10 facts about law school

And how Whittier Law School helps you leverage them
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10 facts. No matter where you choose to attend law school, there are certain facts that are consistent with every student experience. Some of these facts are common sense, yet magnified because of the intensity of the law school experience. Others are insights that many students wish they had taken to heart as first-year students.

We’d like to share these realities of law school with you, along with the resources that Whittier Law School offers to help you manage them, and even leverage some of them to your advantage.
fact #1 YOUR LSAT SCORE ALONE DOES NOT PREDICT YOUR SUCCESS IN LAW SCHOOL.

Your LSAT score doesn’t reflect your work ethic, time management skills, ability to write well, and many other traits that are necessary to do well in law school. That’s why we look at every aspect of your record when we consider your application to Whittier Law School. We seek intelligent, well-rounded people from diverse backgrounds who show great potential for success. If that describes you, we would like to speak with you about pursuing a law career.
ABOUT WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL

Founded 50 years ago and accredited by the American Bar Association since 1985, Whittier Law School is a place where:

• You can **specialize in various areas** of law including business, children’s rights, criminal, environmental, intellectual property, and international law as well as trial and appellate practice.

• Our **beautiful campus** offers plenty of free parking, and is not shared with our undergraduate college, Whittier College.

• Our **brand new courtroom**, called the Kiesel Advocacy Center, allows you to practice your trial skills in a state-of-the-art venue.

• The faculty and staff believe deeply in the value of the education they provide and have **dedicated their lives to helping students** succeed.

• You can **study law abroad** in China, Israel and Spain, and externships abroad are also available.

• We equip you thoroughly with **fundamental lawyering skills** that are so important to employers.

• The **beach is 10 minutes away**, and the area of Orange County, California is a world-class tourism destination known for its scenic beauty and attractions.

• Our **scholarship program is generous**, with over two thirds of incoming students receiving scholarships.

Find out more in the pages to come, or visit our campus to see for yourself. We welcome the opportunity to get to know you.

**DEAN’S MESSAGE**

“**At Whittier Law School, we take great pride in our sense of community and inclusion. Our law school family dates back 50 years and includes over 5,000 alums with successful careers in law and related fields. Whittier graduates live all over the world and benefit from their J.D. degrees in traditional law jobs such as judges, law firm partners, corporate counsel, prosecutors, and public defenders, as well as non-traditional careers including talent agents, venture capitalists, and technology entrepreneurs. We welcome you to consider joining our family and exploring the many opportunities that await you as a Whittier Law School student.**” — Judith Daar, Dean
Picture yourself arguing a case in this stunning courtroom, or listening to an actual trial being held here. The Kiesel Advocacy Center, completed in 2013, is one of the most beautiful and state-of-the-art courtrooms in California. It includes a large spectator gallery of 134 seats, a jury deliberation room, and judge’s chambers, in a space of 4,400 square feet. Made possible by generous donations from our alumni, the Kiesel Advocacy Center hosts prestigious events for students, scholars, lawyers, judges and community members.
fact #2  THE DIVERSITY OF YOUR LAW SCHOOL SHOULD MIRROR SOCIETY.

Wherever you plan to practice law, you need to have the skills to thrive in a multicultural and diverse community. U.S. News & World Report ranked Whittier Law School as the 13th most diverse law school in the nation, and Princeton Review named us 5th for Best Environment for Minority Students. In our community, as you work with fellow students on projects, you’ll come to understand how others see the world — an essential skill in any successful career.
FACULTY WHO BRING OUT YOUR BEST

Quite simply, the knowledge, skills and attitude of a law school's faculty are inextricably linked to your success. While our faculty has prestigious credentials and polished teaching skills, the factor that sets them apart is their genuine care and commitment. They have dedicated their lives to helping law students succeed, and will go to great lengths to assist you.

ABOUT OUR FACULTY

• Many of our faculty graduated from Yale, University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown, Harvard, New York University, and other top 20 law schools.

• With a mix of seasoned faculty members and younger minds, our faculty represents a diverse group of ages, cultures and backgrounds from around the world.

• With generous office hours and one-on-one time, your professors make your education their first priority.

• Many faculty are highly respected in their fields, known for their scholarly work including textbooks that are used by students at a wide variety of law schools.

• Professors often take an active part in campus life and student events.

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# EXPERIENCE THE LAW CURRICULUM

## FULL-TIME DAY PROGRAM

Time to complete: 3 years  
Credits necessary per semester: 12-15

### FULL-TIME DAY REQUIRED CURRICULUM

**First Year Requirements**  
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**Second and Third Year Requirements**

- Constitutional Law I & II: 6  
- Criminal Procedure: 3  
- Business Associations**: 4  
- Evidence**: 4  
- Professional Responsibility*: 3  
- Lawyering Skills 3*: 2 (choose Litigation or Transactional Track)  
- Lawyering Skills 4*: 2 (must be taken in third year)  
- Legal Analysis Workshop*: 3 (must be taken in third year)  
- Advanced Experiential*: 3  
- Requirement (clinical, externship or advanced simulation credits)

## PART-TIME DAY PROGRAM

Time to complete: 4 years  
Credits necessary per semester: 8-11

### PART-TIME REQUIRED CURRICULUM

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**Second Year Requirements**

- Civil Procedure I/Litigation*: 2  
- Torts: 4  
- Constitutional Law I & II: 6  
- Civil Procedure II/Litigation*: 4

**Third and Fourth Year Requirements**

- Criminal Procedure: 3  
- Business Associations**: 4  
- Evidence**: 4  
- Professional Responsibility*: 3  
- Lawyering Skills 3*: 2 (choose Litigation or Transactional Track)  
- Legal Analysis Workshop I*: 2 (must be taken in third year)  
- Legal Analysis Workshop II*: 3  
- Advanced Experiential*: 3  
- Requirement (clinical, externship or advanced simulation credits)

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* Experiential courses  
** Courses offered in both experiential and classic formats

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### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROGRAMS

- Total units required to graduate: 89
- Required course units: 59
- Required experiential units: 30
- Elective course units: 31

**Format:** Semesters – 14 weeks  
**Additional sessions:**  
- Summer – 7 weeks  
- Study Abroad – 2-4 weeks

Note: Students below a certain GPA will be required to take Legal Methods I and/or II in their second year.

For more information, please see our website at:  
www.law.whittier.edu/DegreeRequirements
NEW CURRICULUM GAINS NATIONAL ATTENTION

Whittier Law School recently introduced our groundbreaking *Experience the Law* Curriculum to great acclaim. *National Jurist* magazine named it the “6th Most Innovative Idea” offered by law schools in the nation, and *preLaw* magazine called it the “7th Most Innovative Class Idea.”

What makes our curriculum different than others?

- In our experiential courses, students spend part of the class learning the concepts, and part of the class **putting those concepts into practice**.
- Experiential learning begins in your **very first year**, and continues over the course of your education here, which is a rarity among law school curricula.
- **Students tend to understand concepts better** when they **apply them as lawyers would**.
- 30 units — **over half of the required courses** — **integrate experiential learning**. The entire curriculum has been coordinated to integrate and develop critical skills and knowledge.
- Experiential courses are offered **in addition** to a range of **clinical and externship** opportunities.

The bottom line is that students receive more hands-on learning so they graduate with both the knowledge and skills to successfully practice law right away.
fact#3 LAW SCHOOL IS A PRESSURE-COOKER, SO STRESS RELIEF IS CRUCIAL.

Law school places many demands on your time and abilities. You must fit some fun and relaxation into your life. On the weekends, many Whittier Law students drive just 10 minutes to Newport or Huntington Beach to blow off steam and enjoy world-class scenery. You can study with sand between your toes or hit some local hotspots. In Orange County, a famous center of tourism, there’s no shortage of interesting things to do.
OUR LOCATION

Whittier Law School is located in Orange County, California, in the city of Costa Mesa, just seven miles from the beach. Known as the “City of the Arts”, this upscale, cosmopolitan area is rich in restaurants, performing arts, large law firms and shopping. Hundreds of dining options are within a few miles of campus, as well as Segerstrom Center for the Arts, South Coast Repertory, South Coast Plaza and South Coast Metro shopping centers, and hip outdoor venues including The Lab and The Camp.
WELCOME TO ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

• Beaches: 30
• Average temperature: 65 to 85 degrees
• Sunny days: more than 250 per year
• Distance to Los Angeles: 35 miles
• Distance to San Diego: 90 miles
• Distance to Palm Springs: 101 miles
• Distance to skiing: 100 miles
fact #4  A NETWORK OF ALUMNI PAVES THE WAY FOR YOUR SUCCESS.

Once you graduate and pass the bar, you’ll join a network of over 5,000 Whittier Law alumni. They can be invaluable in mentoring you, helping you get connected with others, and finding employment. With alumni in virtually every area of law, you’ll have excellent connections.
OUR CONVENIENT CAMPUS

Our beautiful campus offers plenty of free parking, located just a few steps away from our classrooms, and is not shared with our undergraduate college, Whittier College. It is dedicated to the law school. The campus is located just a few blocks from the 405 Freeway for easy commuting.

Facilities include:
• Prestigious new courtroom, jury deliberation room and judge’s chambers
• 27,000-square-foot Law Library with seating for 220 students, the largest law library in Orange County in volumes and square footage
• 14 classrooms with state-of-the-art technology
• Impressive event room for important conferences and symposia
• Cafeteria featuring dishes cooked from scratch daily
• Meeting rooms for student organizations
• Student lounge with ping pong, foosball and billiards
• Outdoor space for barbecues and student events
fact #5 SPECIALIZED STUDIES CAN GIVE YOU AN EDGE WHEN YOU ENTER THE JOB MARKET.

Focusing on a particular legal specialty during law school can provide a depth of knowledge and professional connections. Whittier Law School offers you specializations in business, criminal, children’s rights, environmental, intellectual property, and international law, as well as trial and appellate practice and legal writing. You’ll be exposed to many national and local experts and can gain practical experience in your chosen specialization.

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THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

As one of the premier children and family law programs in the country, the Center for Children and Families (CCF) was founded over 20 years ago at Whittier Law School. CCF holds a national reputation for excellence.

The Center trains law students to become uniquely qualified to represent the rights and interests of children. You’ll train in a small program setting combining classroom learning and clinical experiences in the field.

The Center for Children and Families offers you the opportunity to:

Earn a Certificate. A Certificate in Child and Family Law shows potential employers your in-depth knowledge of issues affecting children and families, and provides valuable hands-on learning opportunities in the field.

Become a Fellow. Each year, CCF selects several students as Fellows. Fellows complete a focused curriculum to earn a Certificate, receive renewable scholarships, and can apply for financial support for study abroad and summer positions working with organizations involving children’s issues.

Work Directly with Clients. You can gain practical experience representing the interests of children under the supervision of staff attorneys through our well-known Children’s Rights Clinic. For more information, please see page 31.

Attend Presentations by Experts. Child and family law issues are discussed by well-known attorneys, activists and judges.

Publish a Journal Dedicated to Child Advocacy. Whittier Law School students publish one of the few law journals in the country dedicated to child and family advocacy. This publication incorporates articles on abuse, neglect, delinquency, education, welfare, child custody, child support, and other important topics.

Participate in a National Competition. Whittier Law School hosts the oldest nationwide moot court competition that focuses exclusively on juvenile law issues.

Study Abroad in China. Courses in child and family law are offered through our Study Abroad program in China.
**REQUIRED COURSES**
- Family Law
- Juvenile Justice

**ELECTIVE COURSES**
A partial list of elective courses includes:
- Adoption Law
- Child Custody: Law and Practice
- Children's Advocacy Clinic
- Contemporary Problems in Family Law
- Disability Law
- Family Violence Clinic
- International Adoption Law
- International Children's Rights
- Juvenile Law Advocacy
- Reproductive Technologies and the Law
- Special Education Clinic
- Special Education Law
- Street Law

**INTERNSHIPS AND EXTERNSHIPS**
Whittier Law School students have held internships or externships at:
- ABA Center on Children and the Law (Washington D.C.)
- Jones and Williams (Family Law Mediation)
- Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program
- Orange County Superior Court, Juvenile Delinquency Court
- Orange County District Attorney, Family Protection Unit
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities Area Board XI
- Augustin & Egelsee LLP
- Law Office of Liu & Naime
- Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (Washington D.C.)
- The Alliance for Children's Rights
- Children’s Law Center

**GRADUATES IN THE FIELD**
Notable alumni careers include:
- California Superior Court, Family Division
- Children's Law Center
- Orange County Public Defender's Office, Juvenile Division
- Disability Rights California
- Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office
- United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- United States Senate, Legislative Analyst’s Office
- Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute
- The Alliance for Children's Rights
- Beijing Children’s Legal Aid and Research Center
- Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute
New technologies, innovations and ideas are protected by the area of law called Intellectual Property, which encompasses such fields as patent law, trademark law, copyright law, rights of publicity, and trade secret law. Our Center for Intellectual Property Law (CIPL), founded in 1998, prepares you for a career in this expanding field. Intellectual property law intersects with the fields of computer hardware and software, internet applications, health and biomedical sciences, as well as sports, fashion and entertainment. Orange County, California is nationally known as a center for technology, pharmaceutical and biomedical companies. Many household names in entertainment and fashion are also headquartered here, making it the perfect place to gain hands-on experience in intellectual property (IP) law.

The Center for Intellectual Property Law offers you the opportunity to:

Earn a Certificate. The Certificate program relies on our nationally recognized IP curriculum to give you solid grounding in the core IP areas and advanced courses and externships in both domestic and international intellectual property law.

Become a Fellow. A small number of first-year and upper division students are selected each year to receive Fellowships, earning scholarships of up to $12,000. If you're selected as a fellow, you will take courses to earn a Certificate in IP law and attend all intellectual property speaker events.

Attend Presentations by Renowned IP Experts. Every year, CIPL hosts a series of presentations by top scholars, practitioners, and judges on topics relating to intellectual property law and practice, and students are invited to attend.

Join Student Organizations. The Intellectual Property Society and the Entertainment/Sports Law Society are two student organizations in the area of IP. These groups sponsor many events, career panels, and presentations by alumni and other lawyers.

Study and work Abroad. Intellectual property courses and externships at firms and companies outside the U.S. are offered through our Study Abroad programs.
REQUIRED COURSES
• Copyright Law
• Patent Law
• Trademarks and Unfair Competition

ELECTIVE COURSES
A partial list of elective courses offered in recent years includes:
• Art and the Law Seminar
• Biotechnology and Intellectual Property
• Comparative Rights of Publicity
• Competitive Intellectual Property Advocacy
• Cultural Property Law
• Entertainment Law
• Intellectual Property Litigation
• International Intellectual Property
• International Sports Law
• Internet Law
• Music Law
• Patent Drafting and Prosecution
• Privacy and Data Protection
• Recent Issues in Intellectual Property
• Social Media Law
• Sports Law
• Trade Secrets Law
• Video Game Law

INTERNSHIPS AND EXTERNSHIPS
Whittier Law School students have held internships or externships at:
• DreamWorks Animation
• RKO Pictures
• MTV-CMT
• Fox Cable Network
• NBC Universal
• Sony Pictures
• Volcom
• Red Hat Society
• MGM
• EMI Music North America
• BET Network
• Allergan
• CBS Corporation
• Revolve Apparel
• Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim

GRADUATES IN THE FIELD
Notable alumni careers include:
• Iridium Sports Agency
• Disney
• Sony Pictures
• Canon USA, Inc.
• Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear
• McDermott Will & Emery
• Toshiba America Information Systems
• Trademarks International
• Creative Artists Agency
• Los Angeles Lakers
• Square Enix
• William Morris Endeavor
• K&L Gates
• NBC
The Center for International and Comparative Law (CICL) was established over a decade ago to promote and support research, teaching, service, and the exchange of ideas in the fields of international and comparative law.

Whittier Law School’s international law curriculum prepares you for a successful career in the global practice of law. Our faculty of international law scholars and experts, together with visiting professors, help enrich your educational experience and training in international law. The Center enhances the international law curriculum by allowing you to specialize in global legal issues through course selection, conferences, study abroad and externship programs.

The Center for International and Comparative Law offers you the opportunity to:

**Earn a Certificate.** You can create your own educational focus by selecting elective courses in the area of international law.

**Become a Fellow.** Each year, we select several first-year students to serve as Fellows. Fellows receive renewable scholarships, attend CICL events, and take courses to earn a Certificate in International and Comparative Law.

**Hear Renowned Speakers and Scholars.** CICL hosts a speaker series which addresses current legal issues, and an annual International Law Symposium devoted to an international topic of major significance featuring international scholars, experts and practitioners. Recent topics include international human rights, climate change, the War on Terror, privacy issues and immigration law.

**Join the International Law Society.** This student organization allows you to get involved in events, publications and discussions regarding international law.

**Study Abroad.** Many of our study abroad sessions focus on international and comparative legal issues as well as the legal system of the host country. In addition, many programs offer opportunities for externships in international careers.
REQUIRED COURSES

• Comparative Legal Systems
• International Law

ELECTIVE COURSES

A partial list of elective courses includes:

• Chinese Law
• French Law and the Laws of the European Union
• Immigration and Naturalization Law
• International Business Negotiations
• International Business Transactions
• International Environmental Law
• International Human Rights
• International Intellectual Property Law
• International Sports Law
• International Trade and the WTO
• International Commerce
• Muslim Communities and the Law
• International Migration and Refugee Law
• Spanish Law and Culture
• Women, Law & Culture

INTERNSHIPS AND EXTERNSHIPS

Whittier Law School students have held internships or externships at:

• FUEL Capital Ltd. (Hong Kong)
• Yingke Law Firm (Nanjing, Suzhou, and Shanghai Offices)
• Pinera del Olmo (Barcelona)
• Rackman Center for the Advancement of the Status of Women, Bar-Ilan University’s Law School (Tel Aviv)
• Dacheng Dentons (Beijing)
• Hylands Law Firm (Beijing)
• Chang Tsi & Partners (Beijing)
• Beijing Children’s Legal Aid and Research Center (Beijing)
• Irish Centre for Human Rights (Ireland)
• K’nesset (Parliament)
• Ministry of Justice
• Bizchut (Israel Human Rights Center for People with Disabilities)

GRADUATES IN THE FIELD

Notable alumni careers include:

• DLA Piper (International)
• FUEL Capital Ltd. (Hong Kong)
• Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard Smith
• Delloite & Touche
• Republic of Korea Navy Judge Advocate General Corp.
• United States Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps
THE INSTITUTE OF TRIAL AND APPELLATE PRACTICE

An attorney passionately argues his case in court in front of a judge and jury. This is the enduring image of a lawyer in the public's mind. While much of what lawyers do today takes place outside the courtroom, effective advocacy remains a fundamental skill of the legal profession.

To help students develop these skills, Whittier Law School has developed the Institute of Trial and Appellate Practice (ITAP). You can gain extensive training, in-depth knowledge and insights from experts through participating in ITAP. In addition, two honors organizations, the Trial Advocacy Honors Board and Moot Court Honors Board, provide students with intense, challenging training and hands-on experience in all aspects of trial and appellate advocacy.

*The Institute for Trial and Appellate Practice offers you the opportunity to:*

**Earn a Concentration in Trial and Appellate Practice.** This concentration helps to prepare you for a career in advocacy and signals your in-depth training to potential employers.

**Compete in Prestigious Advocacy Competitions.** Selected students represent Whittier Law School at regional, national and international mock trial and moot court competitions between law schools. The Trial Advocacy Honors Board team has advanced to the regional playoffs of the National Trial Competition each year, and the Moot Court Honors Board competes in prestigious national and international mock trial and moot court competitions such as the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Whittier Law School teams also participate in competitions involving alternative dispute resolutions, such as the ABA Negotiation Competition.

**Become a Fellow.** Students who show outstanding skill in the area of advocacy may be invited to become a Fellow. ITAP Fellows receive renewable scholarships, pursue a Certificate in Trial and Appellate Advocacy, and attend ITAP presentations.

**Gain an Insider’s Perspective.** ITAP brings experts to campus to present on a variety of litigation- and other advocacy-related topics, such as United States Supreme Court advocacy, or the role of jury consultants.
REQUIRED COURSES
Select two:
• Adjudicative Criminal Procedure
• Civil Trial Advocacy
• Criminal Trial Advocacy
• Pretrial Litigation Skills
• Professional Skills (required)

ELECTIVE COURSES
A partial list of electives includes courses above (if not taken as required), plus:
• Administrative Law
• Appellate Advocacy
• Alternative Dispute Resolution
• California Civil Procedure
• Competitive Trial Advocacy
• Competitive Appellate Advocacy
• Criminal Motions Practice
• E-Discovery
• Evidence Practicum
• Federal Courts

INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS/CAREERS
Our students and graduates have held internships, externships and careers in organizations including:
• District Attorney’s Office (Orange County, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties)
• Public Defender’s Office (Orange County, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties)
• Attorney General (Orange County, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties)
• United States Attorneys
• Federal Public Defenders
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

For several years, the State Bar’s California Lawyer magazine has listed the field of Environmental Law as one of the top five legal specialties for job opportunities. Concerns over climate change, marine life issues, natural resources, water rights and energy will require environmental lawyers in both public and private sector positions. The Environmental Law program at Whittier Law School prepares you for practice in this growing field.

The Environmental Law program offers you the opportunity to:

Earn a Concentration in Environmental Law. This course of study demonstrates to future employers that you have completed a rigorous program of basic and advanced courses in environmental law.

Obtain an Externship. Externships for course credit are available in a variety of government agencies, advocacy organizations and the private sector in Southern California and Mexico.

Join the Environmental Law Society. This student organization holds events, brings important speakers to campus, and hosts the Environmental Law Symposium.

REQUIRED COURSES
• Administrative Law
• California Environmental Law
• Environmental Law

ELECTIVE COURSES
• Animal Law
• California Environmental Negotiations Competition
• Environmental Enforcement
• Environmental Justice
• International Environmental Law Seminar

INTERNSHIPS/EXTERN- SHIPS/CAREERS
Notable internships, externships and alumni careers include:
• Environmental World Watch
• Orange County CoastKeeper

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BUSINESS LAW

You can develop a sophisticated understanding of business and financial law through our program in Business Law. Students have the opportunity to:

Earn a Concentration in Business Law. To receive this notation on your diploma, you must complete two required courses such as Business Associations and Uniform Commercial Code I; or Corporate Tax and Federal Income Tax; and choose from elective courses in the areas of tax, bankruptcy, real estate, labor and securities law.

BUSINESS LAW INTERNSHIPS, EXTERNSHIPS AND CAREERS

Whittier Law School students have held internships, externships or positions at:

- Microsoft Corporation
- Bank of America
- Deutsche Bank
- The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
- Johnson and Johnson
- Go Daddy
- Akermann Senterfitt
- Bingham McCutchen

CRIMINAL LAW

The criminal justice system is constantly evolving, and our program allows you to focus on this complex area of the law. Students have the opportunity to:

Earn a Concentration in Criminal Law. To receive this notation on your diploma, you must complete required courses such as Adjudicative Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Trial Advocacy, and Evidence. In addition, you must earn two credit hours from an externship, independent study, or elective courses such as Criminal Law Motion Practice, Terrorism and the Law, or White Collar Crime.

Join the Criminal Law Society. This student organization holds a variety of events for those interested in entering criminal law.

CRIMINAL LAW INTERNSHIPS AND EXTERNSHIPS

Whittier Law School students have held internships or externships at:

- OC District Attorney: Homicide Unit, Major Fraud Unit, DNA Unit, Felony Panel, Target-Gang Unit
- Orange County Public Defender
- United States District Court
- Orange County Superior Court
- West Justice Court
- LA County Superior Court
- California Court of Appeals
IT TRULY IS A SMALL WORLD.

Today nearly every business and law practice reaches beyond our national borders, so it’s important to demonstrate cross-cultural sensitivity and international experience. At Whittier Law School you can study abroad in China, Israel and Spain. In addition, our Center for International and Comparative Law provides a sophisticated curriculum and student fellowships.
A DISTINCTLY INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

Whittier Law School approaches globalization on multiple fronts: our Center for International and Comparative Law, a wide selection of courses, study abroad programs, international externships, and an international faculty. Our center, programs, faculty and students have created alliances that make an international impact.

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

We offer an extensive Study Abroad program, approved by the American Bar Association, spanning three countries. All courses are taught at prestigious universities in the host country. Students can take courses for credit, become immersed in different cultures and traditions, work at externships in the country, and visit important sights. Course areas include Children’s Rights Law, Entertainment Law, Intellectual Property Law, International.

Courses are taught at prestigious universities in the host country including:
- Nanjing University in Nanjing, China
- Bar-Ilan University in Tel Aviv, Israel
- Universitat de Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Whittier Law School students with can also apply to take courses at the University of Paris X, the University of Cantabria in Santander, Spain, or the University of Sevilla, Spain. Proficient language skills in French or Spanish are required.
STUDY ABROAD LOCATIONS

- Nanjing, China
- Tel Aviv, Israel
- Barcelona, Spain
AN EXCEPTIONAL LAW SCHOOL WILL PREPARE YOU FOR THE ACTUAL PRACTICE OF LAW.

Most law schools teach you how to think like a lawyer. But only certain law schools help you acquire the skills necessary for the actual practice of law. Our new *Experience the Law* Curriculum helps you to learn the concepts and apply them as a lawyer would. You’ll also gain hands-on practice in our steller Lawyering Skills Institute, clinics, and externships. Our graduates leave prepared to practice.
CHILDREN’S RIGHTS CLINIC

Before you even graduate from law school, you have the opportunity to assist real clients through one of our Children's Rights Clinics. Very few law schools offer clinics in this area of law, and Whittier Law School students find the experience to be one of the most important and memorable in law school. You will work closely with clinical faculty and experienced attorneys as you take responsibility for a case from the initial interview through final resolution. Your clinic experience will help you develop lawyering skills such as interviewing, counseling, negotiation, fact investigation, legal drafting, and oral advocacy.

Children’s Rights Clinics include:

Children’s Advocacy Clinic. You have the chance to work on cases filed in Orange County Family Law and Probate Courts including guardianship, adoption, limited conservatorship, paternity, dissolution of marriage, custody and support. The Clinic’s newest project involves Special Immigrant Juvenile Status guardianship cases.

Special Education Clinic. You will provide legal advocacy for children with disabilities and their families who are seeking special education services, moving from initial meetings through mediation sessions. Students learn the law on an individual level as it interfaces with a whole system of services: social, educational and medical.
In today’s market, it’s more important than ever that law students have the skills to begin work as lawyers immediately upon graduation. Whittier Law School stands apart from most other law schools with an extensive and rigorous four-semester program in lawyering skills taught by eight professors. Students learn how to draft basic legal documents, as well as practice writing under time constraints to approximate real-world situations. In fact, Whittier Law School has long held a reputation with the local courts for training practice-ready graduates.

The Lawyering Skills Institute allows you to:

- **Polish Writing Skills through Individualized Feedback.** Your first year courses are taught in small sections of 20 students, so you will receive individualized attention and guidance on your assignments. Students take Lawyering Skills 1 and 2 in their first year.

- **Choose a Litigation or Transaction Track.** You can develop your skills in handling legal disputes or business transactions in your second year, as you represent a single fictional client over the course of a semester in Lawyering Skills 3.

- **Transition to Practice.** In your third year, your Lawyering Skills 4 course helps prepare you to successfully practice law. You will use timed state bar performance exams to both train you for the work of a junior associate as well as help you to pass the bar exam.

- **Keep up with Current Practices.** The Lawyering Skills curriculum is constantly updated to adapt to changing digital technologies, so you are ready to practice in today’s world.

- **Earn a Legal Writing Certificate.** Honors students can earn a Certificate in Legal Writing by completing a capstone course.
EXTERNSHIPS AND CAREER SERVICES

GAIN REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE IN AN EXTERNSHIP POSITION

To earn academic credit and gain hands-on training, many students attain externship positions in the community. Working under the supervision of experienced attorneys or judges, you can gain valuable insights while dealing with actual client matters. Due to Whittier Law School's long-established relationships with the community, many externship positions are offered.

_The Externship Program helps you to:_

**Attain Externship Placements.** Our students perform externships with trial and appellate courts, governmental agencies, law firms, corporate legal departments and non-profit legal services organizations.

**Gain Theoretical and Practical Knowledge.** During your first externship, you will take a course covering the theoretical components of client representation and the socialization process of becoming a lawyer.

GET ASSISTANCE IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT

From your first year as a law student, the Career Development Office provides you with a variety of services to help you find a job upon graduation. We provide the opportunity for you to:

**Find Employment Listings and Post your Resumé Online.** Law clerk and job positions are posted throughout the year, and you can gain access to electronic databases in our office.

**Interview on Campus.** During fall and spring, employers come to campus to interview students for externships, law clerk openings and permanent positions.

**Polish your Job Search Skills.** We can assist you with identifying career goals, creating cover letters and resumés, and training for interviews.

**Learn from Someone Who’s Been There.** Through our Alumni Mentorship Network, you can speak with alumni in your chosen practice area and gain valuable career advice.
fact #8 LAW SCHOOL IS EVEN MORE RIGOROUS THAN YOU THINK.

An “A” is notoriously difficult to achieve in your first-year classes. All students want to improve their grades. Our faculty is personally committed to your success, providing you with one-on-one attention during generous faculty office hours. If you want additional help, our Academic Support Program provides courses and individualized tutoring to help you remember, analyze and write effectively.
HELPING YOU SUCCEED IN LAW SCHOOL AND BEYOND

Law school is quite demanding in many ways. To help you make the transition from undergraduate school to law school, and then into law practice, we have created the Institute for Student and Graduate Academic Support.

The Academic Support Program offers you the opportunity to:

**Attend Workshops to Help you Reach your Full Potential.** These voluntary workshops help you master study strategies, classroom preparation, organization, legal analysis, exam techniques, and exam strategies.

**Receive Individual Assistance.** Our knowledgeable faculty is dedicated to meeting with you individually to provide instruction and feedback.

**Practice Taking Exams.** Students can polish their test-taking skills under time constraints using the database of practice exams.

BAR EXAMINATION PREPARATION

Whittier Law School provides an extensive bar exam program to help third-year students meet the high standards of the California Bar Exam after graduation. In rigorous bar preparation courses, students are exposed to all parts of the bar exam before they graduate. Third-year students take intensive workshops using actual questions from past exams. These workshops simulate the timing and content of the bar exams, and provide individual feedback to help students maximize performance.
fact #9 THE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN LAW SCHOOL WILL ALTER YOUR LIFE.

In law school you will meet amazing and talented people who will help you throughout your career. Many law students obtain their first jobs through networks of classmates and alumni. More than 30 student organizations allow you to get involved and gain contacts. You’ll make lifelong friendships — and you may start a law firm with a classmate, as many of our alumni have.
GET INVOLVED IN A STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Over 30 organizations have been formed for students with like-minded interests, and the majority of our students participate in at least one organization. In fact, Whittier Law School was nationally recognized by the ABA in 2012 for outstanding student participation.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Student Bar Association
- ACLU Campus Club of WLS
- American Bar Association / Law Student Division
- Armenian Law Students Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Campus Democrats
- Christian Law Society
- The Criminal Law Society
- Entertainment and Sports Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- The Federalist Society
- Health Law Society
- Hispanic American Law Students Association
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- International Law Society
- Intramural Club
- Iranian Law Students Association
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Law Students for Safe Access
- Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Law Students Association
- Middle Eastern Law Students Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- OWLS
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
- Public Interest Law Foundation
- Republican Leadership Council
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- The Tax Law Society
- The Zealous Advocate
- Vietnamese American Law Students Association
- Whittier Law Intramural Club
- Women Law Students Association

PUBLICATIONS

- Whittier Law Review
- Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy

HONORS ORGANIZATIONS

- Moot Court Honors Board
- Trial Advocacy Honors Board
fact #10 LAW SCHOOL IS EXPENSIVE.

The average cost of a year’s tuition for a California law school is over $40,000. No one should take this figure lightly. To help with the cost, approximately two thirds of incoming students at Whittier Law School receive scholarships, totaling over $2 million dollars. Additional scholarships, up to full tuition, are available after your first year based upon your class rank. We invite you to discuss scholarships and your financial aid package with our financial aid office.
PAYING FOR YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION

A GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Whittier Law School is proud to offer numerous tuition scholarships annually, ranging from partial to full tuition. We adhere to a “need-blind” admissions policy, admitting the best students regardless of economic circumstances. No separate application is required to apply for scholarships. In addition to the Admissions Merit Scholarship, Dean’s Merit Scholarship and Dean’s Achievement Award, over a dozen other sponsored scholarships are available.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

We strongly encourage you to apply for financial aid early, regardless of whether an admission decision is known. Steps include:

1. **File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.** This is located at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please indicate Whittier Law School in the school section, and the code **E00480**. The FAFSA process generally becomes available after October 1.

2. **Complete the Whittier Law School Financial Aid Application.** This is found at www.law.whittier.edu/financialaid/documents.

3. **Meet with the Financial Aid Office.** Although this is not required, we strongly encourage you to make an appointment to receive additional financial aid information and loan counseling.

Phone: 714.444.4141 ext. 203
Email: financialaid@law.whittier.edu

FINANCIAL AID SOURCES AVAILABLE

- Scholarships
- Federal Grad PLUS Loans
- Federal Work Study Program
- Federal Stafford Loans
- Bar Examination Loan
HOW TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION

1 Before You Apply
To apply, you must have earned a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment. (Except in exceptional circumstances, please see website for details.) In addition, you must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and register with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service (CAS).

2 Apply for Admission
You will need to submit:

Application. This should be completed online at our website at www.law.whittier.edu/apply or through the Law School Admission Council at www.lsac.org.

Personal Statement. We want to get to know you and your goals, experiences and passion to enter the legal field, so please submit a well-written statement that distinguishes you from other candidates.

LSAT Score. This will be sent to us through your LSAC account.

Two Letters of Recommendation. These letters should be from college professors if possible. They must be sent through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service.

Transcripts of Academic Work. Send transcripts of all your undergraduate work from all colleges you have attended directly to LSAC CAS.

Application Fee of $60. If you have been granted a fee waiver, the application fee will be waived automatically upon application.

For more detail on the application procedure, go to www.law.whittier.edu/apply.

3 Apply for a Fellowship
If you are interested in being a Fellow of the Center for Children and Families, Center for Intellectual Property Law, or Center for International and Comparative Law, you must complete a separate application found at www.law.whittier.edu/apply.
4 Receive Your Admissions Decision
Whittier Law School does not impose formal application deadlines; however, for those interested in scholarship assistance, the Admissions Committee gives priority to applications completed by February 1st.

5 Place the Commitment Deposit by April 1st
If you are admitted, a non-refundable deposit of $400 is required by April 1st. Applicants admitted after April 1st must make the non-refundable deposit within two weeks of acceptance. Failure to submit the deposit results in the cancellation of acceptance and the forfeit of any possible scholarship awards.

SPECIAL ADMISSIONS
Please see our website for information for:
- Applicants who have attended another law school (transfer applicants)
- Applicants who do not have a Bachelor’s degree
- Applicants who belong to an ethnic or cultural minority, and whose life circumstances have led to diminished opportunity
- Applicants whose undergraduate work was completed outside the United States or Canada
- Veterans who can benefit from our Yellow Ribbon Program
ACCREDITATION

Whittier Law School is accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Whittier College admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, marital status, age, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, creed or religion in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic and other school administered programs. Whittier College does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to its programs.

APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS

The purpose of this viewbook is to provide prospective students with an overview of the curriculum, faculty, location, programs, and services at Whittier Law School. Admission and graduation requirements, fees, curriculum, and programs do not constitute a contract and are subject to change without notice. Information about such changes will be made available upon request.
FIND OUT MORE

We invite you to find out more about Whittier Law School.

Visit Campus. Please schedule a visit, or come to one of our events on campus such as an Open House, Admitted Students Day, or Admitted Student Lunch.

Talk with Students. We'd be happy to put you in touch with current students or alumni to gain objective perspective from someone with experience at Whittier Law School.

Ask us Questions. We invite you to contact our Admissions Office; we're happy to answer any questions you have.

CONTACT US

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Costa Mesa, CA 92626
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Hours: 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday-Thursday
8:30 am-5:00 pm Friday

Important Phone Numbers

714.444.4141:
Admissions ext. 123
Business Office ext. 209
Career Development ext. 292
Financial Aid ext. 203
Student Relations ext. 231

ONLINE INFORMATION

Application Procedures
www.law.whittier.edu/apply

Open Houses and Student Events
www.law.whittier.edu/openhouse

Alumni
www.law.whittier.edu/alumni

Centers & Programs
www.law.whittier.edu/centers

Events Calendar
www.law.whittier.edu/events

Faculty
www.law.whittier.edu/faculty

Financial Aid
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Tuition
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