California’s Capital
Law School

Since 1924, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law has been educating lawyers in the city where policy becomes California law. Pacific McGeorge has always blended rigorous classroom teaching by a close-knit and accomplished faculty with real-world learning experiences with lawmakers, judges, and lawyers. Our 13,000 alumni across the globe provide the measure of our success. The campus community and academic program will prepare you not just to practice law, but to forge a successful and rewarding future in a rapidly changing profession.
Welcome to Pacific McGeorge
PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

“I met one of the hiring managers for my position when she came to give a guest lecture for one of my law school classes. McGeorge does a great job engaging guest lecturers and individuals in the legal and legislative field who provide opportunities for students.”

— JACQUELINE LOGAN, ‘15
California State Director,
The Humane Society

REWARDING EXPERIENCES

“My client [in the Immigration Law Clinic] was the absolute happiest person I have ever seen. She told me that ‘all the doors and all the windows to the world’ had suddenly opened in her life. I will never forget that image of joy across her face.”

— VALLEREY MOSQUERA, ‘16

What you will find at Pacific McGeorge:

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

“As a working single parent going to law school, I often had to choose between impossibly important priorities. The supportive McGeorge community made a difference in my success.”

— ANGELIQUE ASHBY, ‘03
Mayor Pro Tem and Sacramento City Council Member

A WIDESPREAD NETWORK

“If you want to get plugged into state politics, there is no other alumni network you’d want to have, not even close.”

— DAN CONWAY, ‘13
Chief of Staff to Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson
A Message from the Dean

Welcome to the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

I am energized to be the leader of an accomplished law school located in one of our country's most important state capitals. I know that you will experience the same enthusiasm as a student at Pacific McGeorge.

We are committed to providing our students with an outstanding legal education that includes a strong experiential component to permit our graduates to flourish as attorneys immediately upon graduation. The communication skills developed in our distinctive Global Legal Skills curriculum provides the basis for students to excel in our acclaimed Advocacy and Dispute Resolution programs. These core competencies are expanded by our focus on inter-cultural learning through the programs offered by our Global Center.

Our 13,000 alumni provide an incredible network, beginning with our student mentorship program and continuing throughout your career. We look forward to having you join our campus community next fall and become a part of the excellence that defines Pacific McGeorge.

Francis J. Mootz III
Dean and Professor of Law
Curriculum Focused on Today’s Issues

The curriculum at Pacific McGeorge is designed to develop highly skilled professionals who are prepared for the rapidly changing legal market. Our combination of classroom theory, diverse electives, and hands-on learning will enable you to pursue any area of law you choose.

Degree Programs

We offer both a full- and part-time program. Courses are also offered in the summer so students have a year-round opportunity to learn. Whether you are a recent undergraduate or a working professional, you will find the right fit at Pacific McGeorge.

➤ Juris Doctor (J.D.)

➤ Dual Degree Programs
  • J.D./Master of Business Administration
  • J.D./Master of Public Policy & Administration

➤ Graduate Degree Program
  • Master of Science in Law (M.S.L.)

➤ Master of Laws (LL.M.)
  • Transnational Business Practice
  • U.S. Law & Policy—Public Law & Policy
  • Water Resources Law (U.S. or International)

➤ Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.)
  • International Water Resources Law

To learn more, visit go.mcgeorge.edu/degreeprograms
Our academic programs focus on 3 Centers of Distinction:

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| **Center for Advocacy & Dispute Resolution** | **Certificate in Advocacy**  
Our Advocacy programs prepare students to represent clients in a range of legal matters, including civil litigation, criminal trials, appellate work, and dispute resolution. | **Certificate in Advocacy**  
For students interested in careers in litigation, civil/criminal trial and appellate work, or dispute resolution, this highly hands-on training includes legal writing, trial preparation, clinical representation of clients, and more. |
| **Capital Center for Public Law & Policy** | **Capital Certificate in Public Law & Policy**  
Our Capital program empowers students to analyze and influence public policy, offering exclusive engagement and networking opportunities. | **Capital Certificate in Public Law & Policy**  
Perfectly suited for Pacific McGeorge’s location in California’s capital, this course of study prepares students for government and public lawyering through coursework and an externship or clinic experience. |
| **Global Center for Business & Development** | **Certificate in International Legal Studies**  
Our Global program ensures that you will have the inter-cultural legal competence to practice in California and the world. | **Certificate in International Legal Studies**  
This program offers exposure across the international law spectrum, with a dual emphasis on public international law (relations between states) and private international law (transnational business). |

**Water Resources Law**
- J.D. Environmental Concentration
- J.D. to LL.M. Fast Track
- LL.M. in Water Resources Law
- J.S.D. in International Water Resources Law

Our Water Resources Law programs offer a perspective unique to the capital city. Students work where the state’s water resources are regulated, learning about cutting-edge approaches that can be applied around the nation or across the globe.

A number of Pacific McGeorge’s faculty members and alumni are internationally recognized for their work in water resources law, policy development, and government regulation.

**Faculty Experts in Water Resources Law**

**Stephen McCaffrey**  
Distinguished Professor of Law  
A world-renowned scholar and author of the leading textbook on International Water Law.

**Rachael Salcido**  
Professor of Law, Director, Environmental Law Concentration  
A scholar of environmental and natural resources law, with particular expertise in ocean, coastal law, and ecosystem restoration.

To learn more, visit go.mcgeorge.edu/water
Programs Designed with Your Future in Mind

A degree from Pacific McGeorge is a gateway to a variety of legal career opportunities. Your first year of core courses, legal research, writing, and professionalism will provide the foundation. Our variety of concentrations, programs, and clinics will give you the ability to explore and master different areas of law that will prepare you for wherever your career path may lead.
“To be able to work in the trenches one-on-one with clients and help solve their problems, and also work in the halls of power advocating for them at the policy level has been one of the most enlightening experiences of law school.”

— VINCENT WIRAATMADJA, ’14
Legislative and Public Policy Clinic student

“Professor Sprankling’s experience as a managing partner of a [leading] law firm in California helped me tremendously in terms of real-world practice.”

— BASHAR AHMAD, ’08
Business Litigation Associate, Boutin Jones Inc.

If you are envisioning a particular career path, you can pursue a specialty by selecting a concentration.

**BUSINESS LAW**
Develop an expertise in general business law and related areas such as entertainment, employment, banking, or real estate law.

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW**
Focus on the growing areas of intellectual property, including patent law, copyright law, entertainment and artistry law, and more.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**
Prepare for the criminal justice field, from prosecuting and defending to assessing and reforming the justice system.

**TAX LAW**
Concentrate on tax laws that affect accounting, business, estate planning, and charitable organizations.

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**
Explore the scope of issues governed by environmental, energy, and water law on local, national, and international levels.

“With its proximity to the State Capitol and to the EPA, McGeorge offers many opportunities and resources for students.”

— LORI LOUTAN, ’15

To learn more, visit go.mcgeorge.edu/concentrations
Build Your Skills in the Field

At Pacific McGeorge, you will find several ways to put theory into practice.

You will learn to think like a lawyer in the classroom, but those skills are best refined through hands-on legal training. Our competition teams, externships, and academic journals give students the chance to do actual work in their field. Our clinical programs also provide experience, plus an opportunity to give back by providing legal services to underserved members of the local community.

Academic Journals

Our students serve on the editorial teams of a number of academic publications, including:

**California Initiative Review** A biennial independent analyses of California ballot initiatives and related issues.

**California Water Law Journal** A forum for academic discourse by students and professionals regarding current legal analyses of water law research.


**The Pacific McGeorge Law Review** A quarterly student-run, scholarly journal with professional articles, student-authored comments and a once-yearly symposium.

Competition Teams
Joining Pacific McGeorge’s award-winning Moot Court or Mock Trial teams enables you to build your courtroom experience in prestigious competitions across the nation. Competition teams are an opportunity for students to improve trial skills, and develop their skills in client counseling, negotiation arbitration, and appellate advocacy. Team members are coached advocacy skills by faculty and skilled practitioners with years of litigation experience. Our teams travel around the country competing regularly, win trophies, then enter the workforce as strong and talented trial and appellate lawyers. Many of the finest litigators in Sacramento and the surrounding area are past members of our teams.

LEGAL CLINICS

ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION
Students gain a comprehensive overview of the administrative process and then hear and decide administrative disputes for public agencies.

BANKRUPTCY
Students interview and counsel clients, assisting them in all aspects of case assessment, negotiation settlement and representation.

CRIMINAL APPELLATE ADVOCACY
Students represent indigent defendants in criminal appeals to the Third Appellate District of the California Court of Appeal.

ELDER AND HEALTH LAW
Students work with and represent those over 60 years of age facing various issues unique to the aging population.

FEDERAL DEFENDER
Students represent indigent defendants and conduct evidentiary hearings and trials.

HOUSING MEDIATION
Students provide free housing mediation services for landlord/tenant disputes.

IMMIGRATION LAW
Students provide in-depth legal assistance to low-income clients on immigration matters.

PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS MEDIATION
A unique opportunity for students to co-mediate prison civil rights cases with a federal magistrate judge.

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY CLINIC
Students gain practical experience in researching, drafting, and pursuing adoption of California state legislative and regulatory proposals.

To learn more, visit go.mcgeorge.edu/legalclinics
Learn from Scholars, Experts and Practitioners

Our professors go far beyond their work in the classroom. The Pacific McGeorge faculty are accomplished scholars, presenting at symposia and conferences, authoring books used in law schools around the U.S., and contributing to legal journals around the world. They bring this expertise and perspective to the classroom, clinics, externship programs, and student activities.
John E.B. Myers
Professor of Law, Director, Criminal Justice Concentration
Fun Fact: Professor Myers races with the Sports Car Club of America.

Cary Bricker
Professor of Lawyering Skills
Fun Fact: Professor Bricker is an avid hiker at Pt. Reyes National Seashore. She does the spectacular Tamale Point 10-mile hike several times a year, where she gets to see herds of tule elk and huge wild flowers.

Julie Davies
Professor of Law, Director, Inter-American Program
Fun Fact: Professor Davies has rescued two pit-bull dogs, and one, Belle, has come to the law school as an exam-time therapy dog for students.

Jarrod Wong
Professor of Law, Co-Director, Pacific McGeorge Global Center for Business and Development
Fun Fact: Professor Wong was crowned national baby champion by the then First Lady of Singapore in the one-year-old category.

John Sprankling
Distinguished Professor of Law
Fun Fact: Professor Sprankling traveled twice across the U.S. to photograph the sites of famous cases involving property law.

To meet our full faculty, visit go.mcgeorge.edu/faculty
A Campus Made for **Learning and Living**

Pacific McGeorge’s 13-acre campus perfectly embodies its location in the “City of Trees.” You will find everything from a breadth of resources in our expanded Legal Studies Center to a volleyball court ready for a match on the quad.
The Legal Studies Center is home to the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library and features extensive indoor and outdoor study spaces, a computer lab, and many other student resources.

On-campus housing options include studio, 1- and 2-bedroom units, with unfurnished and fully furnished options.

Out of the classroom, enjoy a swim, a game of ping pong, or a workout at the on-campus recreation center.

Students can take advantage of the California sunshine by harvesting a plot in the community garden right on campus, which benefits Oak Park and the local Food Bank.

Our full-size Courtroom was recently renovated to be a dynamic space for hands-on learning, with computer and video technology and a state-of-the-art media center.
Explore the **Capital City**

Sacramento is at the center of Northern California’s unlimited possibilities. The capital city is a vibrant place for professional sports, outdoor activities, and day- or weekend-long adventures to the mountains, the beach, the woods, or wine country—all of which are just a short drive.

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**SACRAMENTO: A QUICK GUIDE**

**FOOD**

From food trucks, to farm-to-table, to artisan cocktails, Sacramento has made a name for itself on the foodie scene.

**HISTORY**

Other than the State Capitol, our city is lush with historical hot spots, like Sutter’s Fort and the Old Sacramento Historical District.
Root for the Home Team
Head to the arena, the yard or the stadium for a night out: Sacramento is home to several professional teams, including the Sacramento Kings NBA team, the AAA Sacramento River Cats baseball team and professional soccer team Sacramento Republic FC.

MUSIC
Within a few miles of campus, find a number of venues for seeing your favorite band or catching a new live show.

ACTIVITY
The city hosts a number of outdoor competitions and races, including the California International Marathon.

CULTURE
Check out museums, theater, dance, and annual events that celebrate the city’s diversity.
A Community of Many

Life at Pacific McGeorge is not limited to our campus—students, staff, alumni, and faculty engage the community through public service, volunteering, mentoring, and much more.

Clockwise from top: Pacific McGeorge Women’s Caucus presents a check to a local non-profit; students participate in a fashion show during Diversity Week; Anthony Williams, ’05, gives a private tour of the State Capitol; Pacific McGeorge students collect items for the annual food drive.
Clockwise from left: Volunteers at the Annual Student Bar Association BBQ; Pacific McGeorge students participate in the Alzheimer’s Walk; Intellectual Property Student Association members at the annual Activities Fair; Former Black Law Students Association President Kellan Patterson, ’14, speaks with local high school students during Discover Law Day.

Pacific McGeorge’s 35+ Chartered Student Organizations give students the chance to practice their legal skills, get involved with the community and other students, and interact with Sacramento legal professionals.

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Club
- Asian/Pacific American Law Student Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Christian Law Students Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Employment Law Students Association
- Environmental Law Society
- Federal Bar Association
- Federalist Society
- Global Business and Law Society
- Governmental Affairs Students Association
- Health Law Association
- Intellectual Property Students Association
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Junior Baristers Club
- Lambda Law Students Association
- Latina/o Law Students Association
- Middle Eastern/South Asian Association
- Military Law Society
- Moot Court Society
- National Lawyers Guild
- Pacific McGeorge Democrats
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi
- Property Law Society
- Public Legal Services Society
- Recreation Connection
- Rugby Football Club
- Society for Space Law and Policy
- Sports & Entertainment Law Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Tiger Sharks Swim Club
- Trial Advocacy Association
- Water Law Society
- Wine Law Society
- Women’s Caucus

To learn more, visit go.mcgeorge.edu/studentorgs
McGeorge professors taught me an appreciation for what it was to be a lawyer and that being a good lawyer isn’t always just reading black letter words on a page, but in how you can construe those principles and creatively align critical legal thought with client objectives.
A Global Network at Your Fingertips

The Pacific McGeorge alumni network is vast: more than 13,000 strong, including lawyers, lobbyists, judges, educators, and a bevy of other professionals. They are everywhere: spread over 50 states and 52 countries. They are distinguished: more than 350 alums have been appointed to the bench. Most important, our alumni are proud and committed to their alma mater, providing a helpful and accessible network for students and recent graduates.

"The excellent legal education, lasting friendships, and international professional network I gained as a Pacific McGeorge graduate became the platform from which I was able to seize opportunities to feed my desire, and enjoy an international career beyond my most hopeful and optimistic expectations."

GUSTAVO MATHEUS, ’96 Managing Member, LegalHealth

"I really felt every day that my professors wanted me to learn the subject matter, and they were preparing me to be the best lawyer I could be when I graduated. I realized pretty quickly after I graduated that I was better trained to practice law than most of my peers who graduated from other law schools."

ERIC BARNUM, ’94 Partner, Schiff Hardin LLP

ERIN M DUNSTON, ’99 Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C.

KATHARINE C. BARAGONA, ’90 Sr, Infrastructure Finance Specialist, World Bank Group

PAUL DASSENKO, ’82 President and CEO, Risk Transfer Underwriting, Inc.

THE HONORABLE STEVEN ALM, ’83 First Circuit Judge Hawaii State Judiciary

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