

# Pepperdine Caruso Law Self-Guided Tour



## **Welcome to Malibu!**

We are excited that you have chosen to visit our campus to experience first-hand what makes the Pepperdine Caruso School of Law so unique. At Pepperdine, you will have the opportunity to choose the path that best supports your individual interests. We are committed to helping you reach your potential and become the lawyer you want to be. We sincerely hope you enjoy your time here and ultimately decide this is the right place for you to spend the next three years!

Our tour begins just inside the front door of the Pepperdine University Rick J. Caruso School of Law- everything law school related is found in this building. Acquired by Pepperdine in 1969, the School of Law moved to Pepperdine's 830-acre campus in 1978. This year we are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pepperdine School of Law!

If you peek out the front doors, you will see a large building that sits diagonally across the street from the School of Law- this is the George Page Residential Complex, our on-campus housing for law students. George Page contains housing for single law students. Student apartments contain four bedrooms and was renovated in July 2013. Page apartments come fully furnished and cost approximately \$7,500 per academic semester. Information regarding off campus housing opportunities in the Los Angeles area can be provided by the Office of Admissions.

Start heading down the hallway on your left. The first office you will see is the Office of Admissions, Student Information and Services. Here, you can stop by anytime between 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday to ask questions related to admissions, scholarships, schedule your classes, or request transcripts. Just past the Admissions office is our Office of Financial Aid and Students Accounts. Any questions regarding student loans and student account information. Just past Financial Aid is Advancement and Alumni Relations office. This office manages our alumni events and raises money for scholarships, endowed chairs, and events at the School of Law. The last office in our administrative hallways is our Deans' Suite. Dean Paul Caron's office is found here, as well as our Dean of Students, and our Academic Dean. Co-Directors Jessie Fahy and Chalak Richards directs our Preceptor Program - a program that connects students in groups of two or three to an attorney or judge in the local area. These "preceptors" agree to serve as mentors for the students throughout their first year of law school. The term "preceptor" is a new term to most law students, but it is very familiar to aspiring physicians. A preceptor is simply an expert that provides practical experiences to a student. The preceptors meet with their mentees two times each semester. Although the form of the meetings may take different forms for different situations, the preceptors are encouraged to (i) take the students to work to witness the preceptor in action; and (ii) either attend a class with the students or meet with the students in a social environment for coffee or lunch.

Once you've reached the end of our administrative hallway we encourage you to stop and take in the view. Continuing on the hallway you will turn right and arrive at the Jerene Appleby Harnish Law Library. Here students have access to a variety of electronic databases, an extensive microfiche collection, and several special collections, such as the prized American Arbitration Association Library which we acquired in 2006. Our library spans all three floors of the School of Law and you are welcome to explore the library at this time on your tour. On the main (second) floor, you will see ample seating, as well as individual study carrels. These carrels can be reserved if you participate in a journal or become a Research Assistant in your second- and third-years here at Pepperdine. We offer four journals for student participation: the Pepperdine Law Review, the Journal for Dispute Resolution, the Journal of Business, Entrepreneurship and the Law and the Journal for the National Association of Administrative Law.

The third floor is where all of our faculty offices are located. Please feel free to explore the third floor at the end of your tour. We expect you will meet one of our fantastic professors who will demonstrate why they have been rated #7 by Princeton Review for Faculty Accessibility for five years! Our faculty keeps an open door policy in addition to their posted office hours; this means that if a professor's door is open, they consider it office hours.

Exit the library and head down the grand staircase to the bottom floor. To your right you will arrive at Caruso Auditorium which is newly renovated with brand new desks, chairs, and technology. Throughout the academic year, we host various law events and guest speakers in Caruso, as well as Launch Week for 1L's in August. Caruso is also where our three 1L sections take most of their classes during their first year. Soundproof walls come down and section the auditorium into Classrooms C, D & E. Now continue past Caruso and head down the hallway, then take a right towards the lockers. Each law student receives a free student locker which were renovated in September of 2013. On the left side of this hall, you will see Seminar Rooms 2 and 3. We have five seminar rooms in the building, which are used for upper level elective courses and seminars you will take as a 2L and 3L student.

At the end of the hall is our world-renowned Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. The internationally acclaimed Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution is at the forefront of preparing lawyers and neutrals to settle conflicts by utilizing the full range of dispute resolution processes, including negotiation, judicial settlement, mediation, and arbitration. Our Straus Institute has been ranked #1 in Dispute Resolution thirteen out of the past fifteen years running by U.S. News and World Report! The Institute runs many programs including the LLM in Dispute Resolution, the Master's in Dispute Resolution, a graduate and undergraduate certificate as well as a professional skills program. As a JD student, you have two opportunities to get involved with the Straus Institute- the JD/MDR dual degree (18 additional units) program and the Dispute Resolution Certificate (12 units).

Turning right past the Straus Institute and continuing down the hallway straight ahead, you will begin to see a number of photographs lining the walls. These contain pictures of our moot court and appellate advocacy student teams from the past and present! To make it on the wall, teams must make it to at least the quarter finals of their competition. Pepperdine Caruso School of Law has a national reputation for excellence in advocacy and even hosts an Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition. Our moot court students are welcome to try out for a trial team or appellate advocacy team at the end of their 1L year. At the end of this hall, on your right, you will see the Darling Trial Courtroom, where upper division students can take elective courses or reserve for trial team practice sessions. This is a fully functioning courtroom, complete with cameras to record and critique your arguments, a jury room, judge's chambers, evidence projector and screens provided for each attendee.

Across from the Trial Courtroom you will see our Clinical Offices. Jeff Baker is the director of Clinics and Externships, and his office is just to the right of the Clinical office. The Pepperdine Clinical Education Program provides students with opportunities to practice law, work with clients, learn from expert practitioners, observe the work of lawyers and courts, grow as professionals, and seek justice in our communities. Pepperdine Caruso School of Law is currently ranked 3rd in the country for practical training. JD students may choose from eleven clinics and diverse externships and practicums. MDR and LLM students can choose from five clinics, one practicum, and externships around the globe. 2L and 3L students are eligible to participate in clinics and are able to gain perspective and skills that transfer to every aspect of their future careers. For more information on clinics and externships, email Professor Baker at [jeff.baker@pepperdine.edu](mailto:jeff.baker@pepperdine.edu)

Now walk back down the hallway, pass the Straus Institute, and you will arrive at our International Programs wall. We currently run full semester exchange programs in London, England (Fall), and Augsburg, Germany (Summer). Our Washington, D.C. Externship program (Spring) offers students the practice experience of working full-time in a legal capacity for the government, in a judge's chambers, in non-profits or related entities while completing coursework and networking for post-graduate employment. Through the Glazer Institute, we also offer a summer Israel Internship Program which has had the pleasure of working with exemplary students representing each of Pepperdine's five schools. Lastly, under the umbrella of the Herbert and Elinor Nootbaar Institute for Law, Religion, and Ethics, the Global Justice Program is growing rapidly in response to student interest and demand from global partners.

Students participate in summer internships in Africa, Asia and South America, focusing on three initiatives: international human rights and religious freedom, advancement of the rule of law and global development. Students who take advantage of any of our international opportunities will qualify for the Certificate in International and Comparative Law, which consists of 16 elective units. A third certificate option includes the Law & Entrepreneurship Certificate, which fall under the umbrella of the Palmer Center for Entrepreneurship and the Law. This certificate requires 16 elective credits, and offers three tracks to further specialize your study: Real Estate, Business Finance and Intellectual Property, Entertainment and Technology.

Now, head back down the hallway to the bottom of the grand staircase in the atrium. As you approach the Terrace you will see signs to the School of Law bookstore and our outdoor patio. Directly in front of you is the School of Law cafeteria. Typically, our cafeteria is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. It is grill-style, so all of our entrees are made to order. Our cafeteria does not require a meal plan, and students are welcome to use cash, credit or debit to make purchases. If you're here in the morning, stop in for our famous breakfast burritos! To the left of the cafeteria is our Student Lounge equipped with refrigerators for those who pack their lunch and a Fitness Room, with different equipment such as weights, treadmills and spin bikes

When standing on the edge of the patio, you are overlooking Seaver College's campus. Seaver College is the undergraduate portion of Pepperdine. As a law student, you have access to all of the undergraduate facilities including the Firestone Fieldhouse recreation facilities, the Olympic

sized swimming pool, tennis courts, Payson Library, and cafeteria. If you turn to your right, you will see at the top of the hill the Drescher Graduate Campus. This is where the Graziadio School of Business, the School of Public Policy, and the School of Education and Psychology are located. The School of Law does offer several dual degrees; a JD/MBA, JD/MDR, JD/MDiv and a JD/MPP. All of these are four or five year programs and applicants will apply to both the School of Law and the dual program of choice, separately.

You may be wondering how to get around campus due to Pepperdine being nestled within the Santa Monica Mountains. There are several campus shuttles that rotate through campus every ten to fifteen minutes with the last shuttle of the day ending around 10:30pm. For our students who live on campus and do not have a car, there is a shuttle that will take students to the shopping areas just beneath campus and off of Pacific Coast Highway. Here, students can shop, eat at Coogie's- a Malibu favorite, purchase groceries, or pick up any other necessary items. This shuttle departs and returns to campus several times a day on Mondays thru Fridays. Students are also able to request an escort from a member of the Department of Public Safety. This can be done by simply just calling and an officer will come to you. Pepperdine's campus is private and requires all visitors to check in before entering. In regards to parking, students are able to park for free! They are required to register their car through the Department of Public Safety. All students are required to update this registration each academic year.

Lastly, every Pepperdine Caruso Law student has an opportunity to pick their career guidance counselors while in law school. The Career Development Office is located across from the bookstore. Here our career guidance counselors are available for individual appointments to discuss job search strategies, resume-writing and interviewing skills, networking opportunities, and other aspects of career counseling. In addition, throughout the academic year, the CDO offers workshops and programs designed to illuminate the job search process. The CDO frequently hosts guest speakers, providing students with the opportunity to talk directly with professionals currently working in specific areas of interest. The CDO maintains both student and alumni job postings on its website.

Each fall and spring, employers visit Pepperdine to interview interested law students for full-time summer and post-graduate positions. All second and third-year law students are invited to participate in these on-campus interview programs, which respectively begin in August and February. If you are visiting during normal business hours, please feel free to stop in and ask the CDO any questions you might have regarding employment statistics, career placement services and professional development.

We hope that this tour has answered all of your questions regarding our programs here at the Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, but if not, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Admissions Office with any questions you have. We are open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. We always have an admissions representative present to answer questions during business hours. You can also call or email at 310-506-4631 or [lawadmis@pepperdine.edu](mailto:lawadmis@pepperdine.edu). We hope that your time on campus has been helpful in determining if Pepperdine is the right place for you!