

OUR MISSION

The mission of the law school is to provide an outstanding legal education for a nationally-based, diverse student body in a collegial and supportive environment with attention to newly emerging areas of law, particularly those related to technological development, globalization and the quest for social justice.

OUR HISTORY

Thomas Jefferson School of Law was founded in 1969 as the San Diego campus of Western State University College of Law, a privately-owned institution based in Fullerton, California. The San Diego branch offered Juris Doctor Degrees to working professionals who could attend law school only part-time in the evenings.

The school was renamed Thomas Jefferson School of Law in late 1995 and was granted provisional American Bar Association (ABA) accreditation in August 1996. Full ABA accreditation was granted in August 2001 and the law school became a private, nonprofit institution that same year.

Thomas Jefferson Law opened a new campus in 2011 in downtown San Diego. Construction of the eight-story building in the East Village community was completed in December 2010. The first classes in the new facility were held in January 2011.

OUR SCHOOL

Thomas Jefferson Law has evolved into an innovative, cutting-edge law school devoted to individual needs and the success of its students and alumni. We also have an amazing array of hands-on opportunities for our students to gain real-world legal experience.

We are committed to giving our students the knowledge, skills, tools and support necessary to be successful from the first day of classes to graduation and beyond.

OUR FACULTY

Thomas Jefferson is renowned for its highly accessible, world-class faculty with excellent experience and credentials, many from top ten law schools. The faculty is prolific in its publication of scholarly works, including more than 550 scholarly articles and books collectively.

OUR CURRICULUM

The legal curriculum offers outstanding preparation for the practice of law. It includes four Centers for Academic Excellence: The Center for Global Legal Studies, The Center for Law and Intellectual Property, The Center for Law and Social Justice, and The Center for Sports Law and Policy. All four Centers have achieved prominence in their fields, expanding student opportunities through certificate programs, conferences and timely speaker programs.

Thomas Jefferson Law also offers three LL.M. (Master of Laws) degrees as well as a joint MBA-JD degree in partnership with San Diego State University.

OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

Thomas Jefferson Law students are part of a highly diverse, technologically-advanced campus with an intellectually stimulating curriculum.

The faculty and staff at Thomas Jefferson Law believe justice is a direct result of an increase in diverse voices among legal professionals. The school's admission practices respect cultural and educational backgrounds so that those who choose Thomas Jefferson will join an inclusive environment and will be part of a school community committed to broadening the legal profession's outreach to underserved populations.

RANKINGS

RANKED

#1

most undervalued law school by Paul Caron of Pepperdine University School of Law in 2014

RANKED

#13

by GraduatePrograms.com for graduate programs in 2015

RANKED

#15

by *The National Jurist* magazine for diversity in 2014

RANKED

#22

by GraduatePrograms.com for financial aid in 2015

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#22

by GraduatePrograms.com for networking in 2015