

# University of San Diego School of Law

## *General LL.M. Program*





*F*or me, the LL.M. was an absolutely eye opening experience. First, it gave me confidence in what I knew already. Second, I found that I learned some things this time around that I did not get the first time in law school (i.e., things that a lawyer really ought to know). Third, it exposed me to new areas of law and provided me with opportunities to learn about the significant changes to the law. Overall, I think an LL.M. is a great way to energize your professional life.

*Commander Adrian Rowe, U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General  
General LL.M. with a concentration in Health Care Law, 2006*



# Message from the Dean

Thank you for your interest in the University of San Diego School of Law and our General LL.M. program. You will soon learn that our long-standing tradition of quality graduate legal education and the personal attention our students receive—from the time they apply until graduation—sets our program apart.



The USD School of Law is one of only 80 law schools in the country to have a chapter of The Order of the Coif, the most distinguished rank of American law schools. We are accredited by the American Bar Association and are a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

USD has one of the highest-rated law faculties in the United States, ranking 22nd nationally in a survey measuring overall quality in law academics. In a related survey, our faculty ranked among the top 25 in the nation in the following areas of law: business and corporate law, law and economics, criminal law and procedure, constitutional law, and law and philosophy. In April 2007, another related survey ranked our tax law faculty 10th in the nation. In addition, 11 faculty members belong to the renowned law reform group, the American Law Institute.

Our J.D. and LL.M. students come to USD from 42 states and 18 countries. Ranging in age from 20 to 69, our students have a wealth of education and experience.

Among our alumni are partners and associates at prestigious law firms throughout the United States and the world. Our alumni also include important domestic and international government officials, judges and corporate executives.

To enrich the educational experience, USD regularly attracts outstanding visiting faculty drawn from the nation's elite law schools and finest law firms, as well as an array of distinguished speakers. Recent speakers include U.S. Homeland Security Advisor Frances Fragos Townsend, as well as U.S. Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Antonin Scalia, consumer advocate Ralph Nader, and former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III.

As a major Pacific Rim gateway to Latin America, the Far East and Southeast Asia, San Diego is an exceptional location for the study of law in a global context.

I hope that this information encourages you to read on. I look forward to personally welcoming you to San Diego in the near future.

Kevin Cole  
Dean and Professor of Law



## General LL.M. Program



The General LL.M. program provides attorneys and recent law graduates the opportunity to pursue additional training in a specific area of law. It is ideal for attorneys interested in changing the focus of their practice. It also allows attorneys to return to school in order to keep pace with new developments in their current field.

The course of study consists of upper-level courses within the USD School of Law curriculum. Available concentration areas within the General LL.M. include:

- Criminal law
- Environmental law
- Health Care law
- Intellectual Property law
- Labor and Employment law



In all cases, candidates work closely with the Graduate Programs Office to design a program that meets their needs and is consistent with available School of Law resources.

### *SUMMARY OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS*

To receive the Master of Laws degree, a candidate must successfully complete 24 credit hours of appropriate coursework, including a minimum of 10 credits in his or her chosen area of concentration, a written work requirement, and a perspectives course, which contains a significant jurisprudential, comparative or interdisciplinary component. Students are then free to select their remaining credits from a wide range of courses available in the School of Law. In some cases, students may petition for graduate credit taken within the university to count toward their degree.

The following course titles are available in our curriculum. Not all courses are offered each semester and some courses require prior coursework or legal experience in the subject area. Please visit our web site for the most current list of offerings and course descriptions. Course descriptions, content and requirements are subject to change.



**CRIMINAL LAW  
CONCENTRATION**

Advanced California Criminal  
Evidence  
Advanced Trial Advocacy  
Animal Law  
Civil Rights Litigation  
Corrections & Sentencing  
Death Penalty  
Evidence Advocacy Lab  
Federal Crimes  
Federal Jurisdiction  
Independent Supervised Research  
International Criminal Law  
International Human Rights  
Interviewing and Counseling  
Juvenile Law  
Law and Mental Disorder  
Post Conviction Remedies  
Scientific Evidence  
White Collar Crime  
Criminal Clinic I  
Criminal Clinic II  
Perspectives in Criminal Justice

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW  
CONCENTRATION**

Administrative Law  
Biotechnology Law  
Comparative Environmental Law &  
Regulation  
Contemporary Water Law  
Energy Law and Policy  
Environmental Law  
Environmental Law Seminar  
Federal Land Law  
Independent Supervised Research  
International Environmental Law  
Land Use Planning  
Law of the Sea  
Legislation  
Local Government Law  
Negotiation or International  
Negotiation  
Toxic Torts  
Environmental Clinic I  
Environmental Clinic II  
Land Use Clinic I  
Land Use Clinic II

**HEALTH CARE LAW  
CONCENTRATION**

Administrative Law  
Bioethics and the Law  
Biotechnology and the Law  
Independent Supervised Research  
Law and Medicine  
Law and Mental Disorder  
Understanding Science and  
Scientific Methods  
Agency Internship  
Mental Health Clinic

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW  
CONCENTRATION**

Art Law  
Biotechnology and the Law  
Communications Law & Policy  
The Constitution and the Internet  
Copyright Law  
Cyberspace Law  
Entertainment Law  
Independent Supervised Research  
Intellectual Property Seminar  
Intellectual Property Survey  
International Intellectual Property  
Patent Law and Trade Secrets  
Trademark Law  
Trademark Seminar

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW  
CONCENTRATION**

Civil Rights Law  
ERISA & Employee Benefit Plans  
Employment Discrimination  
Employment Law  
Employment Litigation  
Gender & the Law  
Gender Discrimination  
Independent Supervised Research  
Labor Law  
Pensions  
Work, Welfare, & Justice

## Admission

Admission to the General LL.M. program is competitive. Admitted candidates have excellent academic credentials, and many have significant professional experience.

The admission criteria are as follows:

- Applicants must possess a J.D. or an LL.M. from an ABA-accredited law school
- Most accepted applicants have graduated in the upper half of their law school class
- Most successful candidates also possess some professional experience prior to enrolling in the program

Applicants may enroll full-time for two semesters, or on a part-time basis completing the General LL.M. program over a longer period, not exceeding six years. Enrolled students have the option to change their status at any time during their program.

## Financial Aid & Scholarships

The University of San Diego School of Law is committed to providing all possible financial assistance to eligible citizens and eligible non-citizens whose personal resources are insufficient to meet the cost of law school. Financial aid awarded to School of Law graduate students consists of:

- Low-interest loans
- Private loans
- Federal work-study jobs

Prospective students are encouraged to apply early for priority consideration. Applicants should not wait for an admission decision before applying for financial aid. Admission decisions and financial aid decisions are made independently.

### *GRADUATE LAW SCHOLARSHIPS*

Partial tuition scholarships may be awarded to full-time applicants who have demonstrated a high degree of excellence in their previous legal education or in the practice of law. Preference is given to new students who are accepted into the program by the priority deadlines.

For the most current information on Admission and Financial Aid procedures, please visit: [www.law.sandiego.edu](http://www.law.sandiego.edu).

# Faculty Profiles

For more information on our faculty's experience and scholarly publications, please visit: [www.law.sandiego.edu/faculty/](http://www.law.sandiego.edu/faculty/).



## LAWRENCE A. ALEXANDER

Warren Distinguished Professor of Law  
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Professor of Law  
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Subjects: Agency & Partnership, Property, Trusts & Estates

## CARL A. AUERBACH

Distinguished Professor of Law  
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Subjects: Administrative Law, American Legal History, Constitutional Law, European Union Law, Law of American Democracy, Legal Profession

## LAURA M. S. BEREND

Professor of Law  
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Subjects: Criminal Law, Ethics in Criminal Practice, Lawyering Skills II, Legal Clinic (Criminal), Perspectives in Criminal Justice, Trial Evidence & Advocacy

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Subjects: Criminal Justice System, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Legal Profession

## LYNNE L. DALLAS

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Subjects: Antitrust, Comparative Corporate Law, Corporate Finance, Corporate Law, Corporations, Law & Socioeconomics, Securities Regulation

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**T**he LL.M. program provides me the opportunity to merge my professional background with new coursework, giving me a deeper understanding about my practice area. Every day I see that the more fully I understand my area of practice, the better I can serve my clients.

*Diane Tsuda, Patent Portfolio Manager, The Boeing Company  
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Subjects: Administrative Law, Federal Courts

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Subjects: Commercial Law (Sales and Secured Transactions), Commercial Paper, Contracts, International Transactions

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**T**he LL.M. program at USD allowed me to focus on environmental issues, which ultimately led to my teaching at the University of Massachusetts. It also laid the groundwork for my Ph.D. in Environmental Science, allowing me to better bridge the scientific and policy aspects of the environmental field.

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# The University of San Diego

Located on 180 acres overlooking the city of San Diego, Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean, the University of San Diego campus features Spanish Renaissance-inspired buildings and beautiful landscapes. In addition to the School of Law, the University of San Diego has highly regarded schools of business, leadership and education sciences, nursing and health sciences, and peace studies.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The university pursues academic excellence in its teaching, learning and research to serve the local, national and international communities. The university possesses the institutional autonomy and integrity necessary to uphold the highest standards of intellectual inquiry and academic freedom.

## KNOWLEDGE

The university advances intellectual development; promotes democratic and global citizenship; cultivates an appreciation for beauty, goodness and truth; and provides opportunities for the physical, spiritual, emotional, social and cultural development of students. The university provides professional education grounded in these foundations of liberal learning while preparing students to understand complex issues and express informed opinions with courage and conviction.

## COMMUNITY

The university is committed to creating a welcoming, inclusive and collaborative community accentuated by a spirit of freedom and charity, and marked by protection of the rights and dignity of the individual. The university values students, faculty and staff from different backgrounds and faith traditions, and is committed to creating an atmosphere of trust, safety and respect in a community characterized by a rich diversity of people and ideas.

## ETHICAL CONDUCT

The university provides a values-based education that informs the development of ethical judgment and behavior. The university seeks to develop ethical and responsible leaders committed to the common good that are empowered to engage a diverse and changing world.

## COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

The university embraces the Catholic moral and social tradition by its commitment to serve with compassion, to foster peace and to work for justice. The university regards peace as inseparable from justice and advances education, scholarship and service to fashion a more humane world.

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