“At USF, the country’s best legal opportunities are practically just down the street. Set on a career in public service, I had the privilege of working for the most innovative city attorney’s office in the nation. My classmates had opportunities close by at the California Supreme Court, at other major courts, and in the financial district.”

RICHARD E. BURCHETT JR., CLASS OF 2013
I am honored to lead the University of San Francisco School of Law as it embarks on its second century of training skilled and ethical legal professionals. The mission of our incredible faculty and staff is to prepare students to meet the legal needs of clients today and our society tomorrow. I invite you to learn more about the USF School of Law, our innovative programs, diverse and supportive community, and exceptional practical opportunities. We hope to see you here soon.

Dean John Trasviña

Why join us?

THE SAN FRANCISCO ADVANTAGE
In one of the world’s most dynamic cities, opportunities for immersion in the legal profession are countless in the firms, global businesses, entrepreneurial enterprises, high-tech and biotech, public defender and district attorney offices, public interest organizations, and city and state courts that call San Francisco home.

ENGAGED LEARNING
At USF, education is intellectually demanding and intensely personal, and we emphasize disciplined thinking and foster transformative experiences. Our expert faculty are accessible, and our students and faculty are among the most diverse in the nation. We emphasize professional skills training, and provide opportunities for our students to gain real-world experience while serving the legal needs of local and international communities.

EQUIPPED TO LEAD AND SUCCEED
USF students are prepared to be successful, effective leaders who are inspired to do their part to change the world. Our alumni exemplify excellence in action, and serve in leadership roles in corporations, firms, public agencies, and nonprofits, and as judges in state and federal courts across the country.

PASSION FOR JUSTICE
Like today’s students and the alumni who went before them, our faculty are passionate about making a USF legal education the first step toward a successful career that makes a positive impact in the world. Whether our students are engaged in innovative legal programs that service communities near and far, or are integrating ethics and humanity into their corporate practice, they are pursuing the common good.
Providing a solid foundation in theory and skills, the rigorous legal education at USF emphasizes participation, dialogue, and practical experience. With this training, our graduates are well prepared for the bar examination and ready to hit the ground running. USF’s curriculum emphasizes professional skills training, and our long-standing clinical and externship programs provide students real-world experience while serving local and international communities. Our broad array of externships, clinics, courses, international programs, and faculty expertise also provide ample opportunities for students to explore their areas of interest. In this changing legal employment market, USF’s proud tradition of educating professionals ready to practice law is invaluable.

JD PROGRAMS
Full-time JD
Part-time JD
3+3 Bachelor’s and JD

JD CERTIFICATES
Business Law
Intellectual Property and Technology Law
International and Comparative Law
Public Interest Law
Tax Law

DUAL DEGREES
JD/Master of Arts in Urban Affairs (MUA)
JD/Master of Business Administration (MBA)
JD/Master of Public Affairs (MoPA)

LLM PROGRAMS
Intellectual Property and Technology Law
International Transactions and Comparative Law
Taxation

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Constitutional Law
Corporate and Commercial Law
Criminal Law and Procedure
Discrimination Law
Environmental Law
Family Law
Intellectual Property, Science, and Technology Law
International and Comparative Law
Labor and Employment Law
Public Interest and Social Justice
Sports and Entertainment Law
Tax Law
Trial Advocacy
Dedicated Teachers and Engaged Scholars

USF School of Law professors bring to the classroom the highest educational credentials, substantial practical experience, and an underlying dedication to teaching, scholarship, and service. USF professors are role models who inspire students. On our faculty you’ll find seasoned educators, practitioners, and scholars who share a zeal for teaching and are ready to help students define their own career directions.

Professor Susan Freiwald
A former software developer who specializes in cyberlaw and information privacy law. Her briefs and articles have been cited by the U.S. Court of Appeals and U.S. District Courts.

Professor David Franklyn
An expert in intellectual property law, and the director of the J. Thomas McCarthy Institute for IP and Technology Law, which annually co-hosts with Microsoft Corp. a premier international symposium for IP attorneys.

Professor Bill Ong Hing
A member of our Class of 1974 who pursues social justice through a combination of community work, litigation, and scholarship. He is the author of numerous academic and practice-oriented publications on immigration policy and race relations.

Professor Alice Kaswan
A leading scholar in environmental and climate change law. Her articles focus on environmental justice and federalism, including the appropriate role of federal, state, and local government climate policies.

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Building a Legal Career

We prepare graduates for jobs and leadership in the legal profession and beyond. Our Office of Career Planning (OCP) provides assistance every step of the way. As students identify their career interests, develop productive professional connections, and seek and secure employment, OCP offers a full spectrum of services and programs to both students and alumni.

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. USF graduates have life-long access to the career services we offer and the support of our faculty, staff, and expansive alumni network.

- We have increased 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 has been expanded to give students the opportunity to participate in full-time placements, locally and across the country and around the world.

- 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.

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

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READ ABOUT MORE NEW INITIATIVES
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Alumni Lead and Succeed

The law school’s relationship with its students continues long after graduation. Our alumni tell us that their USF education provided them with the skills and perspective that launched successful careers as legal professionals.

The friendships formed during law school last a lifetime. We want all of our alumni to also have a life-long relationship with the law school. At USF, we have a continuing commitment to our alumni and greatly value their involvement in the life of the law school. We are proud of the active participation of so many alumni as financial contributors, advisors to the dean and faculty, and as mentors to current students.

Jessica Grant ’95
Partner, Coblentz Patch Duffy & Bass LLC
Jessica Grant won verdicts totaling more than $989 million in two recent class action suits against Exxon Mobil and Wal-Mart.

Lindbergh Porter Jr. ’81
Shareholder, Littler Mendelson P.C.
Lindbergh Porter is a shareholder in one of the largest employment law firms in the country and active in legal organizations.

Hon. Mary Jane Theis ’74
Justice, Illinois Supreme Court
Mary Jane Theis was previously on the Illinois Appellate Court for the First District and an assistant public defender.

Donald Specter ’78
Director, Prison Law Office
As director of the Prison Law Office, Donald Specter works to protect the civil rights of California inmates and improve prison conditions.

ALUMNI
Paul W. Vapnek ’64
Retired Senior Counsel, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP
Ming Chin ’67
Justice, California Supreme Court
Carolyn Collins ’78
Partner, Nixon Peabody LLP
Mark Massara ’87
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David Livingston ’93
Sheriff, Contra Costa County
Brendan Woods ’96
Alameda County Public Defender
David Tognotti ’96
General Manager, Vice President of Operations, and General Counsel, Monster Cable Products, Inc
Steve Varholik ’02
Senior Counsel, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Enforcement
Heather Wong ’05
Partner, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP
Sun Kim ’08
Associate Legal Officer, U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
USF by the Numbers

**300**
Approximate number of alumni judges

**275 and growing**
Alumni participating in the USF School of Law LinkedIn Mentor Program since it was established in 2012

**52%**
Students of color

**56%**
Female Students

**17,000**
Hours of hands-on legal services provided to clients by students in the USF Law Clinics in 2012-2013

**159**
Students enrolled in 2013 entering class

**137**
Students who secured a civil, criminal, or judicial externship in 2012-2013

**2nd**
Ranked second best quality of life and eighth most diverse faculty by The Princeton Review

**5th**
Tied as the fifth most diverse law student body in the nation by U.S. News and World Report

**5th**
Ranked the fifth most diverse law faculty in the nation by the National Jurist

**10th**
Ranked the tenth best law school for diversity practices by HispanicBusiness.com

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