



What is the **law**?

A weapon to be wielded?

Or more than that?

A set of tools.

A creative approach.

A helping profession and collaborative process.

Explore the wide scope of the law
in a school devoted to the big picture.

CALIFORNIA WESTERN
SCHOOL OF LAW | San Diego

*What law school ought to be.*SM

California Western believes that one aspect of giving our students a broad perspective on the law is offering a richly diverse classroom environment. By bringing together students from a wide variety of backgrounds we provide each student an opportunity for an enriched experience. Faculty and staff quickly and comfortably welcome each student into the school community, encouraging all to participate in the many academic and social opportunities offered.

Our student body exemplifies California Western School of Law's serious commitment to diversity. More than half of students are women, nearly one-third represent minority populations, and a blend of religious, social, economic, lifestyle, and professional backgrounds abound on the campus. The school's community, faculty, students and staff, live out our mission of diversifying the bar so that the legal profession better represents the wide range of communities that make up the United States.

California Western has a strong commitment to providing superb educational opportunities for Native American students. The school has representation from Native Americans throughout California and beyond, and the San Diego region includes a wide range of tribes. The Native American Law Students Association at California Western increases the awareness of legal issues that affect Native Americans and promotes a sense of community among students from various tribes.

About California Western School of Law

California Western School of Law is the independent San Diego law school that educates lawyers as creative problem solvers and principled advocates – lawyers who frame the practice of law as a helping, collaborative profession.

The law school's centers and institutes, including the California Innocence Project, Center for Creative Problem Solving, Institute of Health Law Studies, Project ACCESO, and the Institute for Criminal Defense Advocacy, offer opportunities to explore the full scope of the law in real-life situations. Students' experiences range from working with prosecutors in Chile to exploring the implications of illegal drug importation at the border.

In addition to the traditional J.D., California Western offers the LL.M. in Federal Criminal Law and an M.C.L./LL.M. for foreign law graduates. In conjunction with local universities, the law school also offers J.D./MBA, J.D./M.S.W. and J.D./Ph.D. dual degree programs.

Through emphasis on both theory and practice – rigorous academics and renowned real-world clinical programs – California Western invites students to explore the wide expanse of the law in a place devoted to the big picture. ✧

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