



# CENTER FOR ADVOCACY & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

## Certificate in Advocacy

### Will You Be the Next Great Litigator, Fighting for Individual Rights or Public Protections?

Do you see yourself standing before an appellate panel, not just seeking the best outcomes for your client, but influencing the development of the law itself?

Would you like to cut your teeth in a realistic setting at law school – working closely with faculty, alumni and student colleagues to bring home trophies in Mock Trial competitions and to gain real-world experience while you are still a student – so that you're not just prepared and confident, you're also experienced and ready for practice on day one?

If your answer to any of the above is yes, then Pacific McGeorge is the right place for you, and a Certificate in Advocacy is a great place for you to start.

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### Real World, Real Opportunities

With Pacific McGeorge's Advocacy Program ranked among the top programs in the country, the Advocacy Certificate gives you the immersive experience that will ready you for success – domestically or internationally, in the courtroom or the boardroom.

### Field Placement

A key to the Advocacy Certificate is participation in Pacific McGeorge's Field Placement Program, which makes it possible for you to earn law school credit while performing supervised legal work as an extern at one of nearly 100 approved government agencies, courts or non-profit entities. Some of these placements even allow qualified students to do legal work in bilingual setting. You will work directly with real clients to apply legal theory and academic principles to solve legal problems and controversies, and develop the legal research, writing, negotiation and interviewing skills you need not just to succeed, but to excel.

### Global Opportunities

Pacific McGeorge leads a first-of-its-kind program with USAID to build the rule of law in China – just one of several opportunities for students to work with faculty in the US and internationally. Pacific McGeorge faculty members have developed programs and created opportunities for students in Chile, Italy, Cambodia, Rwanda, Uganda, Kosovo, and a newly created summer program in Guatemala will give bilingual students the opportunity to gain experience in the fields of human rights and international trade.

### How to Enroll

Instructions regarding enrollment in the Advocacy Program are included in registration materials or may be obtained from the Registrar or Professor Thomas J. Leach, Director of the Advocacy Certificate Program at 916.739.7002 or [jleach@pacific.edu](mailto:jleach@pacific.edu).

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# Advocacy Certificate Program Requirements

## BASIC COURSES | UNITS

Civil Procedure 6

Evidence 5

Global Lawyering Skills II 3\*

*\* NOTE: Law review or journal service does not operate as a substitute for the requirement for Global Lawyering Skills II as it pertains to the Certificate, unless by prior written application to the Director for waiver.*

Trial Preparation and Advocacy 3

Advanced Trial Advocacy 3

OR Advanced Appellate Advocacy Seminar 2 + 2

OR Competition Team 2 or 3

(prior written approval from Director required)

Civil Pretrial Litigation 2

OR Criminal Pretrial Litigation 2

## TRIAL ALTERNATIVES | UNITS

*At least one of the following courses:*

Alternative Dispute Resolution 3

Negotiations and Settlement Seminar 2

Judicial Arbitration Practice 3

Mediation 2

## LAW AND THEORY UNDERLYING LITIGATION | UNITS

*At least one of the following courses:*

Advanced Criminal Procedure 2 or 3

Complex Civil Litigation 2 or 3

Conflict of Laws 3

Evidentiary Privileges and Informational Privacy 3

Expert and Scientific Evidence 2

Federal Courts 2 or 3

Law Review or Journal

(prior written approval from Director required)

Sentencing and Post-Conviction Remedies 2

Tax Practice and Procedure 2

## PRACTICE | 2 UNITS MINIMUM

*At least one of the following courses:*

Parole Representation Clinic 3

Administrative Adjudication Clinic 2

Bankruptcy Clinic 3

Federal Defender Clinic 8

Immigration Clinic 2

Crime Victims Clinic 2

Field Placement - (prior written approval from Director required; substantial litigation activity is required, including in most cases client contact or, for placements in the offices of the US Attorney, a District Attorney, or the California Attorney General, interviewing or preparing witnesses).

AND

One additional course from any of the three categories above (Basic Courses category excluded); alternatively, Computer-Assisted Litigation or Client Interviewing & Counseling may be taken to satisfy this requirement.