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■ Introduction

Santa Clara Law, located 40 miles south of San Francisco, is on the lush, historic, 105-acre campus of Santa Clara University, California's oldest operating institution of higher learning. The University was founded by the Jesuits in 1851 on the site of the Mission Santa Clara de Asis, one of California's original 21 missions. Established in 1912, Santa Clara Law has fostered an exceptional academic program based on the Jesuit tradition for more than 90 years. Approved by the ABA, Santa Clara Law is a member of the Order of the Coif and the AALS.

Santa Clara Law students are committed to excellence, ethics, and social justice. The school strives to prepare its students to serve as lawyers who lead in any field, and offers students ample opportunities to apply their skills in internships, clinics, field placements, and community involvement.

■ Location

Santa Clara Law is in the heart of Silicon Valley, one of the most vibrant and exciting economies in the world, and home to leading national and international law firms as well as companies such as Google, Apple, eBay, Intel, and Yahoo!.

Our location enhances the curriculum, including the nationally acclaimed high tech and intellectual property program, which features experienced Silicon Valley executives and attorneys who share their experience in courses, workshops, and lectures. In addition, students benefit from the location through internship and job opportunities, lectures, and networking events.

The San Francisco Bay Area is one of the most beautiful regions in the US, and the Mediterranean climate boasts sun more than 300 days a year. North of Santa Clara are the world-class cities of Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco. Southwest are the coastal towns of Santa Cruz, Monterey, Carmel, and Big Sur.

■ Diversity

Santa Clara Law is one of the most diverse law schools in the country, and the school offers an array of programs that encourage and support diversity. Santa Clara Law students learn with students from all 50 states and numerous foreign countries, and they are taught by a diverse and talented group of faculty members who are committed to an inclusive learning experience. More than 38 percent of applicants for fall 2007 were from outside California, and the 2007 entering class included 41 percent minorities and 44 percent women.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

Towering palm trees, spacious lawns, and vibrant flower gardens surround the Heafey Law Library. A traditional moot courtroom provides the setting for advocacy training and activities of the Edwin A. Heafey Jr. Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy. Other facilities include Bergin Hall faculty office building, Bannan Hall with its high tech classrooms, and Loyola Hall, where our law career services, Academic Success Program, and many other programs are located. Students also have access to the full array of campus

facilities, including computer labs; Cowell Student Health Center; Benson Memorial Center; and Pat Malley Fitness Center, which includes a well-equipped weight room, fitness classes, an outdoor pool, locker rooms with steam rooms and saunas, and courts for basketball, volleyball, and racquetball.

■ Curriculum

Santa Clara Law offers full-time and part-time programs (with day and evening classes), extensive diversity outreach programs, and an Academic Success Program. More than 200 courses are available, and 86 semester units are required to graduate. The degrees available include JD, JD/MBA, LLM in International Law, LLM in US Law for Foreign Attorneys, and LLM in Intellectual Property. An academic orientation introduces first-year students to the study of law. The first-year curriculum is prescribed.

The JD/MBA combined-degree program is a powerful union of Santa Clara's nationally recognized School of Law and Leavey School of Business. Students earn both degrees in a full-time program lasting three and one-half to four years.

■ International Law Certificate

The International Law Program sponsors summer law study programs in more locations than any other American law school, including programs in: Munich, Germany; Strasbourg, France; Geneva, Switzerland; Oxford, England; Hong Kong; Singapore; Shanghai, China; Seoul, South Korea; The Hague, Netherlands; Istanbul, Turkey; San Jose, Costa Rica; Tokyo, Japan; Vienna; Bratislava; Slovakia; Budapest; and Sydney, Australia. Nearly all programs offer internships with law offices, corporations, or groups particularly suited to give students on-site observation and participation in areas of international law. Students may earn a Certificate in International Law.

■ Computer and High Technology Law Certificate

With its central Silicon Valley location, Santa Clara Law is one of the top places in the country to study intellectual property and high tech law for good reasons. Students learn from a dozen full-time faculty members with expertise in every aspect of IP and high tech law plus 2 dozen part-time faculty working in IP and high tech law at leading Silicon Valley firms and companies. Students have unparalleled internship opportunities with leading high tech companies and law firms. The IP and high tech curricula is one of the largest in the country, and students can create a highly personalized course of study, including a certificate in High Tech Law or International High Tech Law.

■ Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate

The Santa Clara Law community has a true commitment to social justice, and students serve the poor and the marginalized in many ways while in law school, including work for the Center for Social Justice and Public Service, which offers an array of resources for students who want to focus in the area during their legal education and in practice. Santa

Clara Law takes seriously the charge of graduating lawyers who lead with a commitment to a more humane and just world, and many students choose to earn a Certificate in Public Interest.

■ Clinical Programs

At Santa Clara Law's Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center, experienced attorneys mentor students as they participate in all phases of a case from the initial client interview through the trial. Students can earn credit for work as law clerks with public agencies such as the district attorney or public defender, with legal aid offices, or with private law offices. Students may also work as judges' clerks in appellate courts, including the California Supreme Court; or trial courts, including the United States District Court and local superior court. Other clinical opportunities include the Northern California Innocence Project (NCIP), in which students work under the supervision of experienced legal and forensic staff to evaluate case histories and work with prisoners, crime and evidence labs, law enforcement, defense attorneys, and prosecutors to help prove claims of innocence.

■ Student Activities

Santa Clara Law has 30 student groups, including an extensive array of minority student organizations and national and international moot court teams. The school's quarterly, *Santa Clara Law Review*, is published by a student editorial board. The *Computer and High Technology Law Journal* provides a practical

resource for the high tech industry and legal community. The *Journal of International Law* is a respected, peer-reviewed scholarly journal. Through the Student Bar Association and student-faculty committees, students participate in the decision processes of the school.

■ Admission

A faculty committee reviews all applications. No one is automatically accepted or rejected. When the LSAT is repeated, the highest score received is used.

Santa Clara Law has a policy for special admission, and applicants may request special consideration because of race, disadvantaged background, or other factors.

Applicants are encouraged to visit Santa Clara Law. Arrangements can be made through the Admissions Office to tour the campus, attend a class, or meet with an admission counselor.

■ Career Services

Law Career Services offers numerous workshops, presentations, and services to help students launch a career, including Law Career Day, "Meet the Employers" receptions, mock interviews, diversity receptions, and speed networking. Each year, more than 80 firms, companies, and public and government agencies interview on campus, and hundreds of other firms request résumés from our students. More than 95 percent of our graduates are employed within nine months in positions throughout the 50 states.

Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120–180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

LSAT Score	GPA																						
	3.75 +		3.50–3.74		3.25–3.49		3.00–3.24		2.75–2.99		2.50–2.74		2.25–2.49		2.00–2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Total		
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	
175–180	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
170–174	14	14	9	9	12	12	6	6	5	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	51	50	
165–169	49	48	52	52	41	41	43	43	18	18	6	6	4	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	218	214	
160–164	106	106	167	166	160	155	112	111	60	54	31	22	9	3	11	1	1	0	8	7	665	625	
155–159	175	160	258	217	294	221	220	119	125	46	48	13	17	4	7	5	0	0	22	9	1166	794	
150–154	85	35	190	46	254	57	183	29	116	11	40	1	16	1	5	0	4	0	15	3	908	183	
145–149	30	2	62	5	86	3	109	2	59	0	31	1	12	0	5	0	0	0	14	1	408	14	
140–144	9	0	17	0	46	0	39	0	29	0	21	0	8	0	10	0	0	0	8	0	187	0	
135–139	1	0	2	0	9	0	8	0	9	0	13	0	3	0	5	0	1	0	8	0	59	0	
130–134	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	
125–129	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Total	470	365	758	496	907	491	724	311	424	134	200	46	71	12	49	8	6	0	79	23	3688	1886	

Apps = Number of Applicants
Adm = Number Admitted
Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.