



The Docket

January 2026

THANK YOU FOR AN
IMPACTFUL 2025



With Deepest Gratitude, Thank You for Investing in USD School of Law

Thank you for staying connected to your roots at USD School of Law throughout 2025. You found room in your life to prioritize legal education and to invest in ethical programs that affirm the enduring value of the rule of law. Your generosity reflects a deep belief in the power of legal education to shape principled leaders and strengthen our communities.

Over the past year, your collective support has made an extraordinary difference. In 2025 alone, you contributed more than \$1.2 million to student scholarships, opening the doors of Warren Hall to countless students and their families and expanding access to a USD Law education. Your gifts of \$3.3 million to the Law School's Facilities Improvement fund moved us closer to our ambitious vision of revitalizing our physical spaces so they reflect our legacy of excellence and our aspirations for the future. With \$198,000+ directed to the Law School's Most Critical Needs, you invested directly in our faculty and staff—empowering them to create inventive programs and meaningful experiences that unlock the full potential of our students. And through \$499,000+ in support of the Children's Advocacy Institute, you helped ensure that the rights and voices of children are protected and championed.

Because of you, students are learning not only how to practice law, but how to lead with integrity, compassion, and courage. Please know how deeply grateful we are for your dedication and commitment to USD School of Law. We are proud to honor your wishes and philanthropic intentions as we carefully steward your contributions to develop outstanding advocates, inspire academic innovation, and continually challenge ourselves to elevate the value and impact of legal education—for today and for generations to come.



The University of San Diego School of Law nominating committee of the [Law Alumni Association Board of Directors](#) is calling for applications for the 2026-27 Law Alumni Association Board of Directors and nominations for the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award and Rising Star Recent Alumni Award.

Online Law Alumni Board applications and award nominations close on Friday, February 27, 2026.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS



CASD Honors Board of Visitors Member and Adjunct Professor Bibianne Fell '04 (JD) as 2026 Trial Lawyer of the Year



Commissioner Jeannie Lowe (Ret.) '89 (JD) Honored with SDFLBA's Crystal Gavel

OUR COMMUNITY IN THE NEWS



Professor Lisa Ramsey's Book Launch: Trademarks and Free Speech: Conflicts and Resolutions



Professor Rebecca Talbott Wins AALS Junior Scholars Paper Competition Award



AALS Names USD Law Members to 2025 Pro Bono Honor Roll

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January
24

A Criminal Trial: A Play in Four Acts
2026 Community Defenders Inc. Seminar
Sat., Jan. 24 | 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Warren Hall 3A, USD Campus

January

28

**San Diego Alumni Reception Featuring Hon. Patricia Garcia (Ret.) '89 (JD)
& Hon. Ken Medel (Ret.) '79 (JD)**

Wed., Jan. 28 | 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Signature Resolution, Highlands Corporate Center

February

6-7

**17th Annual Hugh & Hazel Darling Foundation Originalism Works-in-
Progress Conference**

Fri. and Sat., Feb. 6 - 7

The Dana on Mission Bay

February

16-17

USD Law - Chamberlain International Tax Institute

Mon. and Tues., Feb. 16 - 17

Mérida, Mexico

February

25

USD School of Law Judicial Reception

Wed., Feb. 25 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Warren Hall Lobby, USD Campus

February

26

Alumni Social @ AleSmith in Miramar

Thurs., Feb. 26 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

AleSmith Brewing Company
