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When you choose Santa Clara University School of Law, one of the top law schools in California, your educational experience will prepare you to be a confident and compassionate leader who can make an impact at the intersection of law, technology, business, justice, and ethics.

As part of Santa Clara University, the oldest University in the West, our beautiful and historic campus is located in the vibrant and diverse culture of Silicon Valley, home to many of the country’s leading law firms and innovative technology companies.
WELCOME TO SANTA CLARA LAW!

Santa Clara Law has a prime location in the heart of Silicon Valley, connecting you with one of the most vibrant economies in the world as well as our highly regarded alumni network. Our dynamic Jesuit University is also the “heart” of Silicon Valley, with our emphasis on ethics, social justice, educating the whole person, and serving others.

Our teaching scholars are brilliant, caring, and supportive; our students are diverse, creative, and collaborative. We are a national leader in high tech law, with top-ranked programs in intellectual property and privacy as well as the first Privacy Law Certificate in the nation. Our Global Law program includes unique international externships and more study abroad locations than any other U.S. law school. Our students explore their passions for social justice through outstanding clinical opportunities such as the Northern California Innocence Project and the George & Katharine Alexander Community Law Center. All of these programs have one thing in common: while studying at Santa Clara Law, you will learn both the law and critical practical skills, meaning you are ready to practice when you graduate. Your hands-on experience in our courses and clinics will enhance your leadership skills and prepare you for success.

We are proud of our new home, the Howard S. and Alida S. Charney Hall of Law, a state-of-the-art building at the gateway to our gorgeous campus, with its historic California Mission and magnificent gardens. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!

—KAUSHIK NAGARAJ JD ’19

Anna Han
Interim Dean & Professor of Law
Santa Clara Law
Our new facility, Charney Hall, supports you with areas for collaboration and hands-on learning, comfortable indoor and outdoor study spaces, and the latest technology, all in an inspiring, eco-friendly building.

The inviting environment promotes interaction among students, faculty mentors, our strong alumni network, Silicon Valley leaders, and global experts. Charney Hall is located in the heart of Santa Clara University’s professional neighborhood. Right next door is Lucas Hall, home of the nationally known Leavey School of Business, and Vari Hall, home to the respected Markkula Center for Applied Ethics. (In Fall 2021, we will also welcome a new neighbor, the Sobrato Campus for Discovery and Innovation, which will be a center for STEM education at SCU.) This professional neighborhood supports and encourages collaboration among students of business, law, technology, social justice, and ethics.

Charney Hall is named in honor of lead donors Alida Schoolmaster Charney and Howard S. Charney MBA ’73, JD ’77.
CHARNEY HALL BY THE NUMBERS

7 CLINICS AND CENTERS HOUSED IN CHARNEY HALL: Center for Global Law & Policy, Center for Social Justice and Public Service, Entrepreneurs’ Law Clinic, High Tech Law Institute, Immigration Appellate Practice Clinic, International Human Rights Clinic, Northern California Innocence Project

12 CLASSROOMS
12 RESTROOMS
12 COLLABORATION ROOMS
96,000 SQUARE FOOTAGE
88 STUDY CARRELS THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING

230 CAPACITY OF PANELLI COURTROOM, which is also divisible into two 115-seat classrooms with a 16-foot-high and 50-foot-long adjustable wall that folds into the ceiling
Gain valuable legal practice experience while in law school through our clinics and externships.

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CRITICAL LAWYERING SKILLS
As a first-year student, you will take an innovative Critical Lawyering Skills Class, where you will explore and practice the key skills that legal employers value. With the guidance of legal professionals, you will also develop an individualized professional development plan to help guide you through law school and into your early legal career.
At Santa Clara Law’s Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center (shown above), students work under the supervision of experienced attorneys to serve more than 1,000 clients per year through advice clinics, community education, workshops, and full-representation cases.

**ENTREPRENEURS’ LAW CLINIC**

Our Entrepreneurs’ Law Clinic focuses on the needs of early-stage Silicon Valley companies and provides you with real-life exposure to legal issues that confront startups.

**INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC**

Our International Human Rights Clinic gives you unique, practical, and supervised experience in international human rights litigation and advocacy.

**KATHARINE & GEORGE ALEXANDER COMMUNITY LAW CENTER**

The Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center enables you to work with attorney mentors to help clients with workers’ rights, consumer rights, and immigration rights.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INNOCENCE PROJECT**

The Northern California Innocence Project (NCIP) empowers you to work alongside experienced attorneys and forensic experts, challenging wrongful convictions and reforming the criminal justice system. Since its founding in 2001, NCIP has helped free 30 innocent people who together spent 427 years in prison.

**IMMIGRATION APPELLATE PRACTICE CLINIC**

Students represent individuals seeking review of deportation orders before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The students communicate with their clients, research the law and develop arguments, write a brief, and present oral argument before the Court.

**THE PANETTA FELLOWS PROGRAM**

The Panetta Fellows Program aims to teach policy research with the objective of inspiring law students to pursue careers in public service. Law students work with attorneys at the Leon and Sylvia Panetta Institute, founded in 1997 by Sylvia Panetta and Leon E. Panetta BA ’60, JD ’63. Leon Panetta served as U.S. Secretary of Defense (2011-13), director of the CIA (2009-11), member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1977-93), and as President Clinton’s Chief of Staff (1994-97).
Santa Clara Law’s innovative new certificate, the Tech Edge JD, will prepare you for law practice in high technology industries through a combination of coursework, mentorship, practical skills development, and work experience. You will explore career options and create a personalized plan, including benchmark experiences, to help you build a portfolio and pursue your goal during your law school journey.

NOTE: No technical undergraduate degree is necessary. Candidates from diverse backgrounds and academic disciplines are encouraged to apply. Fall 2021 admissions will be limited. Interested applicants will be required to submit additional statements in the law school application. Please be advised, the additional statements are heavily weighted in the consideration of the application. An interview, conducted via video conferencing, is required to be considered for this program. Priority consideration will be given to applications received by December 31, 2020. law.scu.edu/techedge
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At Santa Clara Law, you can earn certificates that showcase your specialties to future employers.
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Santa Clara Law also offers the following degrees:
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• LLM International & Comparative Law
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For additional companies in our neighborhood, see map on page 18.

“Our only is Santa Clara in a prime location for legal work, but the professors and staff are extremely supportive of students in finding opportunities for professional and personal growth. I would not have discovered my passion for criminal justice without the advice and encouragement of the Santa Clara Law faculty.”

—AMANDA LEE JD ’18
Study Law Abroad

Our comprehensive global law program includes more summer abroad opportunities than any other law school in the nation. Program offerings and externships can include business, human rights, environmental, or intellectual property law in more than 30 different countries.

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Our Diverse Community Enhances Your Education

Consistently ranked among the most diverse law schools in the nation, Santa Clara Law promotes and values diversity to enhance the educational experience for all students and help create a more diverse legal community for the future. Here you will share your law school experience with students from across the U.S. and numerous foreign countries, and you will learn from a diverse and talented faculty that is committed to an inclusive learning experience.

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Our Outstanding Faculty Members Help You Achieve Your Goals

Our faculty members are a diverse and stellar group of intellectuals, scholars, and mentors, including high tech experts, Rhodes Scholars, former Supreme Court clerks, national leaders in social justice, and international scholars in human rights. They are committed to helping you get the most out of your legal education, and our students consistently rave about our approachable and supportive faculty.

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LAURA NORRIS JD ’97

Norris, founding director of the Entrepreneurs’ Law Clinic (ELC) and founding director of the Tech Edge JD Certificate, has a contagious enthusiasm for startups. Norris attended Santa Clara Law’s night program while still an engineer and patent agent at Intel. After law school, she first became an associate IP litigation attorney at Arnold White & Durkee, then later Cypress Semiconductor’s first vice president of legal affairs. In 2006, she opened a solo practice and represented more than 50 startups over seven years. Norris has expanded the ELC to accommodate student volunteers, allowing 1Ls to participate, which enables them to gain practical legal skills, with the added plus of being “introduced to the creative energy that abounds in Silicon Valley,” she says.
“Santa Clara Law provided me with a vital connection to the world of Silicon Valley and high-tech law, and my education helped me firmly establish the ethical parameters and high standards that have defined my career as a leader and lawyer for more than three decades.”

—DORIAN DALEY JD ‘86
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL OF ORACLE

Daley began her career at Oracle in 1992 and previously served as Oracle VP and Associate GC, spent 10 years as Corporate Secretary, and two years as Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer.
“Santa Clara Law’s excellent reputation in Silicon Valley’s legal community has been developed over many years by the hard work, skill, and intelligence of its alumni. This is a priceless advantage for the students.”

—AZADEH MORRISON JD ’16
Judicial Law Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. Former associate, Cooley, Palo Alto. A recipient of the Jan Jancin Award for the top IP law student in the nation. Morrison holds an MS and a BS in chemical engineering.

“Santa Clara Law teaches practical solutions to legal problems rather than just legal theory. Santa Clara Law sits smack in the middle of the most explosive growth economy on the planet, Silicon Valley. For anyone who wants to actually practice law, I couldn’t suggest a better learning environment.”

—AKSHAY VERMA JD ’06
Head of Legal Operations, Facebook, and Adjunct Professor, Santa Clara Law

NOTABLE ALUMNI

Howard S. Charney MBA ’73, JD ’77, retired Senior VP, Cisco; co-founder 3Com and Grand Junction Networks

John Cruden JD ’74, Beveridge and Diamond; former Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Ricardo Echeverria JD ’93, Trial Attorney, Partner, Shernoff Bidart Echeverria LLP

Jessica Jackson JD ’11, Chief Advocacy Officer, The Reform Alliance; former National Director and Co-Founder #Cut50

Honorable Zoe Lofgren JD ’75, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives

Honorable Heather Mardel Jones JD ’02, Fresno County Superior Court

Julie Mar-Spinola JD ’87, Chief IP Officer and VP of Legal Operations, Finjan Holdings

Scott Shipman JD ’99, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Privacy Officer, and Head of HR, AppLovin; Strategic Advisor, Square Panda; and adjunct professor, Santa Clara Law

Justice Edward A. Panelli BA ’53, JD ’55, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California

Honorable Leon Panetta BA ’60, JD ’63, former U.S. Secretary of Defense; CIA director; Chief of Staff for President Clinton; Member of U.S. House of Representatives

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—BRIAN PETTIS JD ’19

The recipient of the Mabie Award for the Outstanding Graduate, Pettis graduated summa cum laude, earned a High Tech Law Certificate, and is a member of the Order of the Coif. Before entering law school, Pettis spent seven years in the U.S. Air Force and 13 years in the San Jose Police Department. He now works in corporate law with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in Palo Alto.