A legal education is both challenging and broadening. Research and writing, public speaking, critical thinking, attention to detail and understanding regulatory frameworks (like zoning and code requirements) are just some of the skills developed in law school that are transferable to non-legal careers.

"The JD gives professionals credibility. Also, the ability to draft specialized business contracts for employment, leases and purchases and sales, for example, is a useful skill for an entrepreneur," said Graham Sherr, assistant dean for career services at Loyola.

Many Loyola Law School graduates chose non-legal careers, including Christopher A. Calarco ’97, a special agent with the FBI in Los Angeles, and Christopher W. Silva ’89 (LMU ’86), president and chief executive officer of St. Francis Winery & Vineyards in Santa Rosa.

Why attend law school if not to practice law? Law librarians, entrepreneurs, talent and sports agents, legal and executive recruiters and tax consultants are good examples of those who benefit from a juris doctor.

Even while attending Loyola, Calarco hoped for a career with the FBI and interned with the Bureau. Following graduation, he worked as a deputy district attorney in LA and waded through the FBI’s lengthy application process. He was later offered a position with the FBI and now serves on its Violent Crime Squad (VCS) and its eight-member, rapid deployment Art Crime Team (ACT).

Calarco’s work with the VCS includes investigating kidnappings, extortion, murders-for-hire, major thefts and assaults against federal officers and judges. His assignments with ACT cover cultural property crimes concerning stolen artifacts, antiquities and fine art. One of his team’s most recent accomplishments was recovering a $40 million Rembrandt through a sting operation in Copenhagen.
and is one of 12 attorneys selected statewide to participate in the State Bar’s Access and Fairness Leadership Academy.

1997 Nadav Ravid was elected a shareholder at Buchalter, Nemer, Fields & Young and practices real estate, and also teaches courses with UCLA Extension. Astrid R. Spain was elected partner at McDermott Will & Emery. Her practice includes all aspects of intellectual property law.


1999 Laura Overton is corporate counsel for Sun Healthcare Group, a national healthcare provider, and was named to the Board of Directors of Hope International University in Fullerton. Major Jim Winner was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his three-year tenure as a member of the Board of Directors for the Multnomah Bar Association (MBA), a nonprofit organization for lawyers, law students and law enforcement. Dyer, who practices in the areas of personal injury, family law and mediation as a sole practitioner with Dyer, Bixler & Co., is a member of the MBA’s joint Liaison Committee, volunteers with its Mentor Program and is past chair of its Judicial Screening Committee. Lawrence E. Noll was appointed partner with Trope and Trope in Los Angeles, specializing in complex family law litigation. Richard P. Longaker was elected president of the Board of Trustees for the Santa Monica Bar Association for 2005-06.

2000 Andrew E. Cooper was appointed a district attorney for Los Angeles County. R. Todd Zink was selected for the second consecutive year as a Rising Star by the Super Lawyers of Southern California. Zink is a deputy district attorney for LA County, Compton Court, and continues to serve as a member of the Reserve Unit.

2004 Jason N. Bernstein successfully completed the Arizona Bar Examination in February and is now a member of both the California and Arizona Bar Associations.

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES Sheila Maria Pistone ’91 married Peter Pistone, a civil engineer, in a ceremony in Maui on September 10, 2005. David Greeker ’98 and Michele Garrett ’04 are engaged to wed in summer 2006. Greeker is an associate at Nossaman, Guther, Knopp & Elliott and Garrett is an associate at Lewis, Bribosia, Bidalia & Smith.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES Charles H. Smith ’85, his wife Barb and son Taylor welcomed their daughter Emma Charlotte, born on July 12, 2005. Greg Dorfman ’95 and Arlene Dorfman were the parents of their daughter, Matthew, born on February 14, 2005. Dina E. Belenky ’01, husband Vladimir Lenthysky and son Jonathan were the parents of their daughter, Sarah, born on August 18, 2005. Matthew Swanlund ’99 and wife Amanda welcome the arrival of their son, Stellan Carter Swanlund, on September 17, 2005. Anne Choi Goodwin ’91 and her husband Daniel announce the arrival of twin boys, John David Goodwin and Charles Fremont Goodwin, born on September 27, 2005.

JUDICIAL REVIEW Hon. Irma J. Brown-Dillon ’73 was honored at the ACLU of Arizona Program. Brown-Dillon, who sits on the Inglewood Juvenile Drug Court, was recognized for her participation in a pilot program stressing rehabilitation over detention. Hon. Paul Canela Pardo ’73 was appointed a lifetime federal administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration. Graciela Freixes ’80 of Agajanian, McFall, Weiss, Tetreault & Crist LLP was elected a Los Angeles Superior Court commissioner. Comm. Glenn Mondini and Comm. Max DeLiema ’74 were elected commissioners with the Orange County Superior Court. Hon. Keith Schultz ’72, who took charge of his late father’s law office in Ventura County, was promoted to administrative law judge and is specializing in employment tax and unemployment and disability insurance issues. Schultz was named the month’s Most Valuable Player when his mock exam result in California on the most recent exam, making him the youngest judge in California on the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board to receive this promotion.

IN MEMORIAM Richard Sautelle ’51 passed away in May 2005. Max Halton ’72, a retired civil engineer and lawyer, died on August 8, 2005 in Oceanside. A native of the Bronx, Halton served in World War II as a ship’s radio operator with the Merchant Marines. He is survived by his wife, Arline, a daughter and son, and three grandchildren. Sarah Roberts ’98 passed away on August 5, 2005. Born in Camarillo, O’Brien was an assistant county counsel in Ventura. She served on the Parent Teacher Association in her children’s schools and was active in numerous charities and was an avid tennis player. O’Brien is survived by her husband, a daughter, son and mother.

CORRECTION In the Direct Examination column in the summer 2005 issue, Bryan Cave LLP was misspelled. The Public Record regrets the error.
The career services office of the law school coordinates an annual panel presentation for students who are interested in learning more about non-traditional career opportunities. "I put much that I learned studying and practicing law to use each day running a winery," said Silva. His new career involves reviewing contracts, maintaining compliance with state and federal regulations, minimizing exposure in personnel matters and maintaining a safe workplace. "Good executives, like good litigators, must be quick on their feet, communicate effectively and strategize quickly based on an efficient but careful review of the facts. I think we'll continue to see more lawyers enter the business world, particularly lawyers who study and represent businesses. I wouldn't trade what I am doing now for anything, but if it all ended tomorrow I would go back to practicing law and consider myself quite fortunate to do so."

Top 100

Congratulations to those from Loyola Law School recognized as among California’s Top 100 Lawyers.

Alumni:
- Larry R. Feldman ’69
- Thomas V. Girardi ’64
- Walter J. Lack ’73
- Thomas J. Nolan ’75
- Mark P. Robinson, Jr. ’72

Faculty:
- Richard L. Hasen, William H. Hannon Distinguished Professor of Law

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Loyola Law School Named One of Best Law Schools by The Princeton Review

Loyola Law School was named one of the nation’s most outstanding law schools by The Princeton Review. Out of 159 law schools, Loyola ranked 3rd for “Best Overall Academic Experience,” 3rd for “Professors Rock” and 6th for “Best Environment for Minority Students.”

Additionally, Loyola Law School scored, out of 100, a 98 in the academic experience rating; a 98 in the professors interesting rating; and a 96 in the professors accessible rating. Also noted in the profile are Loyola’s “great research resources,” its “abundant externship, internship and clerkship opportunities” and that “diverse opinions are accepted in the classroom.”

The profile also highlights Loyola’s “reputation for producing renowned litigators,” its “emphasis on practical application, skills classes and real-world experience,” that it has a “great reputation among employers in the Southern California area” and “a large alumni network of successful and respected lawyers in California.”

On being recognized as one of the country’s outstanding law schools, Dean David Burcham ’84 said, “We are very pleased to be included in this survey and that our profile recognizes so many of the terrific things happening on our campus.”

The rankings are based on institutional data from the schools and on surveys of 15,000 students attending the schools. The survey asked students over 50 questions and was conducted during the 2004-05 and 2003-04 academic years. The complete ranking lists are posted at www.princetonreview.com.


LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL IS LAUNCHING ITS LAW FIRM CHALLENGE, a fundraising initiative that targets alumni at firms with a significant number of Loyola graduates. The goals of the Law Firm Challenge are to increase alumni participation at Loyola Law School and re-engage Loyola graduates in the life of their alma mater.

The Law Firm Challenge is a fundraiser that generates support for Loyola Law School by focusing on participation rate, not a monetary goal. The Law Firm Challenge emphasizes personal contributions from alumni at participating firms. An ambitious goal of reaching 100% alumni participation at 40 firms was set for the inaugural year. As of October 18, 2005, alumni at the following firms committed to participating in the 2005 Law Firm Challenge. Special thanks to alumni contacts spearheading the efforts at their respective firms, noted in parentheses.

- Buchalter, Nemer, Fields & Younger (Ann Camacho ’02)
- Engstrom, Lipscomb & Lack (Elizabeth Crooke ’79)
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (Jeffrey LeSage ’98)
- Gilbert Kelly Crowley & Jennett (Paul Bigley ’84)
- Girardi & Keese (Jack Girardi ’72)
- Greenberg Glusker (Hillary Bibicoff ’94)
- Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith (Julia Sylva ’83)
- Manatt, Phelps & Phillips (Ellen Berkowitz ’89)
- McDermott, Will & Emery (Benjamin Hofilena ’03)
- O’Melveny & Myers, LLP (Karen Rinehart ’96)
- Paul Hastings (James Gilliam ’03)
- Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP (Christopher Chaudoir ’98)
- Prenovost, Normandin, Bergh & Dawe (Thomas R. Normandin ’81)
- Sheldon & Mak (Kristin Hibner ’00)
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (Jeleen Guttenberg ’96)
- Stroock & Stroock & Lavan (Marian Selvaggio ’02)

If you have any questions, or would like to join the Law Firm Challenge, please contact Executive Director of Advancement Carmen Ramirez at Carmen.Ramirez@lls.edu or 213.736.1046.