



## By the Numbers

14

Number of students in the inaugural Tech Edge J.D. cohort.

8

Number of female Tech Edge J.D. students.

7

Number of Tech Edge J.D. students with a science or engineering degree.

25

Median Age of cohort  
(Range is 23-40)

40

Percent of cohort members belonging to a minority group.

28

Number of attorney mentors in the Tech Edge J.D. '18-'19 program.

263

Total applicants to Tech Edge J.D. for Fall 2018

## Tech Edge J.D. Orientation Day – Design Thinking for Career Planning

The inaugural Tech Edge J.D. cohort arrived on campus on August 6, 2018, and kicked off their 1L year with a day full of networking, learning about legal careers, and designing a personalized career plan using design thinking concepts coming out of Stanford's "D-School."

At 7:45am, the students boarded a bus to head to Cooley LLP, where they had breakfast with 13 Cooley attorneys who are Santa Clara Law alumni. The attorneys were from varied practice groups, and ranged from a 20-year veteran to an associate that just started that week. From there, the cohort visited Facebook's campus and attended a more intimate and in-depth session with 5 different Facebook attorneys with very different roles. The career exploration portion of the day ended with a lunchtime panel back at Charney Hall, where five Santa Clara Law attorneys from Infinera, Amazon, GitHub, Reed Smith, and a solo patent practice shared their career insights.

The afternoon was an industrious one, where the students spent three hours using design thinking exercises (from the "Designing Your Life" method) to ideate and create a desired career plan. They also practiced effective networking, to hit the ground running for the evening's reception, where the Santa Clara Law faculty advisors and the Tech Edge attorney mentors joined the cohort for wine and appetizers on the Panelli Plaza.

# What have they been up to?



The students are in their 1L year, which means their primary focus has been understanding Palsgraf and Hairy hands. However, they have managed to find time to participate in some exciting extracurricular activities. They have all been meeting with their mentors and setting up site visits, and they had pizza and beer with Alex Feerst, the Head of Legal at Medium. Some of the other activities that Tech Edge students are participating in are:

- Working on teams with coders by participating in the "Second Chances Empathy Hackathon," held in October at Charney Hall.
- Volunteering in the "Entrepreneurs' Legal Advising Clinics," where students get hands-on experience provide 30-minute counseling sessions for entrepreneurs and small businesses.
- Attending many of the speaker events we hold on campus, such as the regular "Howard's Hour" business talks with Howard Charney, founder of 3Com and Grand Junction Networks.
- Starting their leadership development by becoming 1L representatives in multiple law student organizations, such as the Student Bar Association and ChiPs Women and Law.
- Giving back to the program by holding Tech Edge J.D. information sessions for prospective law students.
- Starting to apply for summer internships at firms and in-house legal departments.
- ... and even finding time to go to local sporting events and check out Santa Clara hotspots like Bill's Café and Taplands.

## What's up for Fall 2019?

We are currently actively marketing the Tech Edge J.D. program to prospective law students. The online application opened on September 1, and priority consideration for the Tech Edge J.D. will be given to applicants who apply by December 31, 2018. We're hoping to grow the cohort to over 20 students this coming fall!

We will be actively looking for more attorney mentor volunteers and for companies and firms that are interested in hosting the 2019 cohort for a site visit during orientation week.

The 2018 Tech Edge J.D. cohort will be transitioning to 2L year in the Fall 2019, and therefore their schedules will open up quite a bit. Each of them must take two 3-credit externships (internships for credit) while in law school. Externships are part-time work arrangements during the semester – typically about 10 hours per week. We're looking for more law firm and in-house externship opportunities for these students, so your help would be appreciated. This cohort is dynamic and passionate about working in the technology industry, whether at a firm or company.

Please email Laura Norris [lnorris@scu.edu](mailto:lnorris@scu.edu) or Marian Williams [mwilliams2@scu.edu](mailto:mwilliams2@scu.edu) if you are interested in mentoring, hosting the cohort for an event, or hiring an intern or extern to come work with you.

