

Application Form

The LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW CONCENTRATION at California Western School of Law

California Western School of Law is fortunate to have and have had on its faculty people who are respected locally and nationally in the area of labor and employment law. Employment law is the fastest growing area of practice, as many of our graduates are learning after they graduate and enter practice. With the resurgence of unions in recent years, practitioners with knowledge of labor law will also be in demand.

This concentration is designed to provide students with a rigorous introduction to labor and employment law. A concentration in this area will be helpful to our students because it will enforce the importance of the area while they are students and can take courses to prepare them for practice before they graduate. In addition, labor and employment law have long been recognized as highly specialized areas that are difficult to learn on the job.

In order to graduate with a concentration in labor and employment law, students must meet the requirements set out below:

To declare a concentration, students must:

- Meet with a member of the labor and employment law advisor group faculty (Barbara Cox, Jessica Fink, Paul Gudel, Ruben Garcia and Jan Stiglitz) to discuss the requirements for the concentration and agree on a plan for meeting those requirements before the completion of the student's fifth trimester.
- Declare an intention (by submitting this application to one of the advisor group faculty) to concentrate in labor and employment law before the completion of the student's fifth trimester.
- Secure each term approval from one of the advisor group faculty that the student is making satisfactory progress towards completion of the concentration. This may be done by the student submitting to the faculty advisor a list of completed, in progress, and planned courses.
- Secure final approval (by resubmitting this application) from one of the advisor group faculty in your final trimester.

Note: The following courses are not now a regular part of the curriculum but could also be used to satisfy this requirement if offered.

Workers Compensation
Occupational Health and Safety Law
Labor Arbitration
Public Sector Labor Law

- Receive a grade of 79 or higher in a labor and employment law related practicum:

Alternative Dispute Resolution Arbitration or Arbitration Advocacy	Mediation or Mediation Advocacy Negotiation
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- Students will find the following substantive courses useful in the practice of labor and employment law, although taking them is not a requirement:

Accounting for Lawyers Remedies	International Business Transactions Federal Income Tax
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- Take one course from the lists above through which the student produces a paper that will satisfy the scholarly writing requirement.

Additional relevant offerings at the graduate level through University of California, San Diego and San Diego State University in the Business School, as well as liberal arts programs in economics, sociology, and history may also be useful and counted towards law school graduation in accord with Statement of Academic Policies § 1.03.

If this is your first application, please use the attached grid for all completed courses, and a schedule of courses and internships planned in your remaining trimesters. If you have graduated or are about to graduate, please attach an unofficial transcript.

8. Scholarly Writing Requirement:

Candidates must complete a paper, sufficient to meet the law school's scholarly writing requirement, in the field of labor and employment law. The topic of each paper must be pre-approved by a member of the concentration's advisor group.

I propose to satisfy this requirement by taking:

Course	Trimester	Year
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Proposed Topic: _____

