

# Pacific McGeorge in the Community



## In the neighborhood

Throughout the year, Pacific McGeorge students, faculty and staff provide service at a range of local community activities, including the annual Oak Park Community Wellness Fair, Pacific McGeorge Night at the Sacramento Food Bank, the Pacific McGeorge Community Safety Day in McClatchy Park, and the Pacific McGeorge Angel Tree, which provides holiday gifts for local children.

## In the region

Service extends into the capital region as members of the Pacific McGeorge community organize and participate in events such as the law school's annual Citizenship Fair, Sacramento's Thanksgiving Day Run to Feed the Hungry, and galas sponsored by many different student groups to benefit nonprofits that provide services to particular communities and raise awareness about difference and diversity.

## Around the world

Pacific McGeorge remains a leader in providing service to support justice internationally. In the past few years, faculty members have worked on behalf of nations located in almost every continent. Continuing activities include a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), which funds faculty to teach advocacy and clinical legal education skills in Chinese universities, and the innovative Pacific McGeorge Summer Program in Guatemala, where law students learn in Spanish, and may complete their study in that country with an public service externship.

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# IN THE HEART OF CALIFORNIA'S CAPITAL



Pacific McGeorge educates lawyers to lead. Our success is built on a distinguished faculty, high quality students, committed and involved alumni, and a beautiful, spacious campus with state-of-the-art classrooms and student facilities. Wherever they may aim in their careers, all of our students participate in the intellectual excitement

and opportunities that come from learning law in the heart of California's capital city. At Pacific McGeorge, we train law students to succeed – and we take public service seriously. Pacific McGeorge students, faculty and alumni serve the public through academic programs, clinics, externships, special programs and projects and community service, from local to global. Take a look at our many training and service opportunities.



## Clinics

For credit or pro bono, the many clinics at Pacific McGeorge give students a chance to choose an area of specialty to get hands-on experience as they assist those in need of legal services.

### For Credit

**Administrative Adjudication Clinic**

**Appellate Advocacy Clinic**

**Bankruptcy Clinic**

**Elder Law and Health Clinic**

**Federal Defender Clinic**

**Immigration Law Clinic**

**Parole Representation Clinic**

**Victims of Crime Representation Clinic**

### Pro Bono Clinics

**Business and Tax Law Society Tax**

**Assistance Clinic**

**Lambda Law Students Association Referral Clinic**

**Legal Services of Northern California**

**Landlord-Tenant Clinic**

**Rural Education and Access to Law (REAL) "Justice Bus"**

### Externships

Students learn and earn law school credit as they work at one of nearly 100 field placements available in California's capital – in the legislature, state and federal courts and agencies, and nonprofits. Others obtain externships specially designed to serve their career goals, around the nation and the world.

### Fellowships and Grants

Pacific McGeorge students who choose summer employment in government or public interest jobs may obtain fellowships offered by the **Robert T. Matsui Foundation** (for work in Washington, D.C.) and by the **Public Legal Service Society (PLSS)**, a student group that hosts a yearly fundraiser to assist students and graduates who do public legal service work. Grants fund student travel each year to the nation's capital to participate in the Equal Justice Works public service conference.

## Public Service Programs

### The Capital Center for Public Law & Policy

The Capital Center brings together students, faculty and alumni to train and serve in the wide range of public law careers. Students benefit from Capital Center classrooms led by Pacific McGeorge professors and prominent adjunct faculty seasoned in public service and government lawyering. Judges, lawmakers, administrators and private attorneys practicing in the capital's vibrant legal environment enhance the Capital Center's many events and activities, and offer a wide range of externships and job opportunities.

### The Capital Certificate Program

The Capital Center offers a specialized J.D. Certificate in Public Law & Policy. The Capital Certificate curriculum includes training in statutory interpretation and drafting, the working of administrative agencies, public lawyering ethics and a required externship or clinic experience, ensuring that students graduate with real life experience and on-the-job contacts within the government and public lawyering community.



Elder Law Clinic Advocates



Mentoring

### The Capital Commendation for Public Service

Pacific McGeorge and its Capital Center recognize students who work on behalf of others in legal or community service as they earn their law degrees. Capital Commendation students receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement, special notation in the graduation program, and a special reception celebrating their accomplishments.

### Street Law International Education Project and Course

Pacific McGeorge students learn as they lead when they teach law and legal advocacy skills to local high school students in a faculty-supervised course that culminates in a mock trial with real judges and volunteer celebrity witnesses.

### Education Pipeline Initiative

Almost 100 law students each year mentor local K-12 minority and low-income students, providing academic and personal support and exposure to professional career opportunities.

## Careers

### Resources

The Capital Center's student groups include the American Constitution Society, the Government Affairs Student Association, the McGeorge Federalist Society, the McGeorge Health Law Association and the Public Legal Services Society. In combination with the Career Development Office, these groups offer speaker events, activities and career panels that enliven the campus atmosphere and offer a glimpse at the wide range of public service opportunities and careers.

### Alumni

Our Capital Chapter alumni group includes hundreds of lawyers, lobbyists and judges working in California's capital in government law and public service careers. Pacific McGeorge alumni return to campus frequently, teaching, speaking, participating in events and offering students valuable career advice and opportunities. Many more of our graduates work outside the state capital, offering career resources and contacts around the nation and the world.

### Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)

In addition to assistance available from the federal government (the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007), the law school's own LRAP program helps law students choose public service jobs by reducing their monthly loan payments once they graduate. Pacific McGeorge graduates who maintain a long-term career in public service can receive this assistance until all of their loans are repaid.



PLSS Auction