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July 2026

USD School of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors Welcomes New Members

University of San Diego (USD) School of Law's Alumni Association Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following new Board members for the 2026-27 academic year – each will serve a two-year term effective July 1, 2026:

- [Nick Dea '23 \(JD\)](#) | Associate Attorney | Buchalter
- [Nareene Patil Karakashian '17 \(JD\)](#) | Deputy Public Defender | San Diego Public Defender
- [Sara Pike '19 \(JD\), \(LLM\)](#) | Senior Associate | Withers Bergman LLP

Board Leadership

The Law Alumni Board is led by President Bobby Foster '19 (JD), Assistant General Counsel, Viasat; President-Elect Kirsten Gallacher '12 (JD), Career Law Clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge Michelle Pettit, Southern District of California; and Immediate Past President Katie Parker '02 (JD), Assistant Clinical Professor, USD School of Law.

Celebrating Our Outgoing Board Members

Several Board members rotated off this year, including Scott Dupree '77 (JD), Ashley Hirano '09 (JD), Desi Kalcheva '17 (JD), Noel Meza III '19 (JD), and Jessica Wilson '02 (BA), '06 (JD).

Past Law Alumni Board President Carolina Bravo-Karimi '08 (JD) rotated off the Board and joined the 2026-27 USD Law Board of Visitors.

The Board extends its sincere gratitude for their dedicated service and meaningful contributions to the USD School of Law alumni community.

[View the 2026-27 USD Law Alumni Board of Directors roster.](#)

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ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS



Betsy Brennan '03 (JD) and Erik Greupner '04 (JD) Honored with *SDBJ* CEO of the Year Awards



Board of Visitors Member Hon. Michael S. Berg '81 (JD) Recognized with San Diego Federal Bar Association Judicial Service Award



Law Alumni Board Member Julianna Kat '16 (JD) Named a 2026 *SDBJ* Corporate Counsel Finalist



Matthew Caron '06 (JD) Appointed Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge

OUR COMMUNITY IN THE NEWS



At the Edge of it All: What It's Like Being a Watchdog Over Some of California's Consumer Agencies



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY INSTITUTE

Children's Advocacy Institute Summer 2026 Highlights

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YOUR IMPACT, OUR SHARED FUTURE



Enjoy Your Summer Vacation Knowing USD Law Is Grateful for All You Do!

CONNECT WITH STUDENTS



USD Law Alumni: Join Us for the July 17 Summer Seminar Lunch with Admitted Students



Answering the Call: Sign Up To Be a 2026-27 Alumni Mentor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July
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Chicago Alumni Social

Wed., July 15 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Chicago Athletic Association

July
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11th Annual USD School of Law -

RJS LAW Tax Institute

Fri., July 17 | 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, Theatre

July
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USD Alumni Day at the Races 2026

Sun., July 26 | 1:00 p.m.

Del Mar Racetrack | Il Palio Patio

July
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Executive Program in International Taxation and Cross Border Operations

July 29, 2026 - May 22, 2027

ITAM Santa Teresa Campus | Hybrid

August

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New York Alumni New York Mets vs. San Diego Padres Baseball Game

Tue., Aug. 18 | 7:00 p.m.

Citi Field

August

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Los Angeles Alumni Social at Juneshine

Thur., Aug. 20 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Juneshine Santa Monica

September

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Sidebar on the Patio | An Exclusive Mixer for USD Law Alumni 1–5 Years in Practice & Current 2L/3Ls

Tues., Sept. 1 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wingert Grebing Brubaker & Walshok, LLP

