Building Your Legal Career

USF will prepare you for jobs and leadership in the legal profession and beyond. As the law school begins its second century, we are implementing change and invite you to be part of it. Our new initiatives are focused on giving students the professional experience, legal skills, and support they need to launch their careers in a competitive job market. As a USF graduate, you will have life-long access to the career services we offer and the support of our faculty, staff, and expansive alumni network.
New Initiatives Benefit Students

Graduate employment is a top priority at the USF School of Law under our new Dean John Trasviña, who has extensive professional networks throughout California and Washington, D.C.

The Office of Career Planning (OCP) has been completely restructured with a new staff and a renewed focus on expanding student services and strengthening connections with employers throughout California and beyond.

We are increasing on-campus recruiting opportunities for employers to interview students, including through creative options such as offering video interviews for employers unable to come to San Francisco.

The externship program is being expanded to give students the opportunity to participate in full-time placements, not only locally but across the country and around the world.

A new LinkedIn Mentor Program has been established to better connect students with USF’s extensive and well-connected alumni network.

The law school’s McAuliffe Honor Society has been revitalized, offering top students merit scholarships, opportunities to serve as faculty research assistants, and personalized assistance with judicial clerkship applications.

Every current student is assigned to a career counselor, who tracks each student’s progress toward full-time, post-graduate employment. Alumni are also encouraged to access OCP’s resources throughout their careers.

Bar+Plus is offered free of charge to graduating students. Taught by USF faculty, this new bar examination preparation program is intended to supplement commercial bar prep courses. It is part of Law+Plus, a newly expanded academic support program that is open to all students at the law school.

We have expanded our practice-based courses and curricular offerings, and enhanced our noted Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis Program, as well as our Advocacy Program.

We continue to offer hands-on legal training through seven innovative in-house law clinics and international programs that span the globe. These programs allow students to gain practical experience through opportunities such as practicing before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, serving as mediators in San Francisco Small Claims Court, or delivering oral comments before the United Nations in Geneva and New York.

By the Numbers

USF has redoubled efforts to help students succeed in the legal employment market. From the first year Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis Program to the post-grad Bar+Plus program to life-long access to our Office of Career Planning and alumni network, a USF legal education provides the building blocks for a rewarding career in the law.

### Details

- **Individual OCP career counseling consultations in 2012-2013**: 1,039
- **USF students who attended the Northern California Public Interest/Public Sector Career Fair**: 108
- **Monetary awards given to students to subsidize registration fees and travel expenses for career-related national conferences in 2012-2013**: 55
- **Full-time 2Ls who participated in the Fall 2013 On-Campus Recruitment Program**: 95
- **Career planning events and programs sponsored by OCP in 2012-2013**: 137
- **Students who secured a civil, criminal, or judicial externship in 2012-2013**: 137
- **Drop-in hours held by OCP in 2012-2013**: 192
- **Government and public interest employers that participated in the 2013 Northern California Public Interest/Public Sector Career Fair, co-sponsored by USF**: 140
- **Law firms, government, and nonprofit employers that participated in USF’s 2013 On-Campus Recruitment Program**: 50
- **Hours of hands-on legal service provided to clients by students in the USF Law Clinics in 2012-2013**: 17,000

Detailed information on employment outcomes: [www.usfca.edu/law/career/employmentstats](http://www.usfca.edu/law/career/employmentstats)