



Loyola Law School

Loyola Marymount University

Career Development Office

Criminal Justice

Criminal Practice involves the penal statutes enacted by the government to prohibit behavior that threatens public safety. It also includes cases interpreting the penal laws. Prosecution of criminal activity falls strictly within the purview of the state or federal government, depending on the nature of the crime(s). Criminal defense can be handled by the government, public interest organizations or private attorneys, according to the



Loyola's Criminal Justice students benefit from a wealth of resources, including important symposia like the annual Fidler Institute on Criminal Justice, as well as the Alarcón Advocacy Center, which includes the Law School's Project for the Innocent and the Capital Habeas Litigation Clinic. Professors include judges, former assistant U.S. Attorneys, the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California and

Concentration: Criminal Justice

Recommended Courses:

- Children and the Law
- Comparative Criminal Law
- Crime and Social Justice
- Criminal Procedure
- Current Topics in Criminal Practice
- Cyber and IP Crimes
- Death Penalty Law
- Race, Class and Criminal Justice
- Sentencing and Post-Conviction
- Problems and Remedies
- White Collar Crime
- Wrongful Convictions: Causes and Remedies

Professors:

- Stanley Goldman
- Sean Kennedy
- Kevin Lapp
- Laurie Levenson
- Samuel Pillsbury
- Susan Poehls



Did You Know . . . ?

- White collar criminal defense lawyers must be extremely versatile, not only litigating in court but also specializing in risk management, internal investigations, compliance and training of businesses and their employees and representing witnesses.
- Criminal law intersects with nearly every other substantive area of law, including environmental, international, bankruptcy, intellectual property, antitrust, tax, immigration and family law.
- To gain client trust, criminal lawyers must be skilled counselors and negotiators, as well as litigators.

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Law Firms:

Large / National Firms

- Jones Day
- Latham & Watkins
- O'Melveny & Myers
- Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

Mid-Size / Regional Firms

- Bird Marella
- Caldwell Leslie & Proctor
- Musick Peeler

Small Firms

- Brown White & Osborn
- The Cochran Firm
- Douglas Hicks Firm
- Geragos & Geragos
- Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump & Aldisert
- Law Offices of Louis J. Shapiro
- Lightfoot Steingard & Sadowsky
- Mesereau Law Group
- Werksman Jackson Hathaway & Quinn

Government Agencies:

- California Attorney General
- Federal Public Defender
- Los Angeles City Attorney
- Los Angeles County District Attorney
- Los Angeles County Public Defender
- United States Attorney's Office

Public Interest Organizations:

- Dream Center Los Angeles
- Legal Aid Society
- Mesereau Free Legal Clinic
- Post-Conviction Assistance Center

Clinics / Programs:

- Alarcon Advocacy Center
 - Capital Habeas Litigation Clinic
 - Center for Juvenile Law & Policy
- Center for Restorative Justice
- Fidler Institute on Criminal Justice
- Hobbs / Poehls District Attorney Clinic
- Juvenile Innocence and Fair Sentencing Clinic
- Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Loyola Project for the Innocent

Student Groups:

- Criminal Law Society

Professional Associations:

- American Bar Association
- California Attorneys for Criminal Justice
- California Lawyers Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- National Criminal Justice Association

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