

California Western Nationally Recognized for Community Service

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SAN DIEGO - California Western School of Law has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for 2014. This is the fifth consecutive year that the law school has been named to the honor roll, having been named with distinction in four of those five years.

The law school was named to the distinction list in two categories: General Community Service and Education. In the Education category, California Western is one of 22 schools and one of only two schools in California to be recognized with such distinction.

Under the direction of President Barack Obama, the Corporation for National and Community Service has administered the award since 2006 and manages the program in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as the American Council on Education and Campus Compact.

The award recognizes work by the California Innocence Project, Community Law Project, Clinical Internship Program, Community Organizing Clinic, Mediation Clinic, Pro Bono and Public Service Societies, Street Law San Diego, Student Bar Association, and service project for entering students.

This recognition is the result of the efforts of hundreds of students, dozens of faculty and adjunct faculty, and tens of thousands of hours of service on behalf of the community, including 511 students and 55 faculty members who together donated more than 125,000 hours of service and service-learning.

"As one of only two schools in California to receive this award, we are very happy that our efforts have been recognized in this way," said California Western President and Dean Niels B. Schaumann. "Community service is in our DNA, and that is reflected by the outstanding work of our faculty, staff, and students, whose efforts resulted in this honor."

"Legal education gives us the ability to help

others. Our community programs at California Western give us the means," said Linda H. Morton, Associate Dean for Experiential Learning. "As a result, we all benefit—the law school, the law students, and the community. This award honors all of us."

California Western's Tradition of Giving Back

California Western values community service and the real-world experience that giving back provides students. In addition to being recognized in the Honor Roll with Distinction, the law school's community outreach has been recognized by the State Bar of California with its President's Award for Pro Bono Service and by the Los Angeles-based Center for Civic Mediation, which recognized the Advanced Mediation Project with the Louis M. Brown Conflict Prevention Award.

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Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

Inspired by the thousands of college students who traveled across the country to support relief efforts along the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina, the Corporation for National and Community Service has administered the award since 2006 and manages the program in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as the American Council on Education and Campus Compact.

To learn more about California Western's clinical programs that help the community, visit www.cwsl.edu/clinics