LAW SCHOOL MAY BE TOUGH, BUT IT DOESN’T HAVE TO BE BRUTAL.
YOU’LL WORK HARDER THAN YOU’VE EVER WORKED BEFORE.
YOU’LL LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LAW—AND MAYBE YOURSELF—THAN YOU IMAGINED POSSIBLE.
AND YOU’LL HAVE A BLAST.

IF YOU SPEND 3 YEARS AT BERKELEY LAW
HERE’S WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:
Your professors and classmates will challenge you as never before. But the challenges will come with encouragement and inspiration—in an environment that recognizes and nurtures the best in people, intellectually and personally.

Your three years here will be a horizon-stretching, life-changing experience.

**OUR ADMISSIONS PROCESS IS FAMOUSLY SELECTIVE, AND WE ARE THRILLED TO OFFER YOU A SEAT IN OUR INCOMING CLASS.**

The Berkeley Law experience is unique and hard to put into words. No ancient seal will do the trick; no Latin phrase will sum us up. If we had a saying it would probably be “We don’t have a saying, but do you want to go for Ethiopian food and talk about why?”
We can say that we take our role as a public law school seriously, and we’re committed to being a change agent. Your fellow classmates will arrive with a multitude of life experiences and bring self-confidence and drive to their law school experiences. They will have a passion for law and justice.

But mostly, choosing Berkeley Law is more like one of those, “You know it when you see it” things. We embrace that. After all, that’s how we chose you from among many thousands of excellent and qualified applicants. Obviously, we think this approach works pretty well. We also think that the more you learn about Berkeley Law the more you’ll learn about yourself — and whether this is the place for you.

We invite you to dig a little deeper, to come check us out, and to ask yourself whether you will choose Berkeley. If you say yes, we hope you’ll know why. We also hope it will be a little bit hard to explain.
LET US ALWAYS MEET EACH OTHER WITH A SMILE.

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MARITZA MARTIN ’17

STUDY: 3L | Co-chair of La Raza Law Students Association; deeply involved in the International Human Rights Law Clinic; interested in transactional work after law school

FUN: I love, love, love trying new foods (especially specialty lattes), playing soccer, and spending time with my shih tzu, Lola!

ADVICE: Berkeley Law is challenging, but it is definitely not designed for you to fail. It is full of resources and people that are willing to help, so do not be afraid to ask! Lawyering is definitely a team sport.
SEE WHAT WE’RE ABOUT.

We can make this easy for you. Our admits tell us consistently that visiting the school often seals their decision for them.
Join us for **ADMITTED STUDENTS WEEKEND**. You’ll meet current students and professors, sit in on mock classes, and get answers to your pressing questions about admissions, financial aid, and career opportunities. We make travel subsidies available to all admits for the purpose of reducing the cost of air travel to Berkeley.
You'll learn about student life, clinic and externship opportunities, meet student groups, and hear from professors from different areas of law. Arrange an individual visit, and we'll help out just like we would for Admit Weekend.
Our **ADMITTED STUDENTS WEEKEND** offers plenty of unstructured time, with opportunities to socialize with other admits or current students, chat with our professors face-to-face, or explore the school and our community.

We’ll immerse you in the unique culture of the school, and you’ll go home with a good feel for whether Berkeley Law—and the Bay Area—is the right place to spend the next three years.
A DREAM YOU DREAM ALONE IS ONLY A DREAM.

A DREAM YOU DREAM TOGETHER IS REALITY.

― JOHN LENNON
PHILIP WISEMAN ’17

STUDY: 3L | New Business Practicum; Berkeley Business Law Journal; Associate Editor for the California Law Review; Berkeley Energy Resources Collaborative Innovative Solutions Consulting program; Board of Advocates Moot Court Team

FUN: College football, steak and BBQ, wine tasting, movies with friends, exploring San Francisco and Marin County

ADVICE: Unwavering perseverance, tolerance for risk and uncertainty, and adaptability to a changing environment are the keys to success—in law school and life. There will be times in law school when you feel like you’re up a creek without a paddle, where the odds seem insurmountable. As long as you don’t give up, accept the fact that you can’t control everything, and know that you’re talented enough to make the most of whatever comes your way, you’ll get where you want to go.
LET’S TALK.

Berkeley Law is a people-centered school. Our faculty are famously accessible. And our students are uniquely collegial and supportive. Human warmth is pervasive here, from first-year students all the way up through senior faculty and administrators.
Our common purpose: Your success

You'll find your classmates remarkably collaborative. For one thing, our grading system encourages students to compete with themselves, not against one another. We don't give traditional letter grades, we don't calculate GPAs, and we don't rank students numerically. Of course, to pass at Berkeley Law, you'll have to master what one law-school guide calls a “stone-heavy work load.” But you'll have help doing it. Miss a class, and by the end of the day, several sets of notes will probably arrive by email. Our students aren't here to prove things, they're here to learn things. And they're great about sharing what they know.

Inclusion isn't just a buzzword at Berkeley. We work hard to ensure that all our students feel supported and included in their education. Last year, we created an Equity and Inclusion Committee, whose mission is to make sure student voices and concerns are heard. Students also serve on the Admissions, Faculty Hiring, and Financial Aid committees.

Berkeley was also the first top law school to create a First Generation Professionals Group, which provides mentorship, career advising, networking events, and social activities for more than 50 students who are the first in their families to pursue a professional degree.

“A lot of law schools have very high-achieving students,” said Salah Hawkins ’15. “But what I think is most important at Berkeley is that everyone is supportive of one another.”

Our faculty, meanwhile, look for ways to engage with students outside the classroom—whether by collaborating on a research project or simply mingling over lunch on our sunny deck. And our Student Services team is always looking for ways to make life easier for students—providing academic advising, personal counseling, and support for their organizations’ activities.

Another factor fostering collegiality is “the mods.” Students are grouped into one of nine modules when they arrive here, and stay with that group throughout their first year. The mods become important academic and social support systems, leading to shared dinners, lifelong friendships, and strong career networks.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Connecting with other students can make or break a law school experience. Berkeley Law has more than 40 student groups—focused on everything from entrepreneurship and privacy law to diversity and faith. Search “student organizations” on the website for more information.

AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY
ARMENIAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
BERKELEY ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY AND VETERANS
BERKELEY ENTREPRENEURSHIP SOCIETY
BERKELEY LAW STUDENTS FOR SENSIBLE DRUG POLICY
BERKELEY'S DISABILITY LAW SOCIETY
BOALT GLOBAL CORPORATE LAW SOCIETY
BOALT HALL ANIMAL LAW SOCIETY
BOARD OF ADVOCATES
CHRISTIANS AT BOALT
COALITION FOR DIVERSITY
CONSUMER ADVOCACY AND PROTECTION SOCIETY
ELECTION LAW @ BOALT
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY
FIRST GENERATION PROFESSIONALS
GRADFOOD
IF/WHEN/HOW LAWYERING FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE
INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE
RUNNERS NOT GUNNERS
SOUTH ASIAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
STUDENT ORGANIZATION FOR ADVANCED LEGAL STUDENTS
STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE
UNIVERSITIES ALLIED FOR ESSENTIAL MEDICINES – BERKELEY LAW CHAPTER
WOMEN IN TECH LAW
WOMEN OF COLOR COLLECTIVE

“Getting to know fellow first generation students was crucial to reducing my anxiety,” Jackie Aranda ’15 said. “This group single-handedly transformed my experience here.”

BOALT HALL COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
BOALT HALL FEDERALIST SOCIETY
BOALT HALL JEWISH STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
BOALT HALL LAW STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE
BOALT HALL MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION
BOALT HALL WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION
BOALT PARENT GROUP
BOALT SOCCER CLUB
LA RAZA STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
LAW & SOCIETY GRADUATE ASSOCIATION
LAW STUDENTS OF AFRICAN DESCENT
MIDDLE EASTERN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
MIDWESTERN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD-BOALT CHAPTER
PILIPINO AMERICAN LAW SOCIETY
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FACULTY MEMBERS BY SUBJECT AREA

The following faculty members have volunteered to be available to you to answer questions and talk about the Berkeley Law experience. Please feel free to contact any of them. Profiles can be found at www.law.berkeley.edu/our-faculty/faculty-profiles/

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We’re committed to the well-being of all our students. Berkeley Law and the greater campus contain a number of departments and resources dedicated to providing support and guidance to help students personally and academically. These include an on-site psychologist and campus health center, support services for disabled students [www.dsp.berkeley.edu], and childcare for parents [http://ece.berkeley.edu]. Berkeley Law also makes mindfulness meditation available to increase well-being, balance, and effectiveness.
“HOW WONDERFUL IT IS THAT NOBODY NEED WAIT A SINGLE MOMENT BEFORE STARTING TO IMPROVE THE WORLD.”

ANNE FRANK
SAMANTAK GHOSH ’13

WORK: ASSOCIATE | WilmerHale LLP (Palo Alto), Intellectual Property practice group

FUN: Gardening and hiking

ADVICE: After the first year, focus on your area of interest, dive deep into it, take a few legal scholarship classes, write a few papers, and try to emerge from law school with some degree of expertise in that field.
ENGAGE YOUR BRAIN.

Berkeley Law’s program is as rigorous as you’ll find anywhere. Many of our full-time and adjunct faculty are top scholars in their fields. Some literally “wrote the book” in their area of expertise. Others are nationally renowned practitioners.
That means you get to learn from the masters. Experts like Paul Schwartz, one of the world’s leading privacy law scholars. Criminal justice expert Jonathan Simon ’87, author of the award-winning book *Governing Through Crime*. Molly Van Houweling, an expert in intellectual property, law and technology, property, and food law.

As early as your second semester, you can begin exploring specific interest areas with your first electives. Among the many choices: Environmental Law and Policy, Introduction to Intellectual Property, Insurance Law, International Law, Employment Law, Children and the Law, and Antitrust. Even innovative survey courses such as Renewable Energy and Other Alternative Fuels, Wine Law, and Video Game and Social Media Law.

### OUR TOP-RANKED

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Berkeley Law is a pioneer in intellectual property, one of the law’s most exciting frontiers. We published America’s first IP law journal, and our program has ranked first in the nation for 16 of the last 18 years. That figures: The Bay Area is the hub of California’s knowledge-based economy. Our courses expose students to all facets of IP law. Our technology clinic and journal offer invaluable immersion experiences. And our seminars bring in scores of prominent outside speakers every year. Whether your interests run to patent protection, gene therapies, social media, information technology, or the creative arts, our program will help you master IP’s complex legal machinery.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Bay Area is alive with progressive politics and path-blazing activism. And Berkeley Law is in the thick of it. We offer a comprehensive array of social justice courses that focus on the big, crucial issues: the death penalty, immigration, privacy and surveillance, and human rights. There is enormous opportunity for engagement via multiple clinic, research center, and field placement offerings. And if you decide to use your legal training as a tool for social change, we’ll make it easier for you: Our Loan Repayment Assistance Program helps with student loan payments of graduates who enter public-interest law.
ACADEMIC SUPPORT
Your success is our mission. That’s why we encourage students to take advantage of support services such as study groups and the Academic Support Program.

In the Academic Support Program (ASP), a tutor is assigned to one of your supermod courses each semester, and conducts a one-hour meeting each week to go over material, answer questions, and help you develop your skills. Participation in the ASP is optional, but most students find it really helps them in the first year.

PRE-ORIENTATION
Pre-Orientation is an optional, by-application program that brings 40 incoming students to campus a week early to learn about law school, meet other first-year students, and get to know some of our faculty and upper division students.

PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONAL LAW
As technology-driven globalization increasingly blurs geopolitical boundaries, it creates new and challenging legal issues. Transactions with Asia, Europe, and South America are soaring, and so is the need for attorneys who can get their minds around a multiplicity of legal systems. Complex issues—climate change, international war crimes, global copyright protection, ocean drilling—also span borders. Perennially ranked in the Top 10 nationally, our international law program, with links to superb resources in political science, economics, and human rights, offers unique depth. Some students focus on specific topics, such as maritime law; others on an individual region, such as the burgeoning Pacific Rim.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
California leads the nation in environmental policy, and Berkeley Law—home to an extraordinary environmental law curriculum and the top environmental law journal—is at the forefront. Ranked third among all U.S. law schools, our program maintains strong ties with UC Berkeley’s renowned science and economics departments. Our Center for Law, Energy & the Environment is a crossroads for some of the field’s most influential scholars and policy leaders, and our certificate program—one of a handful in the nation—provides a solid career foundation. Field placements offer experience in areas such as animal protection, water rights, and land-use law.

GRADES
At Berkeley Law, there are no A-F letter grades. You’ll never receive a GPA or a class rank.

That doesn’t mean you’re not evaluated—rigorously. Our grading system imposes a curve—10% High Honors (HH), 30% Honors (H) grades, and 60% of the students get Pass (P).

It also doesn’t mean that our students are not driven and high-achieving. Everyone worked hard to get here. And students are eager to do great work. But being accomplished doesn’t mean out-ranking their classmates.

The “no grades” thing has some very Berkeley benefits: No GPA minimums to join journals; no employer pre-screening based on GPA or rank; abundant study groups and opportunities to connect and collaborate.

What will employers think? They’ll think you have a J.D. from Berkeley Law.
One thing that sets Berkeley Law apart is its connection to dozens of renowned UC Berkeley schools and research programs. We don’t just share a campus with them. We share ideas, courses, faculty, and students. Sketch the connections on a campus map, and it looks—fittingly—like a neural network in the brain. A number of law professors hold joint appointments with other programs, and the law school offers a wide range of concurrent degrees for students who want to pair their J.D. with a master’s or doctorate in another specialty. Interdisciplinary courses and joint research projects create even more ways to think outside the box.
CONCURRENT DEGREE PROGRAMS
Students can examine the law in an interdisciplinary context by earning a J.D. degree at Berkeley Law and a master’s degree in another school or department on the Berkeley campus.

A J.D. degree and a master’s degree (or the coursework for a doctorate) can be earned in approximately four years.

COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS
Some students may pursue a J.D. at Berkeley and a master’s degree at another institution in their 1L year, such as the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University or the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Interested candidates must submit separate applications to the respective schools.

BERKELEY-HARVARD EXCHANGE PROGRAM
Since 1978, approximately five Berkeley Law students per year have taken their third year at Harvard Law School, and the same number of Harvard students have taken their third year at Berkeley Law. This program, unique in American legal education, has proven beneficial to students at both institutions. Students apply for this opportunity in the spring semester of their 2L year. A call for applications is sent out every spring to the entire second-year class.

START-UP SPIRIT
Berkeley Law has broadened its work on startup and venture capital issues with Startup@BerkeleyLaw, a partnership between our business and technology centers. The initiative forges ties between law students and business entrepreneurs, and gives students a strong foundation in the startup experience through courses and access to experts. It leverages the school’s existing startup programs and resources such as the New Business Practicum, and the Berkeley IP Lab, a course that pairs law students with Berkeley-affiliated startups.
Experiential Education

A great education is worth little if you can’t apply it in the real world. Experiential learning isn’t just bolted on at Berkeley Law, it’s embedded in the core of the school. Our clinics let you roll up your sleeves, work with clients, and put legal theory into human practice. Our Field Placement Program lets students receive academic credit while working with nonprofits, government agencies, or judges. On our professional skills competition teams, Berkeley Law students excel in a growing number of regional, national, and international tournaments. And when it comes to research and writing—the crux of most legal work—our 13 student journals offer enormous opportunities.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS

Our 13 clinics—including eight based in the community—teach teamwork and client-centered service. They are directed by full-time faculty members—all highly regarded experts. Classroom seminars provide the necessary foundation in relevant law, and hands-on casework builds the lawyering skills needed to work as a team for clients. Student participants are chosen for passion and potential, not grades, so if you’re burning to get to work, you can jump in early—and earn classroom credit while you’re at it.

East Bay Community Law Center
For more than two decades, our students have been helping area citizens through the East Bay Community Law Center—Alameda County’s largest provider of free legal services. The community-based component of our Clinical Programs, EBCLC provides students with a unique opportunity to learn about the responsibilities of practicing law while reflecting on the lawyer’s role and the lawyering process.

There are eight clinical practice groups:
• Clean Slate Practice
• Health Practice
• Housing and Eviction Defense
• Immigration Practice
• Neighborhood Justice Clinic
• Public Benefits
• Community Economic Justice Clinic (CEJ)
• Youth Defender Clinic

Environmental Law Clinic
The Environmental Law Clinic opened in the 2015-16 academic year. The new clinic bolsters Berkeley Law’s outstanding environmental law program and clinical program by providing critical hands-on experience to students and creating synergies with other parts of the law school and the UC Berkeley campus. The clinic has three main goals: making students creative and effective environmental lawyers; making an environmental difference; and addressing environmental legal needs of underserved communities.

Death Penalty Clinic
Berkeley Law’s Death Penalty Clinic, founded in 2001, represents death row inmates in several states. The clinic provides a rare opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience with individual capital defendants. Students participate in field investigations, draft pleadings, prepare for hearings, and help shape case strategy. Other priorities include reframing the capital punishment debate, raising the visibility of systemic inequities, filing amicus briefs in Supreme Court cases, consulting with pro bono defense attorneys, and training future leaders. The clinic’s founding director, Elisabeth Semel, is a veteran capital defense attorney and former director of the American Bar Association’s Death Penalty Representation Project.

International Human Rights Law Clinic
Led by Laurel Fletcher—an expert in transitional justice, humanitarian law, and migration—the International Human Rights Law Clinic tackles a range of individual cases and broad issues: Fighting LGBT and HIV discrimination in El Salvador; Advocating for uncensored Internet access in China; Representing families of the disappeared in Guatemala; Helping prosecute former Khmer Rouge leaders for mass atrocity crimes carried out in Cambodia during the 1970s. Working to protect the legal status of more than 10 million refugees in Africa’s Great Lakes region to ensure their safety, proper adjudication of their rights, and regional security.

Death Penalty Clinic
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Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic
The first of its kind, the Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic gives students direct experience tackling the complexities of technology-related law. Under Director Jennifer Urban ’00 and Associate Director Catherine Crump, the clinic represents individuals, nonprofit organizations, and consumer groups in cases involving a range of high-tech issues, including identity theft, electronic surveillance, copyright and digital-rights matters, free speech, and electronic voting fraud. Students represent the public interest in sound technology policy through client advocacy and participation in legislative, regulatory, and litigation activities.

Policy Advocacy Clinic
In the Policy Advocacy Clinic, interdisciplinary teams of law and public policy students pursue innovative, multimodal, and systemic strategies on behalf of underrepresented individuals and groups to advance social justice, equity, and inclusion. The clinic’s approach is bottom-up [grounded in the lives of real people], problem-based [addressing pressing social issues], and client-driven [accountable to actual organizational clients]. Students will learn how to support social change campaigns at the local and state level, while exploring the capacities and limits of lawyers to influence law and public policy.
PRO BONO PROGRAM

Some schools have a pro bono requirement. Berkeley Law has a pro bono culture. Case in point: our unique 27 Student-Initiated Legal Services Projects that let you gain client experience beginning with your first year.

Student project leaders identify a legal need, recruit supervising attorneys, and enlist classmates to bring services to underserved communities. Run by upperclassmen and staffed mainly by first-year students, these initiatives confront issues such as human trafficking, veterans’ rights, refugee assistance, and juvenile justice. Time spent working on these projects may also be used to meet the minimum 25 hours required for summer fellowships. Following are some examples of our current SLPS projects, visit [www.law.berkeley.edu/experiential/pro-bono-program/slps/current-slps-projects/](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/experiential/pro-bono-program/slps/current-slps-projects/) for the full list.

- Boalt Anti-Trafficking Project
- California Asylum Representation Clinic
- International Refugee Assistance Project
- Juvenile Education Advocacy Project
- Karuk-Berkeley Collaborative
- Political and Election Empowerment Project @ Boalt
- Reproductive Justice Project
- Tenants’ Rights Workshop

PRACTICUMS

Practicums are courses that combine a focus on a particular subject area with hands-on work in the same area. Students are usually supervised by Berkeley Law faculty, external practitioners, or a combination thereof.

*Berkeley Law has four practicums:*

- Veterans Law
- Domestic Violence
- New Business Counseling
- Advanced New Business Counseling

FIELD PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Second- and third-year students can gain valuable experience, academic credit, and key connections in our Field Placement Program. Students help supervising lawyers in public interest organizations and government agencies, or serve as judicial externs, in domestic and international placements.

**U.S. Field Placements Examples**

- ACLU
- Asian Law Caucus
- Federal and local district attorney offices
- Federal Trade Commission
- Legal Aid Society, Employment Law Center
- Pac-12 Conference
- San Francisco Immigration Court
- Sierra Club Environmental Law Program
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit and First Circuit
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

**International Field Placements Examples**

- African and Middle Eastern Refugee Assistance - Cairo, Egypt
- Chinese International Economic/Trade Arbitration Commission - China
- Financial Advisor Task Force - Paris, France
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - Italy
- Human Rights Law Program, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre - Australia
- International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda - Arusha, Tanzania
- International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia - The Hague, Netherlands
- Supreme Court of India - New Delhi, India
- UNAIDS Pacific Office - Bangkok, Thailand

**UCDC LAW PROGRAM**

The UCDC Law Program is a uniquely collaborative, full-semester externship program in Washington, D.C.. The program combines a weekly seminar-style course with a full-time field placement to offer law students an unparalleled opportunity to learn how federal statutes, regulations, and policies are made, changed, and understood in the nation’s capital. During four months of total immersion in the theory and practice of Washington lawyering, students will have contact with all three branches of the federal government, independent regulatory agencies, and advocacy nonprofits.

“My field placement at the US Attorney’s Office allowed me to develop as a practitioner by applying tools from the classroom to major federal trials and prosecutions. I also formed lifelong friendships with amazingly accomplished prosecutors.”

MARI SAHAKYAN ’17 ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
PROFESSIONAL SKILLS PROGRAM

The student-run Board of Advocates oversees Berkeley Law’s internal and external skills competitions. Our teams enjoy tremendous success, winning top awards at regional and national events and consistently outperforming other top law schools. Each year, more than 60 students participate in competitions in three main areas: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Trial Advocacy, and Appellate Advocacy. They receive extensive coaching from professors, alumni litigators, and fellow students. The Board also emphasizes advocacy training through internal moot court, negotiations, and business law competitions, and organizes annual events such as Ninth Circuit Day—which enables students to see a federal court in action at the law school.

Research & Writing Programs

CENTERS

As a leading public law school, we tackle society’s toughest problems within more than a dozen centers and initiatives. Faculty and researchers work to develop strategies to combat climate change, safeguard intellectual property in the global economy, give children equal access to a quality education—and much more. Although center work is mostly driven by faculty and researchers, there are sometimes opportunities for students to get involved.

- Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy
- Berkeley Center for Law and Technology
- Center for Law, Energy and the Environment
- Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice
- The Center for the Study of Law and Society
- California Constitution Center
- Korea Law Center
- Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice
- Human Rights Center
- Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies
- The Institute for Legal Research
- Honorable G. William and Ariadna Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law
- Kadish Center for Morality, Law and Public Affairs
- Statewide Database
- The Election Administration Research Center
- Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy & Public Finance

6 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Berkeley Law offers six certificate programs for students who wish to take—and be recognized for—a rigorous course of study in a specialized area of law.

- BUSINESS
- ENVIRONMENTAL
- TECHNOLOGY
- INTERNATIONAL
- CLEANTECH
- PUBLIC INTEREST & SOCIAL JUSTICE

STUDENT-PUBLISHED JOURNALS

Berkeley Law students edit and publish 13 law journals—more than any other Top 10 law school except Harvard and Columbia. Two of the journals, Ecology Law Quarterly and the Berkeley Technology Law Journal, were the first—and are still the best—of their kind. The journals allow students to hone their minds and build their skills by editing papers written by leading scholars and practitioners. Ranging from the venerable California Law Review, launched in 1912, to the exclusively online Berkeley Journal of Entertainment and Sports Law, the publications track the evolving interests of our students—and encourage innovative scholars to chart the legal territory ahead. With the exception of the California Law Review, all journals are open to participation by first-year students.

Berkeley Law’s 13 Journals

- Asian American Law Journal
- Berkeley Business Law Journal
- Berkeley Journal of African-American Law & Policy
- Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law
- Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law
- Berkeley Journal of Entertainment and Sports Law
- Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice
- Berkeley Journal of International Law
- Berkeley Journal of Middle Eastern & Islamic Law
- Berkeley La Raza Law Journal
- Berkeley Technology Law Journal
- California Law Review (only available to 2L & 3L)
- Ecology Law Quarterly
“LIFE IS ABOUT USING THE WHOLE BOX OF CRAYONS.”

RUPAUL
JANELLE ORSI ‘07

WORK: SOLO PRACTITIONER | CO-FOUNDER + DIRECTOR Sustainable Economies Law Center, author on the sharing economy and law

FUN: I draw cartoons and explore urban nature and wildlife

ADVICE: Make kindness your highest priority - kindness to your classmates, to yourself, to law school staff. The relationships you build in law school are incredibly valuable. And take tax and employment law, since those topics are relevant to pretty much everyone alive.
EXPERIENCE OUR GREAT(ER) BAY AREA.

You’ll spend three years in law school. Why not live in one of the most spectacular regions of the world? Where good food and drink are abundant, the recreational choices are vast, and the culture is as rich and diverse as anywhere.
The Bay Area Experience

As an iconic college town surrounding the world’s premier public university, Berkeley has a reputation as the epicenter of liberalism. But the real story of Berkeley is more complicated (and interesting). Sitting at the crossroads of the Pacific Rim, Silicon Valley, and San Francisco, Berkeley’s true identity lies in its intellectual dynamism, cultural tolerance, political awareness, and natural beauty.

This time next year, you could be choosing from among more than 400 eateries within a mile of campus, offering everything from Afghan to Thai, Brazilian to Indian. Or sitting in a coffee shop overhearing conversations in five different languages, strolling through an art exhibit by local tattoo artists, attending a board game night at a local pub, hearing a lecture by an internationally recognized filmmaker, or watching a Pulitzer Prize-winning play performed by Tony Award-winning actors.

While Berkeley may be your home base, it’s also the perfect launchpad for other Bay Area adventures. San Francisco—with its trendy neighborhoods, museums, music venues, and famous Golden Gate Park—is just 20 minutes away by transit. Down the road, Oakland is emerging as the one of the fastest growing hot spots, with new restaurants and bars opening weekly and a burgeoning arts scene. Want a respite from the urban hustle and bustle? A vast network of hiking and biking trails—with take-your-breath-away views of the Bay—lies mere minutes away in the East Bay hills.
“Berkeley is where bright minds pass through and sometimes settle down,” a local journalist wrote recently. “It’s never dull, never anything less than stimulating.”
Living alongside the San Francisco Bay, you’ll have limitless opportunities to get out on the water. Kayaking. Wind-surfing. Dancing on a cruise boat. If you just want to wiggle your toes in the sand, venture south to the beaches at Santa Cruz, or north to Stinson Beach. Huddle with friends around a roaring nighttime bonfire at San Francisco’s Ocean Beach. Or run with your dog at Crissy Field in the shadow of the awe-inspiring Golden Gate Bridge.

If trees and sweeping views are more your thing, the virgin redwoods in the Marin County hills are sure to soothe your soul. Or venture to Napa Valley—less than an hour way—to sample some of the best wines in the world. Snow lovers can find fresh powder at the myriad ski resorts that surround Lake Tahoe three hours north. And when you’re ready to take in the West’s great temple of nature, head east for three and a half hours to see Yosemite National Park, whose breathtaking beauty has inspired poets, photographers, and travelers for more than a century.

If spectator sports get your blood pumping, prepare to be overwhelmed with choices. Home to the San Francisco Giants (three recent World Series championships), and the NBA champion Golden State Warriors, the Bay Area could keep your spectator calendar full almost year-round. A pro hockey team, two professional baseball teams, two pro football teams, basketball, soccer. And let’s not forget the always competitive Cal sports teams, who are often in the hunt for trophies.
Where to Live

Housing options are abundant in the Berkeley area, both on-campus and off. Some law students like to be close to school; others enjoy putting the day of classes behind them by taking BART home to San Francisco or other parts of the East Bay. Some like to live alone, others prefer roommates, and some prefer roommates who are (or are not) law students.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING
Most graduate students live in off-campus rental housing, but there are a few university and alternative housing options near campus. You must apply for on campus housing at http://housing2.berkeley.edu/graduate. The application can be accessed with your CalNet ID. For questions, contact the Cal Housing office directly.

HOUSING FOR SINGLE STUDENTS
Manville Apartments The Manville Apartments are reserved for law and graduate students. Assignment priority is given to law students. Manville, with its unique, award-winning architecture, is located just three blocks from the central campus at the corner of Shattuck Avenue and Channing Way.

Ida Louise Jackson Graduate House This nearby complex features both shared and single-occupancy studio units just one block from the law school. Furnished apartments range from two bedrooms up to six bedrooms, and the complex features study rooms, lounges, a private courtyard, and coin laundry facilities.

HOUSING FOR MARRIED STUDENTS AND STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN
University Family Student Housing University apartments for married students or students with a domestic partner, with or without children, are available in neighboring Albany, approximately three miles northwest of campus. The University Village is an active, supportive community for students juggling family and educational responsibilities.

BERKELEY STUDENT COOPERATIVES
The Berkeley Student Cooperative is a student-owned and operated system of 17 rooming houses and three apartment complexes near campus. Students contribute a weekly work shift to keep the cost of housing extremely low. Two facilities, Hillegass Parker House and The Convent, are set aside for graduate and reentry students.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
International House (I-House) located just steps from Boalt, houses approximately 600 graduate students, post-doctoral candidates, visiting scholars and researchers and upper division undergraduates. I-House residents come from over 60 countries, with about 75 percent international students and 25 percent from the United States. Students from the law school make up 10 percent of the graduate student population.

OFF-CAMPUS RENTAL HOUSING
Cal Rentals The majority of law students live off-campus. Plan on spending at least a week looking for an apartment. Most landlords will expect the first month’s rent and a security deposit (usually equal to a month’s rent) in advance. Cal Rentals is the best place to start your apartment search, as you can take advantage of their resources on the web, by phone or in person.

Most students prefer to live in Berkeley or nearby communities, such as Albany, El Cerrito, or the Rockridge neighborhood. Oakland, next to Berkeley, is also popular. For those who enjoy big city living, San Francisco is a (higher cost) option. Because many students don’t have cars, they gravitate toward the many neighborhoods with nearby amenities. Berkeley has been ranked as one of the most walkable cities in the country with abundant public transportation. Discover some of the local neighborhoods on the following page, or at our online map: https://goo.gl/9ub03
Elmwood district, where rents tend to be higher. However, the convenience of the proximity to the campus outweighs other factors. Farther south, the Rockridge neighborhood begins along College Avenue south of the Elmhwood District. This area continues the upscale flavor of Elmwood and has many shops, restaurants and cafes. The Rockridge BART station is one of the major hubs to all lines in the East Bay Area and San Francisco. Due to its proximity to Berkeley, the campus and its pleasant, tree-lined side streets, rents are more expensive here than some other parts of Oakland.

### El Cerrito
This town is just north of Albany and is similar to it in terms of rent and services. One advantage of living in El Cerrito is that it has two BART stations. Housing tends to be less expensive in this area than in Berkeley or Albany simply due to the fact that it is just a little bit farther from campus.

### Piedmont Avenue & Lake Merritt Districts
Just south of the Rockridge neighborhood are the areas that form the Piedmont Avenue District and Oakland’s Lake Merritt. These areas are worth exploring, particularly if you are house-hunting during a peak time, such as August. About five miles from campus, these areas offer pleasant shopping and other urban amenities. Since there is more urban density, housing is much more plentiful here and generally less expensive than areas closer to campus.

### South Berkeley
This area, in addition to West Berkeley and the Westbrae neighborhoods, is where the most affordable housing is likely to be found. Cute cafes, antique shops and the Ashby BART station with its weekend flea market in the parking lot are part of the South Berkeley scene.

### West Berkeley
This includes the downtown Berkeley area located a few blocks west of the campus near the Berkeley BART station and stretches all the way west to the freeway (Interstate 80). Proximity to services vary depending upon the neighborhood, although University Avenue is primarily commercial (restaurants, supermarkets, laundromats and other retail establishments). The popular Oceanview district starts at the northwestern edge of this area along 4th Street and University Avenue. Explore the many hip and diverse places to shop and eat.

### Albany
Many students live in this town just north of Berkeley. Solano Avenue, with its plentiful and popular shops, restaurants, bookstores, and movie theatres runs east-west through Berkeley and into Albany. Plenty of graduate students live in Albany, including those who have University-operated apartments in the large complex of University Family Housing known as University Village. Although the nearest BART station is actually across the border in El Cerrito, much of Albany is sufficiently close to walk or bike ride to the El Cerrito Plaza BART station.

### Berkeley Hills
This is one of the nicest areas to live, especially if you like the outdoors. The adjacent East Bay Regional Park system throughout the Berkeley/Oakland hills offers great areas for mountain biking, hiking and jogging. South of campus, the Berkeley Hills turn into the Oakland Hills, which are entirely residential. In either the Berkeley or Oakland hills, most of the homes are single-family dwellings. Many of these homes have great Bay views, and may be expensive depending on the view, size and condition of the house. Since there is little in the way of nearby shopping, a car is almost a must, unless you are an athletic bicyclist and can handle steep streets.

### North Berkeley
This is a very popular area and is close to campus. Services such as supermarkets, restaurants, bookstores, public transit and laundromats are usually within walking distance. University Avenue, the southern border of this area, is a diverse, busy and commercial street.

### Southside
This area is closest to campus and rents are relatively modest. Many undergraduate students live in this area, so some graduate students may find the environment hectic and noisy, especially with the hustle and bustle of Telegraph Avenue. However, the convenience of the proximity to campus outweighs other factors. Farther south along College Avenue is the upscale and tranquil Elmhwood district, where rents tend to be higher.
“IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT IS DONE.”

NELSON MANDELA
JEFF BLEICH ’89

WORK: PARTNER | Munger, Tolles & Olson in San Francisco; Former U.S. Ambassador to Australia

FUN: I love to travel, especially with my family. There really is no substitute for understanding the world than exploring it and experiencing it.

ADVICE: Take your work seriously, but don’t take yourself too seriously.
WE’LL MAKE IT WORK.

With three-fourths of our students receiving some form of financial aid or loans, Berkeley Law is committed to keeping its doors open to every qualified applicant.
Financing Your Education

The Berkeley Law Financial Aid Office helps eligible students obtain a wide variety of grants, fellowships, and scholarships on the basis of need and merit, as well as an array of federal and private student loans.

NEED-BASED AID
Berkeley Law provides need-based grants to assist J.D. students from low-income backgrounds. Grant eligibility for Fall 2017 admits will be evaluated prior to the start of the fall entering term. Students awarded a need-based grant will receive the grant for a three-year period (a total of six semesters). All admitted students that would like to be considered for our need-based grant program must submit a Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS/Financial Aid Profile. Visit our website for more information on how to apply. Awards will be made based on funding availability.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Berkeley Law offers a variety of scholarships for entering students in addition to those offered by outside sources. All entering students are automatically considered for general scholarships; your application for admission was also your initial scholarship application. You may have also indicated interest in a specific scholarship program; if so, your eligibility will be communicated via email. Scholarship offers are typically made as three-year awards with no GPA or class rank requirement to renew/retain the scholarship. We usually begin making scholarship offers in December and January, and will continue to do so until June 1st. Average awards are approximately $20,000 per year for three years.

AID FOR U.S. MILITARY AND VETERANS
Berkeley Law offers the Department of Veterans Affairs Yellow Ribbon Program Scholarship (YRP). J.D. students who believe they qualify for Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill) benefits may apply. The goal is to fund any gap in tuition and fees not covered by the VA or other sources. Total aid, including YRP awards, may not exceed the total cost of tuition and fees. YRP rules allow us to assist non-resident students with up to $5,000 of their non-resident tuition. For other information about veterans benefits, visit http://financialaid.berkeley.edu/veterans-benefits.

AID FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
International J.D. students are eligible to apply for Berkeley Law’s need-based grant as well as entering and continuing scholarships. Students who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents are not eligible for federal aid such as federal educational loans, but they may be eligible for private educational loans if they have a co-signer who is a U.S. citizen. Visit our website for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.LAW.BERKELEY.EDU/ADMISSIONS/JD/FINANCIAL-AID/

“The summer stipend enabled me to work with Public Advocates, which protects the educational rights of California’s most vulnerable students. It was a wonderful and rewarding experience.”

SEAN DARLING-HAMMOND ’14
SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
Even if you’re convinced you’ll go directly into a private firm after graduating, Berkeley Law wants to give you a whole summer to reconsider. Our Summer Fellowship Program offers a $4,000 stipend to all first- and second-year students who take on their first approved, unpaid summer internship in public-interest, non-profit, or government sector law. Our bet is that if we make opportunities available, we’ll turn out more graduates who will choose public-interest law careers.

LOANS
Loans are the principal source of aid available to law students to fund their education. Loans with the most favorable terms are always made available first to offset student financial need. The majority of educational loans are provided by the federal government.

Federal student loans are available to eligible students regardless of income and provide a range of repayment options including income driven repayment plans and loan forgiveness benefits, which other education loans are not required to provide.

Eligible students are offered $20,500 annually in a Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loans. Students may borrow additional loans in the form of Federal Graduate PLUS Loans or private educational loans up to the cost of attendance (minus any other financial aid) to cover living expenses. The Federal Grad PLUS Loan will appear on your offer letter for the full amount you are eligible to apply for (the Federal Grad PLUS Loan program requires credit approval prior to disbursement), but many students find they do not need to borrow the full amount. The Financial Aid Office encourages you to borrow only as much as you need and can assist you in determining how much to borrow. Please note that if you are not eligible for federal or private educational loans, neither Berkeley Law nor the University of California, Berkeley will be able to provide you with an institutional loan.

LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Many incoming law students dream of making the world a better, safer, fairer place. Three years later, financial reality can rear its dream-killing head. Starting salaries for public-sector lawyers don’t always mesh with easy student loan repayments. Before you let go of the dream, you should consider Berkeley Law’s competitive Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP). Currently our LRAP is integrated with the federal government’s Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF) and Income-Driven Repayment plan and offers no out-of-pocket payments for graduates that are working in a public-interest law job at a salary of less than $65,000. Graduates earning over $65,000 and up to $100,000 in a public-interest law job receive partial support for their loan payments. Our LRAP program provides up to 10 years of support. Graduates that are in PSLF qualifying jobs for 10 years can apply for loan forgiveness through the federal government’s PSLF program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.LAW.BERKELEY.EDU/ADMISSIONS/JD/FINANCIAL-AID/

“I absolutely loved Berkeley Law when I visited, but there were real worries about how I could afford it. I’m beyond grateful for the generous grant funding that made coming here possible.”
CRISELDA HARO ’14

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How to Apply

NOVEMBER-MARCH
Submit the FAFSA, which is required for any type of aid. The FAFSA is available as early as October 15 each year. This allows us to offer you the basic federal student loan package and provides us with financial information used in determining grants and scholarships.

Also complete and submit the CSS/Financial Aid Profile application if you are applying for need-based aid. Funding is not unlimited so students are encouraged to apply early. You can expect to receive award notifications any time after being admitted between December and April.

APRIL-MAY
Check your financial aid offer through CalCentral.

Complete your Statement of Legal Residence on CalCentral no later than June 1. Create a financial budget to determine if you need to borrow loans to cover your educational expenses. If using financial aid to cover indirect living expenses, remember that the earliest financial aid refunds are available is the first week of classes each semester.

Apply for private outside scholarships and other scholarships administered by UC Berkeley.

JUNE-JULY
Accept any loans you wish to borrow on CalCentral and make sure to complete all tasks on CalCentral.

Complete Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note(s) on studentloans.gov if borrowing the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford or Graduate PLUS Loans.

Sign up for EFT (i.e. direct deposit) to get your refund as early as possible and avoid long delays in getting your refund.

AUGUST
Official billing statements will be available online through CalCentral at the beginning of August. After you’re enrolled in classes, accepted financial aid will disburse directly to your fees bill in mid-August. Financial aid refunds are only available as early as the first week of instruction.

Consider enrolling in the Tuition and Fee Payment Plan (FPP) to avoid late fees and impacts on enrollment if you are unable to cover your tuition and fees bill by August 19.

A detailed financial aid checklist is available on the Financial Aid webpage. Visit www.law.berkeley.edu/admissions/jd/financial-aid/ and click on “How to Apply”.

Tuition, Fees + Expenses

2016-17 Tuition and Fees
California resident $48,702
Nonresident $52,653*

2016-17 Estimated Nine-Month Academic Year Living Expenses
Food & Housing $20,128
Books & Supplies $1,526
Personal $1,580
Transportation $3,146
Health Insurance $4,146**

Estimated Total
Resident $79,228
Nonresident $83,179

* For students who establish California residency during their first year of law school, UC Berkeley offers a notable advantage during years two and three: fees drop from the nonresident rate to the California rate—a two-year savings of nearly $8,000.

** Fee may be waived with proof of existing comparable insurance.

Published fees are estimates and subject to change without notice.
WHATEVER YOU ARE, BE A GOOD ONE.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN
MICHELE ROBERTS ’80

WORK: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | National Basketball Players Association

FUN: Gardening (having grown up in the projects, there was no yard or landscape — I love being able to paint my yard with flowers!);

Theater — and not the huge Broadway-type productions. Love seeing the work produced by small companies from off the beaten path.

ADVICE: Take advantage of professors offering office hours. Schools like Boalt hire (mostly!) brilliant lawyers. In addition to being able to gain greater context regarding the subject matter of the course, you can hear some great “war stories” and glean some helpful insights into the profession.
READY FOR LIFT-OFF!

When you leave Berkeley Law, you’ll be among the most sought-after law school graduates in the country. Employers know that Berkeley Law grads are smart, driven, and well-prepared. They seek them out because they are collegial and professional, because they have both the aptitude and the right attitude. Employers know that if you can hold your own at Berkeley Law, you can hold your own anywhere.
Our Career Development Office (CDO) is committed to helping students embark on fulfilling legal careers that reflect their values, goals, and aspirations.

Over 93 percent of students in the class of 2015 were fully employed ten months after graduation—one of the highest employment rates in the country. For graduates who want to stay in the Bay Area, the region is rich with career opportunities, from nationally recognized, high-powered firms in San Francisco, to Silicon Valley firms that work with pathbreaking technology companies and entrepreneurs.

Typically, a majority of our graduates go to high-paying jobs in large private law firms in New York, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Los Angeles, and throughout the country. But nearly a fifth pursue public interest or public sector employment, helped in large measure by our very generous Loan Repayment Assistance Program. Many secure judicial clerkships.
Our Services

We believe in planning ahead, so beginning in your first year of study, the office will help you create a strategy for transforming your vision into reality.

ONE-ON-ONE CAREER COUNSELING

The CDO is staffed by seven attorney-counselors who offer real-world insights into various career paths.

Counselors are available by appointment and on a drop-in basis, and will help you with general or specific career planning, job search techniques, resume and cover letter writing, and networking. They can help you create three years of custom-tailored education and experience here at Berkeley Law that will help springboard you to a rewarding and fulfilling career.

CAREER PROGRAMS

The CDO sponsors programs for all law students throughout the year on such topics as:

- Resumé writing
- Interviewing skills
- The art of networking
- Job-search techniques for the public and private sectors
- Diversity in the legal profession
- Various legal practice areas

These programs take various forms and many feature notable speakers. Past speakers have included alumni, partners, and associates from law firms throughout the nation, attorneys specializing in public interest and public sector work, and experts in areas of interest such as current legal market trends.

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAMS

In the fall and spring of each year, Berkeley Law offers an extensive recruitment program that includes mock interviews. You'll develop interviewing skills through simulated job interviews conducted and evaluated by practicing attorneys.

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYER INTERVIEWS

Typically, more than 200 law firms, corporations, and government agencies interview second- and third-year students for summer and permanent employment. Most employers come from California, New York, and Washington, D.C., although firms from other cities around the United States, Europe, and Asia are also represented.

OTHER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Many employers—including some not represented at the on-campus event—regularly solicit resumés from students to fill their hiring needs each year.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

In addition to our online resources, you will also find a library of print materials in the CDO that include directories, periodicals, and other resources about the legal profession.

At the library, you will find information on:

- Employers' hiring practices, salaries, benefits, gender and minority demographics, and more
- Judicial clerkships
- State and federal government agencies
- Public interest law organizations
- Graduate programs and fellowships
- Teaching opportunities
Public Service

Berkeley Law is one of the top schools for students who want to pursue public service careers. More than 20 percent of our graduates go on to work in public service—among the highest at top law schools. As a public university, service is baked into our DNA.

This commitment is exhibited in many ways, including our Loan Repayment Assistance Program, the funding of hundreds of public interest summer fellowships, and maintaining two dedicated positions within the CDO devoted to public interest career counseling and programming.

**SUMMER AND POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS**
The Berkeley Law Public Interest/Public Sector Summer Fellowship Program provides $4,000 to J.D. students who are completing a first summer of qualifying public interest or government work. The program also provides additional funding to 2Ls who are completing a second summer of qualifying public interest or government work. To be eligible, summer fellowships must consist of legal work and must be supervised by an attorney.

*Students can also take advantage of these programs:*

**Public Interest/Public Sector Internship and Career Fair,** attended by nearly 80 employers.

**Public Interest/Public Sector Career Day,** which gives students another chance to establish contacts with public interest employers in the Bay Area. Berkeley Law co-sponsors the event along with the eight other Northern California law schools and the Public Interest Clearinghouse.

**Public Interest/Social Justice Mentor Program,** which matches first-year students with practicing government and public interest attorneys. Students learn what a day in the life of a public interest attorney is like by attending hearings, depositions, and negotiations. Mentors also are available to answer career-related questions and to provide networking contacts to students.

**Other Public Interest Career Programs:** Throughout the year, the office partners with various student organizations to present career programs focused on summer and postgraduate fellowships, judicial clerkships, international human rights work, and much more.

**The Public Service Jobs Directory,** an innovative national resource that helps law students across the country find positions with public interest organizations, government agencies, judges, and private firms with public interest or significant pro bono practices.

**BRIDGE AND PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS**
Berkeley Law offers two post-graduate fellowship programs to support a limited number of J.D. graduates pursuing careers in public interest or public sector work that requires a J.D. or draws heavily on their legal education and training.

Eligible work may include legal advocacy, direct legal services, or community education and organizing.

The **Bridge Fellowship** is a short-term program for graduates committed to pursuing careers in public interest fields—but who have been thus far unable to secure employment. Fellows receive limited financial support while they continue to search for permanent public interest positions after the bar exam.

The longer-term **Public Interest Fellowship Program** funds fellows to work in an apprentice role for a full year, during which they are committed to staying in their placement. Priority is given to graduates who most need a year-long apprenticeship in order to develop the skills and experience required to be competitive for entry-level positions in their chosen field.
CAREER DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

- Programs tailored to the needs of our first-year students, offering pragmatic advice on law careers
- Mock interviews conducted by practicing attorneys to help you refine interview skills and build confidence
- Attorney-led workshops discussing opportunities and job-search techniques
- An online data base of current job listings for students and alumni
- Information on judicial clerkships, state and federal agencies, graduate programs and fellowships, public-interest law organizations, and teaching opportunities
- A counselor dedicated to judicial clerkships
- Specialized career counselors
- On-campus Interview Program, Early Interview Week, and subject-specific recruitment fairs

Clerkships are extraordinary opportunities, and Berkeley Law puts a lot of institutional muscle into helping students land them. **Easha Anand ’14** clerked for the 9th Circuit, and for Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Twenty percent of Anand’s class landed clerkships.
Most first-year students begin an active job search for summer internships during the spring semester. Beginning in November and continuing through the spring semester, the office provides career-oriented programs and opportunities for these students.

Firms that employ first-year students for summer positions often solicit student resumés. Other employers participate in a spring on-campus recruiting program.

Here are some of the jobs and activities our students do during the summer:

- Intern for U.S. attorneys, public defenders, and DA’s
- Extern for federal judges throughout the United States
- Work at America’s most prestigious law firms
- Conduct cutting-edge human rights fieldwork worldwide
- Study abroad
- Provide direct client services at legal aid agencies in marginalized communities
CHECKLIST

Visit the CalCentral website and our Admitted Students website to complete the checklist. Check back for updates.

DECEMBER-APRIL

☐ Submit the Visit Form
   Use our Visit Form to communicate your plans to attend our ADMITTED STUDENTS WEEKEND, scheduled for March 16-18. Use our Individual Visit Form if you wish to visit us on your own.

☐ Indicate Your Initial Enrollment Intent in CalCentral (IMPORTANT - DUE BY 5PM PST ON APRIL 15)
   Indicate your initial enrollment intent on the CalCentral website. We provide three response options and do not require a deposit.

☐ Complete Your Financial Aid Applications
   Use the Financial Aid Office's Entering Student Checklist as a guide to completing your financial aid applications on time. In order to receive your financial aid offer around ADMITTED STUDENTS WEEKEND, you will need to complete and submit both the FAFSA and CSS Profile by March 2. If you are a late admit, this deadline can be waived.

☐ View Your Financial Aid Offer
   If you submit all of your aid applications on time you usually should be able to see your initial offer through the campus CalCentral system. If your offer is missing or incomplete, please check to make sure that you have satisfied all of your financial aid requirements to date and contact Financial Aid if you believe that there is an error in your record. Your offer should include any loans and need-based grants for which you are eligible. The scholarship committee is currently determining scholarship awards and will notify recipients directly by e-mail. Once a determination is made, the scholarship award will be added to the recipient's financial aid offer.

☐ Check the Admitted Students Website
   You can find information about Admitted Students Receptions in your area.
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[ ] Indicate your Final Enrollment Intent in CalCentral [IMPORTANT - DUE BY 5PM PST ON JUNE 1]
If you responded tentatively to the initial enrollment intent on CalCentral, a final enrollment decision is due by June 1.

[ ] Research Housing
The University offers a number of housing options for law students. Visit the Housing link on your CalCentral checklist for information on places to live, apartment buildings where law students are given priority, housing for parents, and typical Berkeley rental rates.

[ ] Get in Touch with Your Classmates
Want to share moving expenses to Berkeley? Seeking a roommate who will love your pet iguana? Interested in organizing a culture-shock encounter group? You will be able to share your information with the rest of your class and get in touch with others who share your interests via our in-house Facebook page.

[ ] Send Us Your Official Transcript
Once you have declared your definite intent to enroll, you must arrange for an official transcript(s) to be sent to our office. Request your college registrar to mail an official, final hard copy of your bachelor’s degree transcript directly to Berkeley Law Admissions Office, 225 Boalt Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-7200. Yes, Cal grads must comply with this requirement as well. If you have a graduate degree we also require an official copy of that transcript. All transcripts must have your degree(s) posted on them.

[ ] Complete Your Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) [AVAILABLE IN EARLY MAY & DUE BY JUNE 1]
Late admits should submit as soon as possible after they declare their intent to enroll.

All new students must submit an SLR through CalCentral. Although the deadline to complete and submit your SLR is June 1, do not wait until the deadline. It is important that you complete this form as soon as the form is available to you in CalCentral. The SLR enables the university to determine the fees you will be assessed. Please note that your initial financial aid offer reflects the residency status you indicated on your admission application, but the Residency Office will determine your actual residency for tuition purposes, and your financial aid offer will be adjusted only when that determination is made. Therefore, submit the SLR well before the June 1 deadline to ensure that your registration fees are assessed properly. If you can’t access the SLR after May 1, please contact Admissions. For more information, visit our page containing links to important residency information. Any technical questions about residency should be addressed to the Residency Office at 510-642-5990. Neither the admissions nor the financial aid offices can advise you on residency issues.

[ ] Create Your @berkeley.edu E-mail Account
Once you declare your definite intent to enroll, you will be able to create your personal @berkeley.edu e-mail account. Law school administrators will use this e-mail address to keep you informed of important law school related announcements and deadlines and your e-mail address will be added to the 1L mailing list. Instructions on creating your bMail account can be found on the CalCentral page.

This will be your e-mail account for the duration of your law school career so you should choose an e-mail that you would be willing to use professionally. For example, if your name is John Doe, you may want to use jdoe@berkeley.edu. If the name has already been taken, CalMail will prompt you to choose another. After your account has been created, you can check your e-mail through bMail on CalMail's site. Remember to also update your e-mail address on the contact information page in CalCentral.

[ ] Complete the Non-Immigrant Information Form (NIF)
If you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident currently holding a valid green card, complete the Non-Immigrant Information Form (NIF). The NIF is an online form located on the Berkeley International Office's website. It is used to determine what type of non-immigrant status you will hold while at Berkeley and, if necessary, to gather information to prepare the Certificate of Eligibility required to obtain your student visa or continue your stay. International students can find additional helpful information related to non-immigrant visas and adjustment information on BIO's website.

Notice: Before you enroll at Berkeley Law, we want to make sure you know that each state has established character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar. We encourage you to determine what those qualifications are in the state[s] in which you intend to practice. For information on various exams and links to most state bar offices, visit the website for the National Conference of Bar Examiners. You can also find additional information on our website.
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