

DIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

California Western School of Law is committed to using the law to prevent and solve human and societal problems. In conjunction with our mission - to train ethical, competent, and compassionate lawyers, representative of our diverse society and equipped to use the law effectively and creatively on behalf of all members of society - we value a rich diversity among our students, alumni, faculty, and staff, as well as in the larger communities of which we are a part.

Respect for diversity is integral to our goal of educating lawyers as creative problem solvers who frame the practice of law as a helping and collaborative profession. Diversity promotes mutual respect and fosters innovation and leadership, creating an environment in which all may fully develop and use their talents and abilities. Diversity enriches the academic community, providing wider perspectives and experiences, both in and out of the classroom.

To foster diversity among our students and alumni, we offer support and guidance for mastering the challenges of becoming lawyers and leaders of the bar. Through programs tailored to every phase of legal education, we work to ensure our graduates have the knowledge, skills, and perspective to build rewarding careers. We seek to offer ways for our students and alumni to develop and maintain those relationships which promote their professional development.

To foster diversity among our faculty and staff, we recruit among diverse communities. We celebrate the unique contribution each person brings to our law school. And, we encourage awareness of, and sensitivity toward diverse concerns.

To foster diversity throughout the wider community, both locally and globally, we seek to promote awareness of diversity's value through relationships with colleagues in the law and higher education, and offer programs that promote social, political, and economic justice.

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