LAUNCH YOUR LEGAL CAREER IN SILICON VALLEY

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF 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, and we were the first law school in the nation to offer a Privacy Law Certificate. 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 Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center. All of these programs have one thing in common: they enable you to study and learn the law while also developing critical practical skills, meaning you will be ready to practice when you graduate. Your hands-on experience in our courses and clinics will enhance your leadership skills, provide a sense of personal fulfillment, and prepare you for professional 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 historic California Mission campus. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!

Michael J. Kaufman
Dean, Santa Clara Law
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, one of the most innovative and robust economies in the world. Silicon Valley is a fantastic place to learn, work, and play, and it is home to many of the country’s leading law firms and innovative technology companies.

When you choose Santa Clara University School of Law, 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.
WHO WE ARE

Santa Clara University School of Law, one of the nation’s most diverse law schools, is dedicated to educating lawyers who lead with a commitment to excellence, ethics, and social justice.

Santa Clara Law offers students an academically rigorous program including certificates in high tech law, international law, privacy law, and public interest and social justice law. We also offer numerous graduate and joint degree options, including a JD/MBA in conjunction with the nationally respected Leavey School of Business; LLM degrees in intellectual property, international and comparative law, and U.S. law for international attorneys; and an online MLS in corporate compliance.

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, Santa Clara Law is nationally distinguished for its faculty engagement, preparation for practice, and top-ranked program in intellectual property.
Santa Clara Law's intellectual property program ranking among U.S. law schools, according to the 2021 U.S. News.

Santa Clara Law was the first law school in the nation to offer a Privacy Law Certificate.

Santa Clara Law was the first law school in the nation to take the ABA Well-Being Pledge, continuing a long tradition of prioritizing wellness for our law community.

Law.com ranking of Santa Clara Law for LGBTQ+ faculty diversity.

Number of student hours contributed to our Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center since its founding in 1994.

“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
## REASONS TO CHOOSE SANTA CLARA LAW

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<td><strong>Location</strong> We are located in the heart of Silicon Valley, home to some of the world’s leading companies such as Apple, Google, Facebook, eBay, Genentech, Tesla, Netflix, Cisco, Intel, and HP. Our students secure internships, externships, and jobs at many leading national and international companies and firms.</td>
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<td><strong>Top-ranked Intellectual Property Law Program</strong> Year after year, Santa Clara Law is ranked among the nation’s best law schools for our intellectual property curriculum and program.</td>
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<td><strong>Diverse, Student-Centered Community</strong> We are proud to be regularly ranked among the most racially and ethnically diverse law schools in the country. We value diversity and inclusion, and our students and faculty thrive in this learning environment.</td>
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<td><strong>Social Justice Mission</strong> We have a true commitment to social justice and ethics, and our students serve others while learning the law through our Center for Social Justice and Public Service and related clinics.</td>
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<td><strong>Network of Alumni Employers and Community Partners</strong> We have a vibrant and engaged network of nearly 13,000 alumni in Silicon Valley and around the world, as well as numerous corporate and community partners, who are ready to help you make connections and support your career.</td>
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<td><strong>Robust Program with Small Classes</strong> We offer more than 100 courses each year, including more than 30 in the popular areas of IP and high tech law, policy, and privacy. Classes are small and our community is collegial and supportive. We also offer comprehensive support through our academic, career counseling, and wellness programs.</td>
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<td><strong>Dedicated Faculty</strong> As leading scholars and dynamic mentors, our outstanding faculty will help you acquire the skills and experience you need to succeed.</td>
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<td><strong>Experiential Learning in Cutting-edge Clinics</strong> Get hands-on legal practice while in law school through our clinics, including the Northern California Innocence Project, the Entrepreneurs’ Law Clinic, and others (see page 9).</td>
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<td><strong>Global Law and Summer Abroad</strong> Our comprehensive global law program includes more summer abroad opportunities than any other law school in the nation.</td>
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<td><strong>10</strong></td>
<td><strong>A Beautiful, Historic Campus Within a World-Class University</strong> Study law at California’s oldest higher-education institution, located in the San Francisco Bay Area, which is one of the most beautiful (and most often visited) regions in the U.S.</td>
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EXPERIENCE DIVERSITY

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 inclusive 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 dedicated and talented faculty that is committed to a supportive learning experience.

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Percentage of 2021 incoming class who identify as a member of a minority community. Santa Clara Law is proud to be regularly ranked among the most racially and ethnically diverse law schools in the country.
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Our extensive experiential learning programs, clinics, and externships enable our students to gain valuable legal practice experience and serve others while in law school.

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Laura Norris JD ’97 joined the Santa Clara Law faculty in 2013 to found and direct Silicon Valley’s first Entrepreneurs’ Law Clinic at SCU. She also serves as Associate Clinical Professor, Co-Director of the High Tech Law Institute, Director of the Tech Edge JD Program, and Faculty Advisor to the SCU chapter of ChIPs (Chiefs in IP), which is a nonprofit that advances women in tech law.

ACADEMIC CENTERS

Santa Clara Law’s three centers promote engagement and scholarship for students through conferences, panel discussions, events, and publications.

The Center for Social Justice and Public Service supports the wide-ranging public service and social justice work of our faculty, staff, and students. The Center houses clinical programs, such as the Katharine & George Alexander Law Center and the Northern California Innocence Project, and it also hosts and sponsors a variety of events and programs.

The Center for Global Law & Policy promotes scholarship in the field of international and comparative law. It provides a variety of educational opportunities for law students, including a summer law study abroad program with more locations than any other U.S. law school.

The High Tech Law Institute helps coordinate Santa Clara Law’s many high tech and intellectual property law programs, initiatives, and events, helping to foster strong ties among our faculty, students, alumni, and the thriving high tech community in our Silicon Valley home.
LAW CLINICS
Under the mentoring of faculty and professional attorneys, our students develop lawyering skills and serve others while in law school.

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

Immigration Appellate Practice Clinic
In this clinic, students represent individuals seeking review of deportation orders before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The students communicate with clients, research the law, develop arguments, write briefs, and present oral arguments before the Court.

International Human Rights Clinic
Our International Human Rights Clinic gives students 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 students to work with attorney mentors to help real clients with legal issues including workers’ rights, consumer rights, and immigration rights. Each semester, the Law Center offers five experiential learning courses for law students.

Northern California Innocence Project
The Northern California Innocence Project (NCIP) empowers students 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 33 innocent people who together spent 480 years in prison.

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). His son, Honorable Jimmy Panetta JD ’96, also attended Santa Clara Law and is now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Number of clients served by the law students and attorney mentors working for the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center during the 2019-2020 academic period. Clients received brief service, advice, and representation on consumer law, immigration, and workers’ rights matters. During that same period, the Law Center also provided education workshops and outreach to more than 600 other community members.

Number of wrongfully convicted people (who collectively spent more than 480 years in prison) that have been exonerated thanks to the work of attorneys and law students in the Northern California Innocence Project at Santa Clara Law since its founding in 2001.

Number of Santa Clara Law student organizations, including the recently formed First-Generation Law Student Organization, dedicated to supporting first-gen students; and SC Law Eats, which helps law students facing food insecurity with a food bank and free healthy food for students on a daily basis.

Number of Santa Clara Law student publications, including the High Technology Law Journal, the Santa Clara Journal of International Law, and our law student newspaper, The Advocate, which won the ABA’s law school newspaper national award of excellence for 2020 and 2021.
The Tech Edge JD is a significant innovation in law school education that is unavailable at any other U.S. law school. Spanning your entire law school experience, this program leverages our Silicon Valley location and our renowned tech law and intellectual property curriculum to accelerate your professional development and prepare you with the critical skills desired by employers in technology industries. Through a combination of coursework, individual mentorship, practical skills development, and work experience, you will create a personalized plan, establish your network, and graduate ready to practice.

NOTE: Interested applicants must apply for the Tech Edge JD when applying for admission, and additional statements and a video interview are required.

law.scu.edu/techedge

“Santa Clara Law’s student-centric approach to legal education is what makes it so unique. For example, the Tech Edge JD program molds itself to each student’s career goals instead of forcing us down one traditional path. I was one of those ‘non-traditional law students’ and thanks to SCU, I found my dream legal career in public policy.”

–JESS MIERS JD ’21

Jess Miers JD ’21 is a member of Google’s Government Affairs and Public Policy team, and she is one of the youngest people ever to join this critical team at Google. During law school, Miers was an intern at Twitter’s in-house legal department and D.C.-based advocacy organization TechFreedom, a fellow at the Internet Law academic center at UCLA, and employed full-time at Google in its trust and safety department. Miers published more than 25 articles on Section 230, presented at TEDx SCU, spoke extensively at conferences, at other law schools, and alongside the authors of Section 230, FCC commissioners, and the former director of the NTIA. She also founded the Internet Law Student Organization at SCU, dedicated to educating students about careers in Internet law and tech policy. (And by the way, A “Noogler” is what Google calls its new hires.)
EXTERNSHIPS IN SILICON VALLEY

Take advantage of externship opportunities at some of the world's leading companies and firms, enabling you to earn academic credit while gaining work experience that will help you seamlessly transition into your career.

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EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
• ACLU San Francisco
• Adobe
• Airbnb
• Ancestry
• Bay Area Legal Aid
• California Lawyers for the Arts
• California Supreme Court
• Cooley LLP
• eBay
• GoPro, Inc.
• Intuitive Surgical
• LinkedIn
• Oracle
• Polsinelli
• Pure Storage, Inc.
• Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office
• Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office
• Twitter

For additional companies in our Silicon Valley neighborhood, see the map on page 18.

SPECIALIZE YOUR STUDIES
At Santa Clara Law, you can earn certificates that showcase your specialties to future employers.
• High Tech/Intellectual Property Law Certificate
• International Law Certificate
• Privacy Law Certificate
• Public Interest & Social Justice Law Certificate
• Tech Edge JD Certificate

ADDITIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMS
• JD/MBA (Master of Business Administration)
• JD/MSIS (Master of Science in Information Systems)
• LLM in Intellectual Property
• LLM in International & Comparative Law
• LLM in United States Law
• Master of Legal Studies (online program)
Established more than 40 years ago, our respected and comprehensive global law program includes more summer abroad opportunities than any other law school in the nation. Program offerings and externships include business, human rights, environmental, or intellectual property law in more than 30 different countries.

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Santa Clara Law “dominates the externship study-abroad landscape.”

—NATIONAL JURIST, 2018 LIST OF THE BEST LAW STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

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ABA-ACCREDITED SUMMER CLASS PROGRAMS

Open to students from all ABA-accredited and California-accredited law schools.

30+
EXTERNSHIP LOCATIONS ON SIX CONTINENTS

EXTERNSHIP LOCATIONS INCLUDE: large international law firms, local firms, NGOs, courts, international organizations, and the United Nations.
LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our faculty members are a diverse and renowned group of scholars, including high tech experts, Rhodes Scholars, former Supreme Court clerks, national leaders in social justice, and international scholars in human rights. Meet a few members of our stellar faculty team.

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Margalyne J. Armstrong
respected scholar in constitutional law, property, and race and racism in the law

W. David Ball
leading scholar in criminal justice law, sentencing and corrections, and cannabis law

Colleen Chien
nationally recognized IP scholar; member, Office of General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce

Eric Goldman
international expert on Internet, IP, and advertising law; supervisor of the privacy law certificate

Sue Guan
scholar on financial markets, securities regulation, corporate law, and contracts

Pratheepan Gulasekaram
nationally renowned expert and scholar in immigration law and constitutional law

Bradley W. Joondeph
leading scholar on federalism, judicial behavior, and American constitutional development

Francisco Rivera Juaristi
specialist in international human rights law; founding director of the International Human Rights Clinic

Brian Love
nationally recognized expert in patent and IP law; widely quoted and cited scholar, and co-director of the High Tech Law Institute

Laura Norris
nationally renowned expert in tech law, director of the Entrepreneurs’ Law Clinic and the Tech Edge JD program

Michelle Oberman
internationally recognized scholar on legal/ethical issues of pregnancy and motherhood

Catherine J.K. Sandoval
respected researcher in telecommunications, antitrust, energy, and contract issues

Nicholas Serafin
scholar at the intersection of moral and political philosophy and anti-discrimination law

David Sloss
internationally renowned scholar on the relationship between domestic law and international affairs

Tseming Yang
specialist in environmental law and its intersection with civil rights and social justice considerations
Santa Clara Law has a vibrant network of nearly 13,000 alumni in Silicon Valley and around the world who are ready to help you make connections and support your career. Visit us online to learn more about our graduates and their work in the world.

[link: law.scu.edu/alumni-news]

“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
ASSOCIATE
GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER,
SAN JOSE

Morrison earned an MS and BS in engineering before coming to law school, and while in law school, she received the Jan Jancin Award, given to the top IP law student in the nation. She is a former associate at Cooley in Palo Alto.

KEITH WATTLEY JD ’99

is founder of Uncommon Law, a nonprofit law firm in Oakland, CA, that provides counseling and legal representation for California prisoners serving life terms with the possibility of parole. Wattley was one of 20—selected from a pool of 20,000—inaugural Obama Fellows in 2018, and he also received the 2020 James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award.

ALUMNI LEADERS

Santa Clara Law has a vibrant network of nearly 13,000 alumni in Silicon Valley and around the world.

Stephanie Burns JD ’95, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Amazon

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

John Cruden JD ’74, Principal, 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

Landon Edmond JD ’98, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, Klaviyo

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

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

Honorable Jimmy Panetta JD ’96, member of the U.S. House of Representatives since 2016; former deputy district attorney for Monterey County

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

Honorable Risë Jones Pichon BS ’73, JD ’76, JAMS Mediator, Arbitrator, and Referee/Special Master; former Presiding Superior Court Judge, Santa Clara County

Karyn Smith JD ’91, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary, Twilio Inc.

Andrew Vu JD ’93, Vice President and General Counsel, Mercedes Benz Research & Development North America

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YOUR DREAM CAN BE AFFORDABLE

We are committed to helping our students afford their legal education, and we offer millions of dollars in scholarship funds to our students each year. Our counselors will meet with you and help you explore your options, including scholarships, loans, and Work-Study. We will help you create a plan that you can afford. Contact our office at 408-554-5048 or lawfinancialaid@scu.edu.

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PLAN YOUR FUTURE

Earning a JD degree opens the door to numerous interesting careers, and the experienced attorneys and counselors in our Office of Career Management will help you explore all the options and choose your path. Whether you aspire to be a judge, a trial lawyer, go in-house, or serve the public interest, our team will help you feel empowered and prepared by giving you the tools to select the right courses, prepare your application materials, hone your interview skills, maximize your opportunities, and plan for success in your career. Our career fairs and networking events offer you many opportunities to learn about your options and build your professional network.

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FEBRUARY 15

Fall Application Deadline

February 15 is the deadline for maximum scholarship consideration. Visit us online for more details, a checklist, information on financial aid, and to complete our online application. Our law admissions staff is here to help—contact us at lawadmissions@scu.edu or call 408-554-5048.

NOVEMBER 1

Early Action Deadline
Non-binding: Application must be complete by November 30.

APPLY NOW!
300
Average number of sunny days on our lush and historic campus, a peaceful oasis of learning with a Mediterranean climate.
Choose Santa Clara Law, and our outstanding programs, location, and network will empower you to connect with and work for some of the world’s best-known companies and firms, all located right here.