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## Top Law School for Advocacy and Litigation



## A Pipeline to the Legal Field

Southwestern's Street Law Clinic created a Diversity Pipeline Program by collaborating with the Association of Corporate Counsel of Southern California and Dorsey High School. The program provides legal education modules and demystifies the legal system for the students who likely have had negative experiences with the legal system or have never met an attorney. For many Dorsey students, receiving completion certificates and visiting Southwestern are the program's highlights. After a campus tour and engaging in law-related activities, participants better understand what it is like to be a law student and gain a new appreciation for the legal system.

## Campaign to Benefit the Jacaranda School in Malawi

Southwestern professors Alexandria D'Italia and Professor John Heilman started a campaign for The Jacaranda School for Orphans in Limbe, Malawi. Currently, the school educates more than 400 children. The students at Jacaranda have lost one or both parents, and many were born HIV-positive. Despite the challenges these students face, Jacaranda has been able to achieve the following:

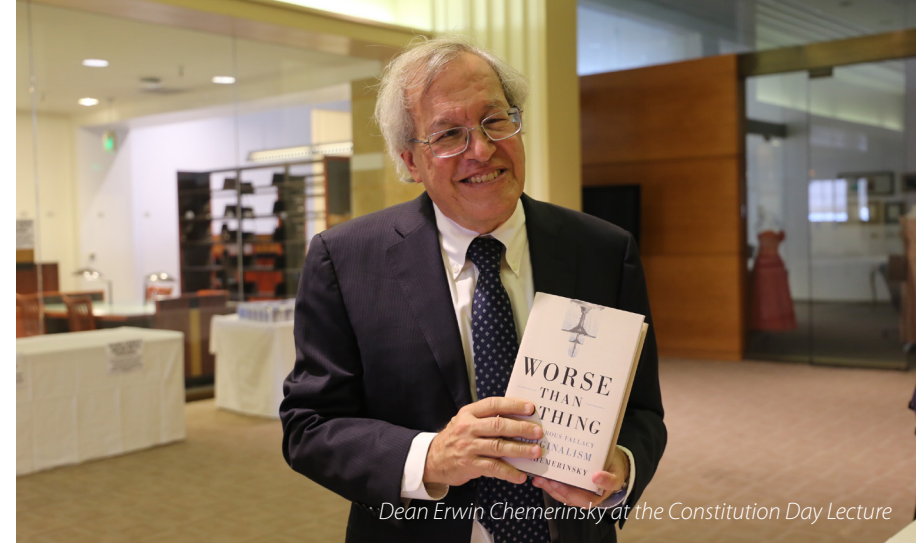
- 100% pass rate on 2021 secondary school national exams
- 94% pass rate on 2021 primary school national exams

The program has also opened 24 libraries, reaching 55,000 children in other Malawi primary schools. The Catholic University of Malawi is the first private University in Malawi with an accredited Law Programme. Jacaranda currently has two graduates enrolled at the University.

## Recent Advocacy Honors Program Wins

Each year, Southwestern's advocacy teams compete and excel in competitions across the U.S.:

- 2023 Fordham National NBA Basketball Negotiation Competition:** First Place
- 2023 Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition:** Best Brief
- 2023 Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition:** Semi-Finalist
- 2022 New York Law School Soccer Dispute Competition:** Best Oral Advocates Award
- 2022 Fordham University National Basketball Negotiation:** Quarter Finalists
- 2022 46th Annual Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition:** Winner/First Place/National Champions and Best Final Round Oralist
- 2022 ABA's National Appellate Advocacy Competition:** Regional Winner/Champions
- 2022 William B. Bryant-Luke C. Moore Invitational Moot Court Competition:** Semi-finalists
- 2022 34th Annual Domenick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Moot Court Competition:** Octa-finalists (2 Teams)
- 2022 American Association for Justice Trial Advocacy Competition:** Semi-Finalist



Dean Erwin Chemerinsky at the Constitution Day Lecture

## Erwin Chemerinsky Delivered Constitution Day Talk

Southwestern's 2022 Constitution Day Lecture commemorated the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787, with world-renowned U.S. Constitution cause célèbre, Dean Erwin Chemerinsky. In conjunction with the newly formed Southwestern chapter of the American Constitution Society, the iconic scholar and educator delighted a standing-only crowd with a riveting analysis of originalism and why he believes it undesirable and dangerous. Dean Chemerinsky described his preferred theory of a "living" constitution and fielded questions from attendees. Dean Darby Dickerson emphasized his generosity in making time to speak and educate organizations, other scholars, law students, and laypeople on our Constitution. Dean Chemerinsky exuded grace, humility, and good humor throughout the lunchtime event.

## Student Org. Seeks to End Mass Incarceration

The Mass Incarceration Awareness Law Society and the Criminal Law Society hosted the Ending Mass Incarceration mini-series with influential attorneys working to dismantle the carceral state. The on-campus series featured Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón, Los Angeles County Public Defender Ricardo García, and Los Angeles Chief City Attorney Jose Egurbide. The mini-series facilitated deep conversations exploring the district attorney and public defender offices' unique challenges, followed by a Q&A after the moderated interviews.

## Roe vs. Wade Overturned and Causing Turmoil

Professor Judy Sloan (a former U.S. Supreme Court clerk) moderated an important discussion analyzing the majority opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, written by Justice Samuel Alito, the concurring opinion questioning the right to privacy in the original case of *Roe v. Wade*, and the implications of the decision for California and the nation.