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# California Western School of Law

CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW, located in downtown San Diego, is among the few independent, non-profit law schools in the country. It is accredited by the American Bar Association (1962) and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (1967).

Chartered in 1924, California Western attained independent status in 1975. This independence allows students and faculty to focus specifically on the teaching, research, and study of law. Learning is not limited to classroom discussion, but flows into the hallways, en route to the Law Library, or at lunch in the Casterter Courtyard. Rare at other institutions—but common at California Western—the collegiality among faculty and students is second only to the teaching of law.

California Western’s mission is to “Educate Creative Problem Solvers,” and the law school is committed to offering students a contemporary approach to legal education (coupled with a vigorous traditional curriculum (that produces compassionate, ethical, and effective members of the legal

profession. The law is a noble profession, a calling of a select few members of society who see the true meaning of being a lawyer (to counsel, help, resolve, and prevent legal confrontation).

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California Western’s distinguished faculty of scholars and practitioners challenges students to find answers, apply facts, research what the law is and should be, and understand how law influences the lives of individuals, organizations, and societies. Creative solutions emerge in classroom discussions, internship experiences, moot court

problems, Law Review participation, and informal dialogue between students and faculty and with lawyers in San Diego’s dynamic bar.

In addition to a well-balanced Juris Doctor curriculum, which includes a strong emphasis in creative problem solving and trial advocacy skills, California Western offers impressive

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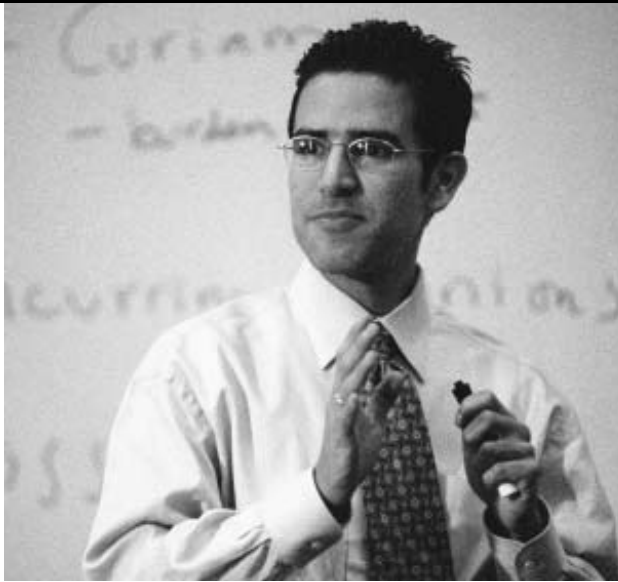
*“Our students discover that the law is much more than textbooks and cases — it involves real people and real problems.”* PROFESSOR WILLIAM J. ACEVES

Where can you find a law school where the professors are accessible? Where you will learn the true meaning of being a lawyer — to counsel, help, resolve, and prevent legal confrontation?

Where a contemporary legal education and rigorous traditional curriculum mold compassionate, ethical, and effective legal professionals? Where students and learning law are the priorities?

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<p><b>DEGREE PROGRAMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juris Doctor</li> <li>JD/MBA</li> <li>JD/MSW</li> <li>JD/PhD - History or Political Science</li> <li>LLM - Trial Advocacy</li> <li>MCL/LLM - Comparative Law</li> </ul>	<p><b>AREAS OF CONCENTRATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child, Family, Elder Law</li> <li>Creative Problem Solving</li> <li>Criminal Justice</li> <li>International Law</li> <li>Labor and Employment Law</li> </ul>	<p><b>MISSION-FOCUSED CENTERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>California Innocence Project</li> <li>Institute for Criminal Defense Advocacy</li> <li>McGill Center for Creative Problem Solving</li> <li>National Center for Preventive Law</li> </ul>
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opportunities in interdisciplinary training. Specialized programs, developed collaboratively with the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and San Diego State University (SDSU), include the J.D./M.S.W. Program in Child Welfare and J.D./M.B.A. with SDSU and J.D./Ph.D. programs in both Political Science and History with UCSD. Areas of concentration, which provide students with advanced study in select areas of law, include International Law; Creative Problem Solving; Labor and Employment Law; Child, Family, and Elder Law; and Criminal Prosecution and Defense Practice.

Among the advantages at California Western is the trimester academic calendar, which allows for three complete terms each year and the opportunity for students to earn their J.D. in two years.

The McGill Center for Creative Problem Solving is a legal education institute working with legal educators, students, lawyers, judges, and society in exploring collaborative approaches to conflict resolution and problem solving. The development of a casebook in Creative Problem Solving—for use in legal education curriculum and in training seminars for practitioners—is among its most challenging objectives. The center is also a leader in the Latin American judicial reform and rule of law movement.

The Institute for Criminal Defense Advocacy is dedicated to improving the quality of criminal defense representation. The institute hosts an acclaimed national Trial Skills Academy for attorneys from across the country. Within the institute is the California Innocence Project, a California Western program that investigates convictions and assists in representing clients who are incarcerated despite strong evidence of innocence.

Through the National Center for Preventive Law and the Louis M. Brown Program in Preventive Law, faculty and students collaborate in research, courses, public lectures, and community projects regarding techniques of forecasting and preventing potential legal confrontations.

Students, alumni, faculty, and the San Diego bench and bar study and conduct research in California Western’s new Law Library, a four-story, 50,000-square-foot resource center with more than 150,000 hardbound volumes; 129,000 microform equivalent volumes; and 3,750 serial subscriptions. Dedicated September 11, 2000 by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, the state-of-the-art Law Library contains the essential resources required for legal research. ☞

# Law: a good career choice for Native Americans

WITH THE GROWING NEED for legal practitioners in Native communities as well as throughout America, law is an excellent career choice for Native Americans.

Attorneys are needed in every employment sector—public, private, non-profit and international. Organizations of all types and sizes require the services of legal professionals, from large corporations to small businesses, professional and trade associations, industry, educational institutions, law firms and tribal organizations.

**COMMERCE** — Most major banks and companies have their own legal departments. Areas to consider include the auto industry, energy, real estate, bankruptcy claims, litigation, and entertainment and sports law. Smaller companies also need attorneys, as do labor unions and professional and trade associations.

**GOVERNMENT** — The United States Government employs over 140,000 people in legal-related positions at the federal level alone. Most notable are Prosecutors (District Attorneys, State Attorney, Federal Prosecutors) and Public Defenders. Over 50 federal agencies (such as the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Labor) have attorneys on staff. Congressmen, senators and other elected officials also hire attorneys.

**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS** — As college and university professors hired in the 1960s and 1970s near retirement age, institutions across America will need to replace them. Public and private school districts may also hire attorneys.

**LAW FIRMS** — A traditional choice, law firms offer interesting and challenging work, generous salaries and a pleasant work environment. Law firms are found in cities and communities across the nation.

Opportunities abound for those interested in a career in law. A good place to start your search is, of course, the internet. Here a few useful sites:

- www.nativeamericanbar.org** — The National Native American Bar Association, a national association for Native American attorneys, judges, law professors and law students.
- www.narf.org** — The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) provides legal representation and technical assistance to American Indian tribes, organizations and individuals.
- http://lawschool.unm.edu/AILC/index.htm** — American Indian Law Center prepares students for the rigors of law school.
- www.legalauthority.com** — Legal Authority, a career placement organization.
- www.vault.com** — Vault, a portal site for career seekers
- www.nalp.org** — The National Association for Law Placement, Inc. ☞