Faculty

With more than 50 full-time and approximately 35 adjunct professors (including judges and practicing attorneys) bringing their expertise into your classroom, you will be familiar with the most significant legal issues of the day.

Experiential Learning

You will “learn by doing” through a variety of experiential learning opportunities.

CLINICS South Carolina Law’s client-contact clinics offer practical experience representing actual clients under the supervision of full-time faculty. Clinics include:

- Carolina Health Advocacy Medicolegal Partnership (CHAMPS)
- Criminal Practice
- Domestic Violence
- Education Rights
- Juvenile Justice
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Sustainable Development
- Veterans Law

EXTERNSHIPS Through externships at federal and state agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office, as well as in corporate legal offices, legislative committees, and federal and state courts, you can gain legal experience, academic credit, and develop valuable professional connections while closely observing the work of attorneys in those settings. Externship opportunities are available in the following areas:

- Administrative Law
- Children’s Law
- Criminal Law
- In-House Counsel
- Judicial
CAPSTONES In Capstone courses in Small Business Organizations, Civil Litigation, and Real Estate Transactions, you will apply your skills working with lawyers, judges, professors, and peers in a simulated practice environment.

SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST INTERNSHIPS If you are interested in public interest law, you can apply for paid summer internships with organizations that provide access to justice for members of the public not otherwise able to obtain legal assistance.

PRO BONO PROGRAM South Carolina Law is home to the first 100 percent voluntary Pro Bono Program and offers more than 20 service projects. Beginning your first year, the program helps you strengthen professional skills and build contacts, while giving back. Because it’s voluntary, the program emphasizes that a willingness to provide pro bono services should be an inherent part of a lawyer’s professional identity.

Dual-Degree Programs

Enhance your degree by choosing from 12 dual-degree programs that tap the expertise in place at the University of South Carolina, including the highly-ranked International MBA program at the Darla Moore School of Business and the nationally-recognized environmental program at Vermont Law School. Combine your J.D. with a masters in:

- Accountancy
- Business Administration
- Earth and Environmental Resources Management
- Economics
- Health Administration
- Human Resources
- International Business Administration
- Public Administration
- Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Environmental Law and Policy (from Vermont Law)
- Mass Communication
- Social Work

The Judge Karen J. Williams Courtroom is a functioning courtroom that is used for mock trial and moot court competitions, as well as actual court hearings.

The University of South Carolina School of Law is located at the heart of the state capital and anchors Columbia’s legal corridor, where legal education, government, and private practice converge. Having recently celebrated its 150th anniversary, the school has shaped the careers of generations of attorneys, and our alumni network extends across the nation and the world. Now in a brand new building, South Carolina Law will shape the next generation through its experiential learning opportunities, state-of-the-art technology, and faculty-led research in emerging areas of law.

Statistics cited in this publication are for the 2017-2018 academic year.
Collaborations and Partnerships

As a South Carolina Law student, you can choose from an array of programs designed to complement your formal classroom learning, build skills, and enhance competencies that will advance your career.

THE UNIVERSITY’S RULE OF LAW COLLABORATIVE works with national and international organizations to strengthen the rule of law around the world. Selected students participate directly in the work of the collaborative.

THE CHILDREN’S LAW CENTER offers classes, research opportunities, and training for students, practitioners, policy makers, and others involved in the safety and well-being of children. You can receive hands-on experience through the activities of the center.

THE NELSON MULLINS RILEY & SCARBOROUGH CENTER ON PROFESSIONALISM enriches student experiences through mentoring, research, and events that promote professionalism, civic leadership, and public service in the practice of law.

THE NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER, the training facility for the U.S. Department of Justice, offers student employment opportunities, as well as access to experts on a wide range of legal issues.

Through the GRAD GRANTS PROGRAM, admitted students may be matched with law faculty for research assistantships in their 2L and 3L years, providing financial assistance and the chance to work closely with faculty in their areas of interest.

Preparation for Practice

UNIFORM BAR EXAMINATION More than two-thirds of states in the U.S., including South Carolina, have adopted the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE). The UBE is a uniformly administered and graded bar examination with a portable score that can be used to apply for bar admission in other participating UBE states or jurisdictions. The UBE is designed to test knowledge and skills that every lawyer should be able to demonstrate prior to becoming licensed to practice law. For more information about bar examinations, visit the National Conference of Bar Examiners’ website or contact the bar admission agency in the state where you expect to practice.

JOURNALS
Join one of four student-edited scholarly journals:
South Carolina Law Review
American Bar Association Real Property, Trust & Estate Law Journal
South Carolina Journal of International Law & Business
Journal of Law & Education

MOOT COURT AND MOCK TRIAL Strong moot court and mock trial programs provide opportunities to perfect your oral advocacy skills in either an appellate or trial setting at both regional and national competitions.

LAW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS Strengthen your interpersonal and leadership skills and connect with like-minded members of the law and university communities by exploring the 25+ student groups at South Carolina Law.
Alumni Connections

More than 11,000 South Carolina Law alumni are everywhere in South Carolina, and can be found anywhere from New York City to Anchorage, Alaska, and from Europe to Asia. Most importantly, they are mentors and employers of South Carolina Law students and graduates.

With South Carolina Law’s 151-year legacy, a new home in 2017, and a powerful, global alumni network, you can be confident that we aren’t going anywhere but forward, and that your South Carolina Law degree can take you anywhere.

Apply for Admission to South Carolina Law

To begin your application, review our admission requirements and detailed instructions at law.sc.edu. Create your account at the Law School Admission Council’s website, lsac.org, take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) or submit your scores on the GRE or GMAT, and sign up for LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service (CAS). If you need an application fee waiver to apply to South Carolina Law, please contact the Admissions Office.

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- Call the Admissions Office at (803) 777-6605 to speak with an admissions representative or a student ambassador, set up a visit, take a tour, or request scholarship information.
- Explore our website at law.sc.edu
  - Check out the virtual tour and video viewbook.
  - Read detailed information about the admissions process and our academic programs.
- Visit law.sc.edu/connect to learn about events on your campus or ours.

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USC and Columbia

While Columbia is one of the largest cities in South Carolina, it is still small enough to feel like home. Our location in the state capital is an asset regardless of the area of law you choose. The School of Law anchors Columbia's legal corridor and is located just steps from the Statehouse, the South Carolina Supreme Court, the S.C. Court of Appeals, the National Advocacy Center, and law firms large and small.

Columbia is rapidly growing into a regional hub for corporate relocation, college and professional school students, and tourism. The city has a relaxed, friendly, genuine feel that lacks pretense. Areas like the Vista, Five Points, and Main Street all border campus and provide shopping and entertainment, while close-by lakes, rivers, and parks provide recreational activities to keep you grounded. Nearby attractions include the Congaree National Park, the Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden, and Lake Murray.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA IS THE PALMETTO STATE’S FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY.

The University of South Carolina attracts and retains students from all over the country and the world. The USC system educates more South Carolinians than any other institution in the state. The vibrant university community includes just over 34,000 students who hail from all 50 states and more than 100 foreign countries and are enrolled in highly-regarded undergraduate, honors, graduate, and professional programs. USC is one of only 32 public universities to earn the Carnegie Foundation’s top-tier designation for research activity and community engagement, reflecting its dedication to academic excellence.