

University of San Francisco School of Law

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■ Introduction

Founded in 1912, the University of San Francisco School of Law is located on a hilltop campus in a quiet residential neighborhood overlooking Golden Gate Park, the Pacific Ocean, and downtown San Francisco.

The San Francisco Bay Area is an extension of the campus and plays a vital role in the educational experience. The law school is located minutes away from the Civic Center, home to federal, state, and local government agencies as well as federal and state courts, including the California Supreme Court. The city and its surrounding communities provide unsurpassed learning, practice, placement, and service opportunities to complement the academic program. Students represent clients in law school clinics, intern year-round in the city's many major national and international law firms, clerk for judges, and work in public interest organizations.

The USF School of Law is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

■ Educating for Justice

The USF School of Law offers a rigorous education with a global perspective in a diverse, supportive community. Our graduates are skilled, ethical professionals prepared for any legal career, with a commitment to social justice as their enduring foundation. Our inclusive Jesuit mission of educating minds and hearts to change the world integrates humanity and ethical conduct into the practice of law. Evidence of this mission in action includes our extensive list of programs dedicated to serving communities throughout the United States and around the globe and our unique curriculum focused on ethics and professional responsibility.

■ Degree Programs

The USF School of Law offers full- and part-time Juris Doctor (JD) programs that empower students to develop their analytical abilities, master legal writing and research skills, acquire a firm foundation of basic law, explore an array of specialties, and refine their skills in practical settings. The full-time program requires three years of study, while the part-time program can be completed in four years. Students entering the part-time program may accelerate their studies and complete the degree in seven semesters or they may convert to the full-time program after the first year and graduate in three years. In conjunction with the USF School of Business and Management, the law school offers a four-year, full-time concurrent JD/MBA degree program. The law school also offers a Master of Laws (LLM) in International Transactions and Comparative Law for foreign lawyers and a Master of Laws in Intellectual Property and Technology Law for foreign and US lawyers.

■ Facilities

The USF School of Law is housed in the Koret Law Center and comprises Kendrick Hall, where classrooms and faculty offices are located, and the Dorraine Zief Law Library. Kendrick Hall,

built in the 1960s and recently renovated, features a rotunda skylight, spiral stairways, and circular configurations that enhance natural light and offer informal gathering spaces for students and faculty. Students prepare for trial practice in a new, 70-seat moot court room. Classrooms offer power and both wireless and wired network connections at every seat. Administrative offices are located in Kendrick Hall to provide easy access to services and staff. Office space for student organizations and clinical programs, a student lounge, and a café are all found here as well.

Linked to Kendrick Hall by a soaring glass atrium, the Dorraine Zief Law Library, which opened in 2000, is a modern, technologically advanced study environment. It houses an extensive collection and connects to countless online resources. The library also features individual and group study rooms equipped with audio visual equipment, computer classrooms, and research rooms.

By being part of a larger campus community, USF law students benefit from the amenities and facilities one expects to find at a major urban university, including the outstanding recreational and fitness facilities of USF's award-winning Koret Health and Recreation Center. The university's 55-acre campus also features a main library, bookstore, student center, and dining facilities.

■ The Curriculum

The core curriculum, concentrated in the first year of the full-time program and the first and second years of the part-time program, includes courses essential to a solid understanding of dominant legal concepts. The core curriculum is complemented by a rich offering of courses and programs providing almost unlimited opportunities for specialized study and practical experience. Elective courses are constantly updated to reflect changes in the law, to meet the pace of technological change, and to match student interest.

JD certificate programs and elective clusters offer concentrated study for students who wish to pursue particular career objectives or develop specialized skills. Notable among these are courses in international and comparative law, public interest law, advocacy and alternative dispute resolution, business law, and intellectual property and cyberspace law. There are also opportunities for participation in unique clinical programs, including a Mediation Clinic, an Investor Justice Clinic, a Criminal Law and Juvenile Justice Clinic, a Child Advocacy Clinic, an Internet/Intellectual Property Justice Clinic, and an International Human Rights Clinic.

■ International Programs

Our extensive menu of international programs provides exceptional opportunities to study and intern abroad. Traditional summer study-abroad programs are offered in Dublin and Prague, and internship and service opportunities are offered in India, Vietnam, Spain, China, Cambodia, and the Dominican Republic, among other countries. USF's innovative Frank C. Newman International Human Rights Clinic affords many students the opportunity to personally present their research and policy proposals to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva or the Commission on the Status

of Women in New York. The Center for Law and Global Justice acquaints students with differing legal traditions and provides opportunities for international internships and service learning. The center is a resource for international programming and courses, and creates opportunities for students to conduct research on critical human rights issues.

■ Student Activities

Much of a USF law student’s education takes place outside the classroom. Students expand their scholarship interests by writing, editing, and publishing several law journals, including the *USF Law Review*, the *USF Maritime Law Journal*, the *Intellectual Property Law Bulletin*, and the *Journal of Law and Social Challenges*. Opportunities to hone advocacy and leadership skills abound. Students participate in the annual Advocate of the Year Competition and compete in interschool moot court and trial advocacy competitions.

The representative student government, the Student Bar Association (SBA), oversees more than 40 student organizations that reflect the diversity and varied interests of USF law students. The USF Public Interest Law Foundation’s annual gala auction, which raises funds for students working in unpaid summer internships in the public interest and public sector, is one example of the many student-sponsored events held each year.

Frequent panels, guest speakers, special programs, and symposia provide students with regular opportunities for informal interchange with faculty, alumni, members of the bench and bar, and visiting dignitaries. Examples of recent symposia topics include Internet neutrality, the domestic

response to global climate change, California’s prison crisis, and human trafficking.

The Pro Bono Project and the Law in Motion Service Program offer opportunities for service, sponsoring a variety of legal and nonlegal community outreach projects.

■ Faculty

USF School of Law professors bring to the classroom the highest educational credentials, substantial practical experience, and an underlying dedication to teaching, scholarship, and service. They are respected authors, researchers, and legal theorists who author books, casebooks, practice guides, law review articles, and book reviews. Faculty members have achieved numerous scholastic accomplishments, graduating from the most elite law schools, earning honors, and serving as editors of prestigious law journals. Almost all have substantial practical experience and continue to be involved in service to the community and the profession. Their zeal for teaching comes to life in the classroom, in clinics, and in informal conversations with students. They create an intellectually challenging but supportive atmosphere in which each student thrives.

The full-time faculty is complemented by approximately 60 adjunct professors, including federal and state court judges, attorneys from many public agencies, and other distinguished members of the bar in private practice. Our location in the dynamic San Francisco Bay Area legal community allows the law school to expand its curriculum with specialized courses and provides students access to a wealth of practical expertise.

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	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
170–174	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	17
165–169	15	15	33	32	31	30	26	25	18	17	14	11	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	146	135
160–164	62	61	124	118	141	134	124	117	75	65	35	23	16	9	5	1	3	0	6	4	591	532
155–159	125	107	253	170	294	186	254	104	150	49	75	12	24	2	10	1	1	0	29	11	1215	642
150–154	72	19	189	39	267	34	289	31	152	10	63	4	29	0	4	0	1	0	21	0	1087	137
145–149	34	2	85	7	134	12	164	13	106	4	60	1	29	0	9	0	1	0	15	0	637	39
140–144	6	1	28	0	49	1	58	0	53	0	35	0	22	0	10	0	2	0	14	0	277	2
135–139	2	0	10	0	11	0	23	0	24	0	17	0	10	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	104	0
130–134	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	10	0	8	0	8	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	34	0
125–129	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	9	0
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	320	209	729	371	932	399	944	292	594	148	314	55	147	16	44	2	10	0	90	15	4124	1507

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.