

**Your future
awaits.**

#ExperienceMcGeorge

“As soon as I visited the McGeorge campus, I knew that there was nowhere else I would rather be. Having the opportunity to interact with enrolled students, alumni, and faculty made me feel welcome and excited to be a part of the community.”

Micaela Chapa '22
Second-year law student

It's All Here

Located in the culturally and historically vibrant capital of California, the McGeorge School of Law and its Sacramento campus have it all — culture and history, policy and politics, and an energetic lifestyle you might expect in one of the fastest growing cities in the West.

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Your journey to success starts here.

California's Vibrant Capital

Sacramento is a city in the center of it all. As capital to the world's fifth largest economy, Sacramento is a thriving and diverse hub of interests and cultures. Home to one of the most influential and powerful governments, the city is recognized around the world as a bellwether for policy and politics. Its Silicon Valley and San Francisco-adjacent location allows for any number of professional business and industry opportunities. Whatever career aspiration or path, choices abound.

Live Better on Less

McGeorge is located in one of the more affordable cities in California to attend law school. With the cost of living 14% lower than other urban areas in the state, you can graduate with less debt and enjoy all the region has to offer. From its growing music and art scene to museums and historic sites, Sacramento is a city buzzing with things to do. Aptly called America's farm-to-fork capital, the city delivers on its culinary roots — from chef-inspired restaurants to tasty downtown breweries. Its many sports teams make catching a game an easy pursuit, just as outdoor activities are all year-round in idyllic weather that's sunny 300+ days a year.

State Capitol Building 1

The heart of politics and policy for the world's fifth largest economy

Sports 2

Home to NBA's Sacramento Kings, minor league soccer's Sacramento Republic and baseball's River Cats

Lavender Heights

Midtown Sacramento's LGBTQ+ friendly neighborhood

California Wine Country 3

World-class wine tasting only an hour drive away

Silicon Valley 4

Near the global center for high technology and innovation

Farm-to-Fork Capital

Restaurants, eateries, breweries and more

Old Sacramento

Home to a lively historic district and California's Gold Rush past

Outdoor Adventures 5

Hiking, biking, river rafting and more

Neighborhood Campus

Beautiful Oak Park campus location among tree-lined streets

Music & Art 6

Burgeoning and growing music, art and entertainment scene

San Francisco & Oakland 7

Nearby opportunities for hip dining, art & music, sporting events and beyond

Lake Tahoe 8

Skiing, hiking, boating, camping and more

OUR STORIED HISTORY

When University of Chicago Law School graduate and Standard Oil executive Verne Adrian McGeorge began teaching law students at night in downtown Sacramento in 1921, the idea for a new law school began taking shape.

1923

LAW SCHOOL ESTABLISHED

"Sacramento College of Law" non-profit corporation created. Tuition is \$100 per year.

1924

OFFICIAL NAME CHANGE

Sacramento College of Law becomes McGeorge School of Law in honor of founder Verne Adrian McGeorge. First commencement ceremony held, graduating five students.

1957

NEW CAMPUS LOCATION

McGeorge officially moves its campus to the Oak Park neighborhood of Sacramento.

1965

FACULTY RECRUITMENT

Among other prestigious jurists, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy (Ret.) joins the McGeorge faculty.

1966

MERGE WITH UOP

McGeorge merges with the University of the Pacific and becomes its school of law.

1969

ABA ACCREDITATION

McGeorge secures accreditation by the American Bar Association, paving the way for its rise to national recognition.

1973

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

McGeorge opens the Center for Legal Advocacy, recognized nationally as the first truly experiential courtroom facility among all law schools; inspires future legal clinic offered by the school.

1983

ORDER OF THE COIF

McGeorge becomes a member school in the Order of the Coif, the ABA's highest acknowledgement of academic excellence.

1995

GOVERNMENT PROGRAM LAUNCH

McGeorge launches the Governmental Affairs Program and the Institute for Legislative Practice, the forerunner of the Capital Center for Law & Policy.

2012

NEW COURTHOUSE

Remodeled courtroom with advanced technology (now known as the Noël M. Farris Court-house) is unveiled.

Today, McGeorge School of Law is an internationally recognized leader in the field of legal education with alumni practicing in all 50 states and 43 countries.

*** 33+**
DIVERSE AND
ACTIVE STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS

*** #7**
LAW SCHOOL FOR
"GREATEST RESOURCES
FOR MINORITY STUDENTS"
Princeton Review, 2019

“McGeorge offers a great law school experience. I’ve met my lifelong friends, had mentorships from older students and alumni, as well as received the best guidance from faculty and staff.”

Julienne Correa '21
Third-year law student

COLLABORATIVE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

We are in this together.

From your first day of class to your first day on the job, your experience at McGeorge will be the foundation of your legal education and career. Your first day will also be the start of personal growth and lifelong connections that speak uniquely to the McGeorge experience.

More Than Just an Education

At McGeorge, you will join a close-knit family of supportive staff and faculty, students and alumni, advisors and mentors that will be with you every step of your law school journey. We take great pride in the collaborative campus community and environment that we have carefully built over many decades. Our student-centered approach on both a personal and professional level has helped transform our students year-after-year into the best professionals that they can be.

Dedicated to Diversity

McGeorge fosters a vibrant, supportive, and welcoming community that celebrates all forms of diversity. Funded by McGeorge faculty, the Pacific McGeorge Faculty Diversity Scholarship was established in 2013. Additionally, our Center for Inclusion and Diversity (CID) is a drop-in space at our Student Center for fostering kinship, support and programming that promotes understanding of diversity issues and an atmosphere of inclusion for all on our Sacramento campus.

“The most important part of teaching for me is mentoring students. I hope to give the benefit of my perspective to help illuminate the path ahead for them.”

Jeffrey E. Proske
Professor of Law,
Legal Practice

Alana Mathews
Adjunct Professor

McGeorge boasts a nearly
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STUDENT-TO-FACULTY
RATIO

Our faculty's experience, knowledge and background in the legal profession is varied and extensive. Their depth of real-world experiences and careers in the legal field include:

- Judges
- Fortune 500 Companies
- U.S. Department of Justice
- Clerkships for U.S. Supreme Court
- Large & small law firms
- Nonprofit Sector
- Politics & Legislative Offices

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Learn from the best.

At McGeorge School of Law, you will be taught by distinguished and internationally recognized faculty from a wide variety of backgrounds. Our 30+ full-time faculty bring an incredible depth of knowledge and mastery of the law to the classroom. Dozens of seasoned adjunct faculty contribute to our academic rigor with high-level, real-life expertise and experiences in all areas of law.

Teachers & Mentors

As scholars and leaders in their disciplines, McGeorge faculty are influential experts regularly called upon for comments on a variety of legal concerns. They are recognized around the world for their valuable contributions to law, diplomacy and human rights. Students at McGeorge also connect one-on-one with faculty through research and teaching assistant positions, as well as in our standout Mock Trial and Moot Court competitions.

FACULTY & ACADEMICS



Michael Hunter Schwartz
Dean, University of the Pacific
McGeorge School of Law

Michael Schwartz has served as Dean of McGeorge School of Law since 2017, the 10th dean to serve at McGeorge since its founding in 1924. Schwartz is recognized internationally for his expertise on the subject of teaching, learning and curriculum design in law school, and has written extensively on the subject. Passionate about the complete student learning experience, Schwartz has championed several McGeorge experiential learning initiatives, including its required first-year law student mentoring program as well as its externship/clinic requirement for all students.



Anthony Kennedy
U.S. Supreme Court Justice (retired)

Our longest continually serving faculty member, retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy (shown above in an official portrait on loan from United States Supreme Court) has taught at McGeorge in various capacities for more than four decades. Even after his retirement from the U.S. Supreme Court in 2018, Kennedy has continued his involvement with McGeorge and its summer Salzburg program.

OUR GLOBAL NETWORK

14,000+ alumni

Engaged and involved, the McGeorge alumni family spans all 50 states and 43 countries, and represents a broad range of legal careers, following both traditional and non-traditional paths. Yet, what our alumni share is their lifelong commitment and allegiance to McGeorge School of Law.

This sense of pride and connection means that year-after-year, alumni have remained an integral part of the McGeorge experience, serving as mentors, guest lecturers, supporters and overall career connectors for every new class of students. From judges to CEOs, law firm partners to start-up tech legal counsels, from leading prosecutors to public defenders, to private practitioners or legal advocates, our alumni's breadth of careers and experiences run the gamut.

***ALUMNI MENTORS**
ARE ASSIGNED TO EVERY NEW STUDENT



OLYMPIA, WA
Tina Poley '08
WA State Department of Revenue/
WA Office of Administrative Hearings



CASTLE ROCK, CO
Keegan Doherty '18
Office of the District Attorney
for the 18th Judicial District



SAN DIEGO, CA
Lauren Caldwell '11
State Compensation Insurance Fund



BLOOMINGTON, IL
Tamarra Rennick Bernstein '91
State Farm



CHICAGO, IL
Aurora Stevenson '08
Dearborn Life Insurance Company



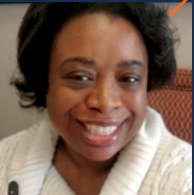
NEW YORK, NY
Joshua White '21
New York County
Defender Services



WASHINGTON, DC
Gustavo Matheus '96
Anderson & Quinn, LLC

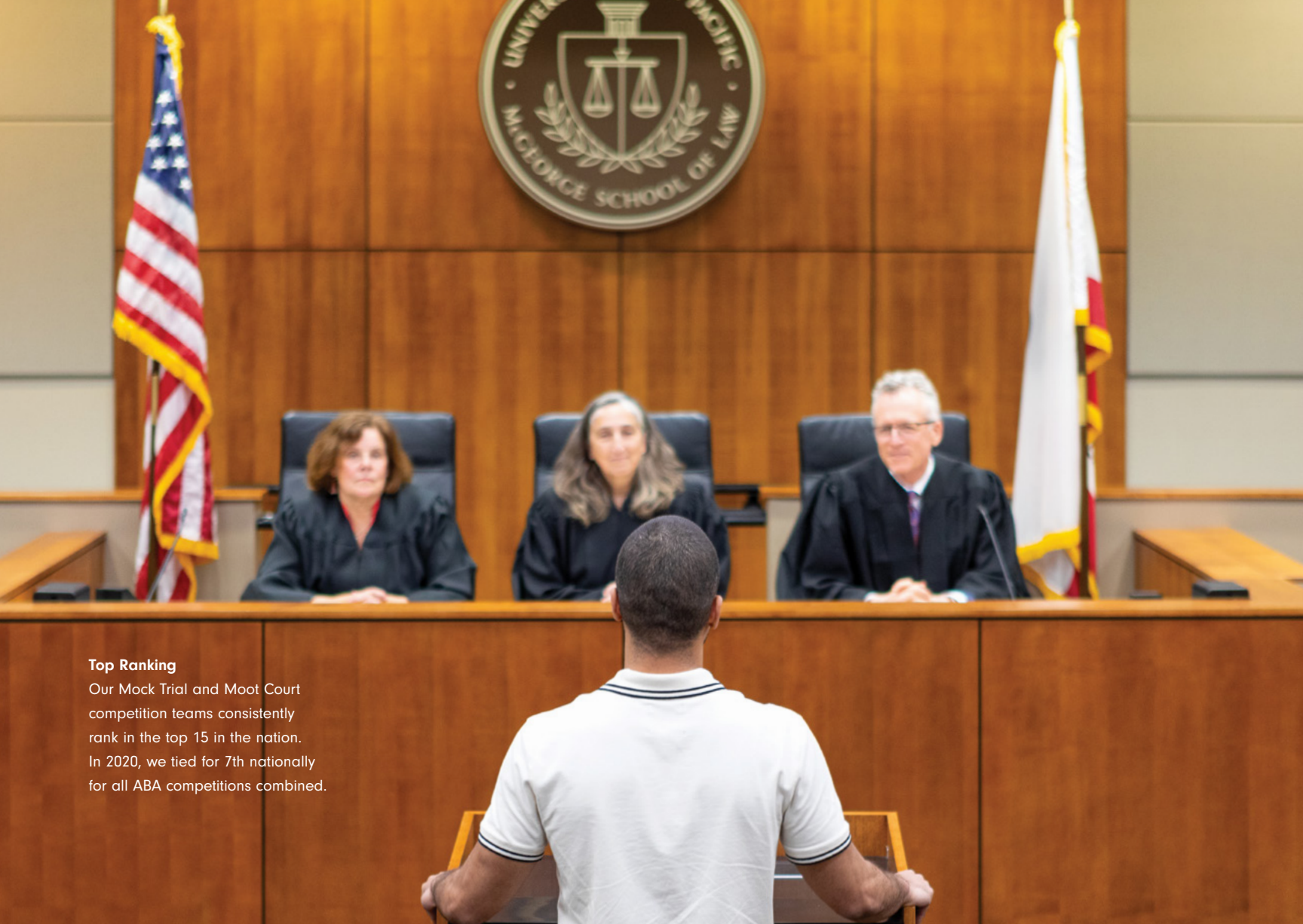


ATLANTA, GA
Eric Barnum '94
BakerHostetler



SHREVEPORT, LA
Danielle Brown '11
City Attorney's Office
for the City of Shreveport





Top Ranking
Our Mock Trial and Moot Court competition teams consistently rank in the top 15 in the nation. In 2020, we tied for 7th nationally for all ABA competitions combined.



“The Mock Trial Program at McGeorge was pivotal in my development as a trial attorney. The quality of the coaching and instruction was excellent, and in no small measure due to the vast trial experience of everyone involved.”

Maris Wilson '08
Deputy District Attorney, Sacramento County

CAREERS

McGeorge mentorships and the Legal Professions course have proved to be a powerful combination, with an estimated 90% of McGeorge students securing law-related jobs, externships or internships in the summer after their first year of law school.

Alumni Mentoring Program

This program ensures that each student at McGeorge has an alumni mentor. One of only a few law schools in the country to build this into its curriculum, McGeorge matches each first-year law student with an alumnus practicing in an area of law that interests the student. The experience includes a job shadowing opportunity, alumnus interviews about their work and if possible, a networking event with the alumnus.

Legal Professions Course

This course prepares students to enter the modern legal practice and develop a professional identity as a lawyer. This practical, interactive course focuses on professionalism, teamwork, interpersonal communication, career skill-building and on establishing a fulfilling law career. In particular, it helps students obtain meaningful legal employment the summer immediately after completing their first-year of study, which enhances post-graduation job prospects.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Your career is our business.

Why wait to learn how to practice law until after graduation? At McGeorge, opportunities abound for our students to gain real-world, hands-on experience while completing their legal coursework. Whether through externships or highly competitive Mock Trial and Moot Court opportunities, McGeorge students graduate uniquely prepared and ready to jumpstart their careers.

Competition Teams

McGeorge’s Mock Trial and Moot Court Competition Team Programs train and coach students to become excellent trial lawyers by teaching them persuasive courtroom advocacy skills and effective application of Federal Rules of Evidence.

Externships

Our externships provide an immersive, career-building experience that lets you earn law school credit while performing supervised legal work as an extern at government agencies, courts, non-profit entities and limited for-profit entities.



Ilana Shoyket '23
Second-year law student completed an externship at the Office of the Attorney General Civil Law Division, Correctional Law Section

“I worked with Deputy Attorneys General representing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in civil suits filed by prisoners and parolees. Most of the cases the section worked on involved defending federal civil rights lawsuits brought by inmates in state prison alleging violations of religious rights, excessive force, and challenging conditions of prison confinement. I was responsible for drafting civil pleadings and motions, such as motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment.”



Corey Thomas '21
McGeorge alumnus completed an externship at the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

“My externship with the California Department of Parks and Recreation afforded me the experience and skills I believe will propel my career in the future. I was able to work alongside talented attorneys who mentored me and provided helpful feedback on my assignments. Most importantly, I was able to acquire skills in legal writing and researching. I also had the privilege to listen in on hearings and attend meetings with the Attorney General’s Office and other Departments within the DPR. I would highly recommend an externship because it offers a rewarding experience and exceptional legal skills for the future.”



Jeremy McLinden '22
Third-year law student completed an externship at the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

“The McGeorge Externship program helped me get valuable experience in the legal office of the DTSC, one of the state’s biggest and busiest environmental agencies that is part of the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The skills and knowledge developed in my legal courses — particularly Administrative Law and Environmental Law — allowed me to significantly contribute to the work of the office and impress my supervising attorneys.”

***100+**
HANDS-ON EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

We inspire great lawyers — and great human beings.

Think of McGeorge as the starting point of your next chapter in life. It is a journey to help you find your path in the field of law — no matter the career trajectory you pursue — but also an opportunity to discover your personal passions as well.

Legal Clinics

Our emphasis on hands-on, experiential learning — applying classroom knowledge and legal theory to practice — has long been a hallmark of the McGeorge law school experience. Since 1974 when we opened our first legal clinic, we have been on a mission to prepare our students with practical lawyering skills and knowledge, and at the same time, give back to our local community. This experience has proven invaluable not to just our students' career success, but to their personal growth and development along the way.

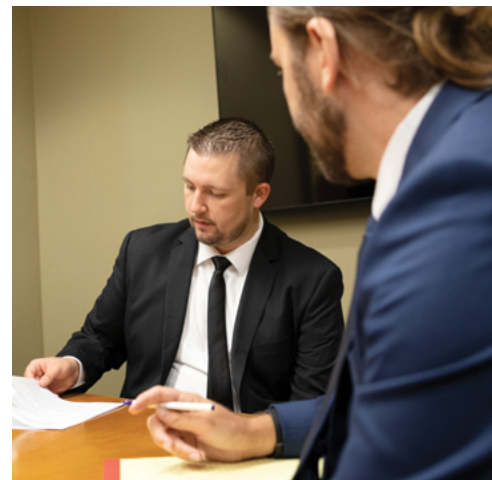
Making an Impact: The California Victims of Crime Resource Center (CVCRC)

The CVCRC is a national organization housed on the McGeorge campus. Since 1984, the CVCRC has offered our law students the opportunity to assist crime victims, their families, service providers and victim advocates on matters ranging from defendant protection, to victim restitution and constitutional rights. The Center also provides information on rights of victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, elder or child abuse, among others. The Center is one of only two nationally located within a law school.

McGeorge legal clinics provide students the experience and responsibility of representing clients from nearby underserved communities. Depending on a student's interest, we offer hands-on clinical experiences in:

- Bankruptcy Clinic
- Elder and Health Clinic
- Federal Defender Clinic
- Homeless Advocacy Clinic
- Immigration Clinic
- Legislative and Public Policy Clinic
- Prisoner Civil Rights Clinic

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



Our three **Centers of Distinction** allow students the opportunity to delve deeply into specialized areas of legal practice in small classes and policy seminars, through skills practice and competitions, and by means of hands-on learning in externships with courts, the legislature and government agencies.

Capital Center for Law & Policy

Offers a unique blend of courses and experiential opportunities to prepare you for a career focused on shaping public policy in government. McGeorge's location in California's capital city provides an unparalleled opportunity to impact critical government and public policy issues while completing your degree.

Center for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution

Prepares you to excel as an advocate who can ethically and skillfully represent clients on various legal matters, whether in the courtroom or boardroom. U.S. News & World Report ranked McGeorge's Trial Advocacy Program No. 9 in the nation in its 2020 Best Graduate Schools guide.

Global Center for Business & Development

Consistently ranked among the United States' top international programs, this Center is distinguished by the breadth and depth of our faculty's engagement with international and transnational law. The Center's scholarship influences policy and practice, and exposes students to global issues across the curriculum.

JD Certificate of Concentration Programs

- Business
- Capital Lawyering
- Elder & Health
- Intellectual Property
- International
- Tax
- Trial & Appellate Advocacy
- Water & Environmental



“I chose McGeorge because of the Capital Lawyering Concentration and its proximity to the capital. I have found that all of my experiences at McGeorge have motivated me to continue pursuing my passion for public service.”

Brooke Hill '22
Second-year law student,
President of the McGeorge
Public Legal Services Society

PERSONALIZED PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

We are invested in your success.

At McGeorge, it is never a one-size-fits-all approach. We encourage students to explore all areas and aspects of law first through our core curriculum, and then to cultivate their specific interests through electives, concentrations and real-world experiential opportunities.

Explore Diverse Opportunities

Our electives emphasize the integration of legal theory with professional lawyering skills, helping immerse students in things that lawyers do in practice every day — whether that be fact-finding or problem solving, analysis or advocacy, negotiation or persuasive writing. We couple this with required externships and hands-on clinic experiences, assuring that our students are truly ready for a career in their chosen field.

Students can also customize their JD degree to fit their needs, either through certificates of concentration, dual degree programs or other elective and experiential opportunities.

Career Development Support

Our strong career development team is dedicated to helping students reach both their personal and professional goals. Not only is our staff great at what they do, but they have also earned a reputation for their unrelenting commitment to helping students succeed, with support such as workshops on resumes, cover letters and salary negotiations, as well as mock interview programs.

Accelerated Honors Program

Students selected for this highly competitive program graduate a semester early, allowing them to save a semester's tuition and start earning a salary six months sooner. AHP students are also provided with a school-funded externship.

Part-Time JD Program

A four-year option for students who can devote only a portion of their time to the study of law.



NEXT STEPS

Realize your ambitions.

A degree from McGeorge School of Law can help you fulfill your greatest ambitions. Whether your goal is corporate law or public service, our supportive community and renowned legal scholars can provide you with the knowledge, tools and connections you need to succeed.

We Are Here To Help

If you require special accommodations to complete your application, please contact our office at mcgeorge@pacific.edu.

Committed to achieving equal educational opportunities for qualified persons with disabilities, McGeorge School of Law complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as other applicable state and local requirements pertaining to our students, from the application process and beyond.

visit us at law.pacific.edu

APPLY

Application Checklist

Interested in applying to McGeorge? Applicants are admitted on a rolling basis. Applications must be complete and submitted through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) at lsac.org.

You will need the following to complete the application process:

- ☐ Completed McGeorge application
- ☐ Personal statement
- ☐ Resume (no high school information)
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation submitted through your LSAC Credential Assembly Services (CAS) account (up to three letters will be allowed)
- ☐ Transcripts for all coursework completed after high school and leading up to the undergraduate degree
- ☐ Proof of bachelor's degree (must be completed before the first day of classes)
- ☐ CAS report
- ☐ Your email address
- ☐ LSAT or LSAT Flex score (must be completed within the last five years)
- ☐ LSAT writing sample

Financial Aid & Scholarships

The McGeorge School of Law is committed to providing students with financial aid resources to meet the educational costs of pursuing their legal future. Our goal is to ensure excellent customer service with accurate and timely delivery of financial aid funds.

McGeorge awards scholarships to most entering JD students. These include several dozen endowed scholarships and substantial tuition discounts. Scholarship recipients are selected during the admission review process based on information in the application materials. In addition, admitted applicants can apply for scholarships based on backgrounds and interest in advocacy, international law, law and policy, and public service.

Please visit our website to review all financial aid, scholarship options and the current estimated cost of attendance, including details such as fees, books, housing and other items.

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