represented and valued.

A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY

Malibu is a relaxed community offering many opportunities for adventure and venues for reflection; it is a spectacular, one-of-a-kind setting in which to focus on building one's readiness for a legal career.





▶ INSTITUTES

- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution
- Palmer Center for Entrepreneurship and the Law
- Sudreau Global Justice Institute
- Parris Institute for Professional Excellence
- Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics
- Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr. Judicial Clerkship Institute

▶ CERTIFICATES

- Criminal Legal Practice
- Dispute Resolution
- Entertainment, Media, and Sports Law
- International and Comparative Law
- Law and Entrepreneurship

▶ JOURNALS

- *Journal of Business, Entrepreneurship, and the Law*
- *Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary*
- *Pepperdine Dispute Resolution Law Journal*
- *Pepperdine Law Review*



STRAUS INSTITUTE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

More than 95 percent of all civil legal disputes today are resolved outside the courtroom, utilizing alternative dispute resolution processes such as mediation, arbitration, and negotiation. The Straus Institute at the Pepperdine Caruso School of Law serves as the pacesetter in the ADR field, equipping law students and professionals with cutting-edge skills in conflict management. The institute's faculty, alumni, and academic collaborations span the globe—devising creative ADR solutions in countries like Brazil, China, India, and Kenya. Closer to home, Straus engages our local Southern California community in advancing dialogue around complex social challenges.

Through expansive course offerings and engaging events, the institute prepares students to be well-rounded and client-centered lawyers and professionals who can analyze a conflict from multiple vantage points, consider all remedies and options prior to litigation, and advise their clients accordingly.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Certificate in Dispute Resolution
- Master of Dispute Resolution (MDR)
- Master of Laws (LLM)





PREPARATION IS THE SOLE DRIVER IN ACCOMPLISHING A GOAL, and the Straus Institute equipped me with the skills and confidence to serve the City of Sacramento as a deputy city attorney. In my role, I advise the city on its conflict resolution efforts, including administrative hearings, community-centered conversations, and innovative partnerships. My JD degree, with a certificate in dispute resolution from Straus, continues to inspire me to find ways to collaborate—rather than combat—when considering local legal and policy challenges

FHANYSHA GADDIS, JD '16, MPP '16
Deputy City Attorney, City of Sacramento



GEOFFREY H. PALMER CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND THE LAW

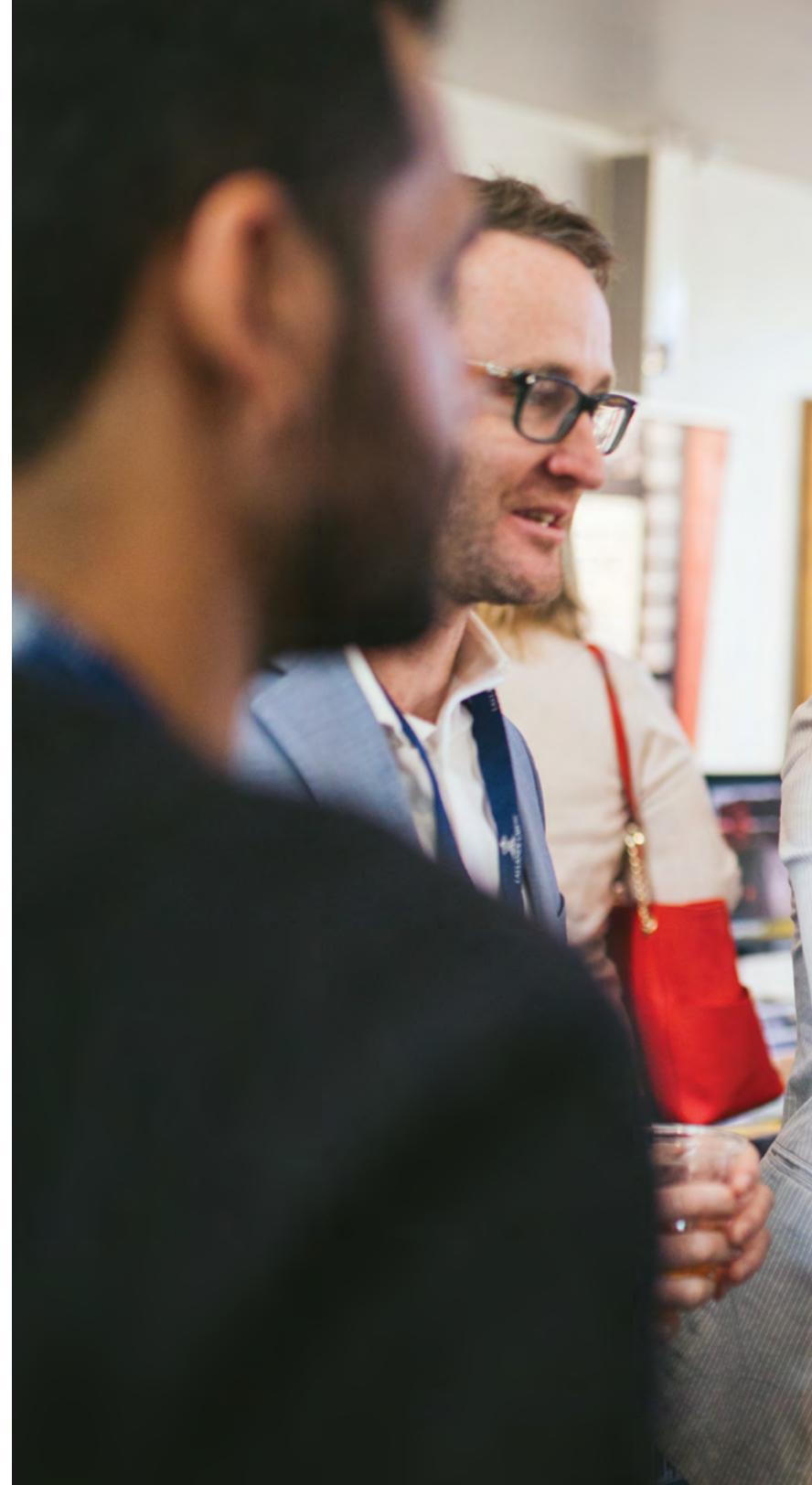
Endowed by alumnus and internationally recognized real estate developer Geoffrey H. Palmer (JD '75), the Palmer Center is designed to equip students with the entrepreneurial skills that are critical in today's dynamic, changing market. The center offers a multidisciplinary certificate and holds multiple conferences and events each year, with recent examples including the Intellectual Property Panel; the Drone Entrepreneurship Conference; the Alternative Careers in Law Panel; and the Social, Ethical, and Environmental Responsibility (SEER) Symposium. The Palmer Fellows Program allows students access to special programs and networking opportunities.

SPECIALIZATIONS

- Business and Finance
- Intellectual Property, Entertainment, and Technology
- Real Estate

OTHER PALMER OPPORTUNITIES

- Intellectual Property Student Organization
- The *Journal of Business, Entrepreneurship, and the Law* student board
- The Pepperdine Business Plan Competition
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society





MY ADVICE TO FUTURE STUDENTS OF PEPPERDINE CARUSO LAW: don't be afraid; don't hold back. Many of my favorite experiences in law school were the result of the Palmer Center's support for my ideas. They want you to succeed and will do anything to make sure that you do.

MEGHAN MILLOY, JD '12

Director of Strategic Communications
Institute of International Bankers



SUDREAU GLOBAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

A Pepperdine Caruso Law education inspires graduates to assist the underserved around the world. Pepperdine has an established and expanding student internship footprint in Africa, Asia, and South America through its premier global justice program.

Students can participate in Sudreau Global Justice activities on campus, during spring break, and as a summer externship.

Putting principles into action, the Sudreau Global Justice Institute continues to grow in response to student interest and demand from global partners. The program's work in Uganda was the focus of *REMAND*, an award-winning 2016 documentary from Revolution Pictures.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

- Summer international internships with judiciaries and legal NGOs in China, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Peru, Rwanda, Thailand, and Uganda
- Spring break trips to India and Uganda supporting victims of sexual violence and the improvement of criminal justice systems
- Lectures from guest speakers like Gary Haugen, president and CEO of International Justice Mission
- Annual Nootbaar Conference, bringing together top scholars, NGOs, and officials from around the world to discuss justice and service





MY TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE UGANDAN COMMUNITY were by far the most rewarding experiences of law school. If you have the chance to take such a trip, do not waver. It will be the best spring break of your life. Serving in Africa was so much more than a bullet point on my resume; it expanded my mindset, exposed me to a beautiful community and culture, and reaffirmed my faith in Christ. To have played a small part in the global justice pursuit and mission that Caruso Law embodies was an honor and a privilege.

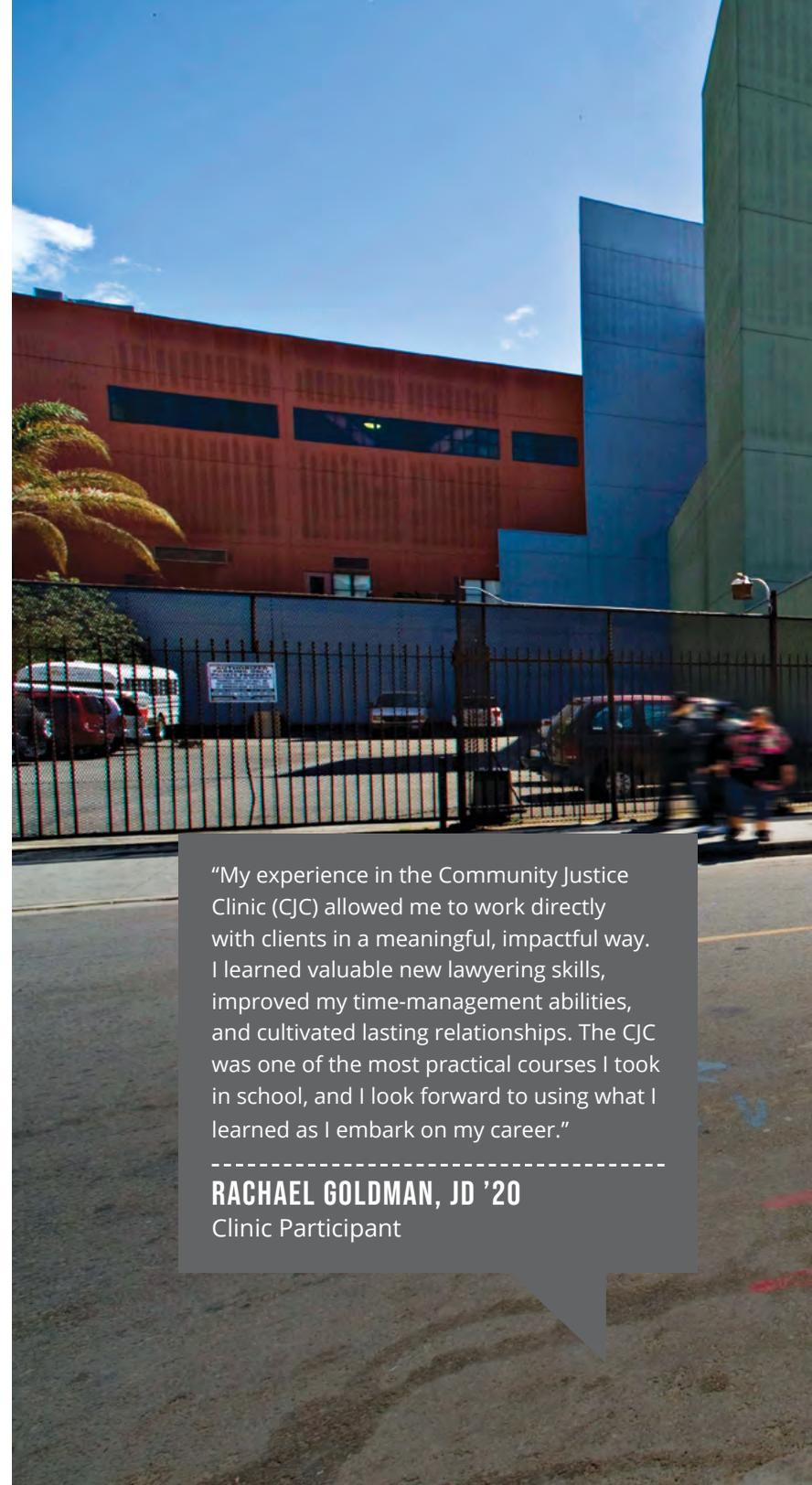
ASHA MADHUKAR, JD '19
Sudreau Global Justice
Institute Participant



CARUSO LAW CLINICS

A great law school will provide more than an education in legal theory and technical skills. Caruso legal clinics help form professionals who have the knowledge, tools, mind, heart, and virtues necessary to resolve important national controversies and individuals' personal conflicts.

The Caruso clinics offer students the experience of providing pro bono legal services in the real world under the supervision of expert faculty. Participants shift from studying legal principles to practicing law for a client who depends on them. "Thinking like a lawyer" turns into being a lawyer. Students tackle the responsibility of a client's future and serve the oppressed, vulnerable, and poor who cannot afford representation. By changing the law and changing lives, students' careers can begin in law school.



"My experience in the Community Justice Clinic (CJC) allowed me to work directly with clients in a meaningful, impactful way. I learned valuable new lawyering skills, improved my time-management abilities, and cultivated lasting relationships. The CJC was one of the most practical courses I took in school, and I look forward to using what I learned as I embark on my career."

RACHAEL GOLDMAN, JD '20
Clinic Participant



PUT KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO WORK FOR CLIENTS

▶ CLINICS

- Community Justice Clinic
- Fair Employment and Housing Mediation Clinic
- Faith and Family Mediation Clinic
- Legal Aid Clinic at the Union Rescue Mission
- Low Income Taxpayer Clinic at the Union Rescue Mission
- Mediation Clinic
- Ninth Circuit Appellate Advocacy Clinic
- Restoration and Justice Clinic
- Startup Law Clinic

▶ PRACTICUMS

- Public Interest Practicum
- Veterans Law Practicum

▶ EXTERNSHIP TYPES

- Entertainment (e.g., Lionsgate, Sony Music)
- Government (e.g., District Attorney's Office)
- Judicial (e.g., Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals)
- Law Firms
- Public Interest (e.g., Public Counsel, Bet Tzedek)

FULL IMMERSION IN WASHINGTON, DC

Students in the Washington, DC Externship Semester complete full-time externships, 35 to 40 hours per week for a semester. Externship options include the three branches of government, nonprofits, lobbying firms, and more.



PARRIS INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Funded by Carrol and R. Rex Parris, the Parris Institute is devoted to building in all Caruso Law students the core internal values that have marked the great contributions of lawyers throughout human history. In today's dynamic, multicultural workplace, intentional effort is required to form the habits of professional communication, self-care, and ethical thinking that define the world's most successful lawyers and professionals. Through workshops, mentoring by practicing lawyers and judges, and guest speakers representing the highest levels of professional achievement, the Parris Institute provides law students with the resources to invest as much in who they are as in what they know.

OFFERINGS

- Launch Week: comprehensive program during first week of 1L year
- Professional Excellence Workshops: provide students with opportunities to develop their personal and professional identity and habits of excellence
- Introduction to Professional Excellence: year-long required course for 1L students
- Speaker Series: prestigious attorneys, leaders, and professionals speak to students on issues of personal and professional excellence
- Parris Awards: formal ceremony each spring recognizing top students in categories such as leadership, public interest, and service



THE PRECEPTOR PROGRAM

The Preceptor Program matches each 1L student with a practicing attorney or judicial alumnus of the Caruso School of Law. Launched in 2012, this unique program was among the first of its kind at American law schools.

At the end of each school year, preceptors are nominated by students for the prestigious Preceptor of the Year award. Winners are honored at the annual Caruso School of Law dinner, with the award now named for the first-ever Preceptor of the Year, alumnus Otto Cipolla, Sr. (JD '83). Students frequently call the experience one of the most rewarding of their first year.

“From consistent check-ups during my first year of law school to life and career advice, the alumni at Caruso Law were there every step of the way to provide guidance during my law school career. The alumni always had my best interest at heart and in times of conflict, whether an internship, school, or something else was at issue; my mentors were always there to guide me. They helped shape the type of lawyer I want to be and what I aspire to practice.”

LILIBET BEHDADNIA, JD '20

Preceptor Program Preceptee



WORLDWIDE OPPORTUNITIES

In a world where technology and immigration have brought multicultural considerations to every aspect of the legal profession, Caruso Law offers opportunities to experience national and international issues firsthand.

WASHINGTON, DC

The Washington, DC Externship Semester offers students the practical experience of working full time in a legal capacity for the government, nonprofits, NGOs, lobbying firms, and other related entities. Students experience the legal and cultural environment of our nation's capital while completing coursework and networking for postgraduate employment.

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Students may spend a fall semester at the law school's London campus where faculty rotate in from Malibu each semester and provide the same high-quality curriculum as in the US. Students acquire a knowledge of the British political and legal system and the local culture, visiting Parliament and the Old Bailey (Central Criminal Court). They can also participate in moot court competitions against British Inns of Court and engage in externships.





LONDON PROGRAM REFLECTIONS

"The London Program is the secret treasure of the Caruso School of Law experience. I loved learning about London's political and legal culture while advancing my class work. I also really enjoyed traveling on the weekends. It was a great way to spend the fall following my first year."

"I highly rate this program, as it provided me with an environment to challenge my understanding of international law. In addition it allowed me to widen my network, and I gained insights from my externship that cannot be taught in class."

► OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Certificate in International and Comparative Law
- Glazer Institute summer Israel Internship Program
- Straus Institute study tours in Europe and Asia
- Summer Exchange Program in Augsburg, Germany



ADVOCACY AT CARUSO LAW

Pepperdine Caruso Law maintains an international reputation for excellence in advocacy. Advocacy programs include trial and appellate moot court competitions, both on campus (intraschool) and against other law schools (interschool). Competitions provide future lawyers with the practice and experience needed to develop effective oral advocacy skills.

The intraschool competitions often feature cash prizes and prominent legal figures as guest judges. In past years, competition benches have included solicitor general Noel Francisco and United States Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Byron White, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Samuel Alito, Jr., and Chief Justice John Roberts.

Pepperdine Caruso Law also fields outstanding teams each year to compete against law schools from across the nation. Both the trial and appellate interschool teams have had remarkable records of success, winning numerous regional, national, and international competitions and awards. Competitions take place across the United States and even overseas.





THE CARUSO LAW ADVOCACY PROGRAM

encouraged me to leave my comfort zone, lose my fear of public speaking, and learn to analyze legal issues quickly through having intelligent and thoughtful conversations with the court. Being a part of the moot court team was a highlight of my experience at Caruso Law.

EMILY SAUER, JD '18

Advocacy Program Participant

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

- Criminal Law Society
- Criminal Legal Practice Certificate
- Moot Court (Board and Teams)

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

The Career Development Office (CDO) invests in you and your passions by getting to know you personally at the beginning of your law school career. All of our counselors have earned their JD degree, and the staff includes experienced attorneys and skilled professionals. The counselors are available to discuss all aspects of students' job searches, including resume writing, interviewing, and networking. Throughout the academic year, the CDO offers job-search and practice-area workshops and programs and works continuously to connect students and alumni to employers and job opportunities. Each fall and spring, the CDO organizes interviewing programs for employers to interview students for summer, academic year, and permanent positions. Additionally, the CDO maintains an active, online job-posting service through which employers across the country solicit student applicants during the entire year. We look forward to helping you achieve your personal goals.

SERVICES

- Individualized job-search counseling
- Fall and spring recruiting programs
- Practice area panels
- Job-search and career-development programs
- Lifelong services

RECENT EMPLOYERS (PARTIAL LIST)

Bohm Wildish & Matsen	Hanger Steinberg Shapiro & Ash	NBCUniversal
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, LLP	Hanna Brophy MacLean McAleer & Jensen LLP	Orange County District Attorney's Office
State of California Department of Justice	Horvitz & Levy LLP	PARRIS Law Firm
Chapman, Glucksman, Dean, Roeb & Barger	K&L Gates	Paramount Pictures
Children's Law Center	King & Spalding	Reed Smith
Collins Collins Muir + Stewart	Kirkland & Ellis	Slack & Associates
Contra Costa District Attorney's Office	Knight Law Group	Travelers Insurance
Cox, Castle & Nicholson	Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith	US Army, Navy, and Air Force JAG Corps
Docket Navigator	Littler Mendelson	US Department of Justice
Fisher Phillips	Los Angeles District Attorney's Office	US District Courts
Gibbs Giden	Los Angeles Public Defender's Office	White & Case
Gibson Dunn	Los Angeles Superior Court	Wilshire Law Firm
Gilson Daub		Wood Smith
		Henning & Berman
		Young Wooldridge



WHO WE ARE

PEPPERDINE CARUSO LAW

ALUMNI NETWORK

ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS

- C. David Baker (JD '79), former commissioner of Arena Football and current president and executive director of Pro Football Hall of Fame
- Rich Cho (JD '97), former general manager, Charlotte Hornets (National Basketball Association)
- Jon Gilbert (JD '79), president, Worldwide Studio Facilities, Warner Bros., Inc.
- Mike Leach (JD '86), head football coach, Washington State University
- Rachel Luba (JD '16), MLBPA certified player-agent, Luba Sports, LLC
- Michael E. Marshall (JD '93), executive vice president, business affairs, Columbia Pictures
- Emanuel (Manny) Nunez (JD '85), noted top Hollywood talent agent, Paradigm

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Rick J. Caruso (JD '83), CEO of Caruso
- Adam Firestone (JD '86), cofounder, Firestone Walker Brewing Co.
- Monty Moran (JD '93), former co-CEO of Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Geoffrey Palmer (JD '75), major Los Angeles real estate developer, G. H. Palmer Associates

GOVERNMENT AND COURTS

- André Birotte, Jr. (JD '91), United States District Court judge for the Central District of California
- Jennifer A. Dorsey (JD '97), United States District Court judge for the District of Nevada
- Charles Eskridge (JD '90), United States District judge for the District of Texas
- James Hahn ('72, JD '75), mayor of Los Angeles, 2001–2005
- Danielle L. Hickman (JD '97), trial attorney, United States Department of Justice, Criminal Division
- Doug Peterson (JD '85), Nebraska attorney general

LARGE FIRM AND LITIGATION

- Michael Bidart (JD '74), Shernoff Bidart Echeverria Bentley LLP (Claremont, CA) (largest verdict ever against an HMO: \$120.5 million)
- Raymond Boucher (JD '84), Boucher LLP (Los Angeles, CA) (lead attorney in landmark \$660 million sexual-abuse settlement with Catholic Church)
- Mark Hiepler (JD '88), Hiepler & Hiepler (Oxnard, CA)
- Michelle R. Hiepler (JD '89) Hiepler & Hiepler (Oxnard, CA)
- Barbara A. Jones (JD '89), partner, Greenberg Traurig LLP (Boston, MA)
- Jim Rishwain (JD '84), firm chair, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman (Los Angeles, CA)
- Barbara Stettner (MBA '93, JD '94), managing partner, Allen & Overy (Washington, DC)
- Raymond M. Williams (JD '92), partner, DLA Piper (Philadelphia, PA)

PUBLIC INTEREST AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- Jon Derby (JD '04), Counsel to Secure Justice, Delhi, India
- Capri Maddox (JD '01), chief equity officer, special assistant city attorney, City of Los Angeles
- Pierre-Richard Prosper (JD '89), United States ambassador-at-large for war crimes issues, 2001–2005



CONSIDER YOUR OPTIONS

THREE-YEAR PROGRAM

Caruso Law awards the juris doctor (JD) degree after the successful completion of 88 units of course credit over three years. The degree also requires the completion of the Parris Institute Program, upper-division writing requirement, and upper-division skills requirement, among other necessary completions. Students can select from a broad range of elective courses, clinics, externships, practicums, and student-edited journals, as well as the option to pursue a concentration in a specific area of interest or study abroad.

ACCELERATED OPTION

An accelerated, two-year JD degree option, which includes two summer terms beginning in May prior to the start of the 1L year, is paired with the opportunity to simultaneously earn a certificate from the top-ranked Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. This distinctive and innovative approach blends rigorous legal education at a leading institution with significant skills and training geared toward practicing law in the 21st century. The accelerated option provides graduates with the opportunity to enter the workforce a year before the traditional three-year degree program, gaining an early advantage on the path to professional success and may be a good choice for motivated students willing to work at a faster pace.

EXTENDED OPTION

The extended option offers students the opportunity to complete a JD degree in more than the standard three-year format, with nontraditional students taking up to the maximum seven years (84 months) to complete the JD degree. Students can choose a flexible program that allows them to attend part time or full time, depending on their outside obligations. This option would allow students to work during law school, as long as they are enrolled in fewer than 12 units.

JOINT DEGREES

Pepperdine Caruso Law offers those seeking law degrees an opportunity to combine their law studies with another discipline. The law school has established six joint degree programs from which to choose:

- Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA)
- Juris Doctor/Master of Dispute Resolution (JD/MDR)
- Juris Doctor/Master of Divinity (JD/MDiv)
- Juris Doctor/Master Public Policy (JD/MPP)
- Master of Dispute Resolution/Master of Business Administration (MDR/MBA)
- Master of Dispute Resolution/Master of Public Policy (MDR/MPP)

EXPERIENCE OUR CAMPUS

We welcome and encourage prospective students to visit campus to see what Pepperdine Caruso Law has to offer. Our daily visits may include:

- Experiencing our intimate learning environment by attending a first-year law class taught by one of our distinguished faculty members
- Meeting one-on-one with an admissions counselor to answer application and admission questions
- Discovering how a degree from Pepperdine Caruso Law can assist students in their future endeavors

SCHOLARSHIPS

▶ FACULTY SCHOLARS AWARD

Full tuition plus a \$7,000 living stipend

Criteria: Minimum GPA 3.75 and LSAT in the 89th percentile
A separate application and campus visit are required.

▶ DEAN'S MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

One-quarter to full tuition

Criteria: Minimum GPA 3.75 and LSAT in the 85th percentile
All applicants are automatically considered.

▶ DEAN'S EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

One-quarter to full tuition

Criteria: Likelihood of increasing the breadth, depth, and diversity of our student body
All applicants are automatically considered.

▶ CARUSO SCHOLARS AWARD

One-quarter to full tuition

Criteria: Likelihood of increasing breadth, depth, and diversity of our student body.
All applicants are automatically considered.

▶ PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria: Active membership in the Churches of Christ
A letter of recommendation must be submitted by a church elder or minister to the Office of Admissions.



CARUSO LAW OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

■ PRIORITY DEADLINE FEB 1

■ FINAL DEADLINE APR 1

APPLY ONLINE AT

LSAC.org

LSAC (Application fee waived)



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