

# SOUTHWESTERN

LAW SCHOOL

Los Angeles, CA

## U.S. Department of Education Disclosures

**Scheduled Review Date:** May 2025 (Accreditation Compliance & Institutional Effectiveness and General Counsel Office)

Department of Education regulations (34 CFR 668.43) require educational institutions to make certain information regarding accreditation and licensing available upon request to students and prospective students.

### Corporate Information

Southwestern is established by name in the State of California as a Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation for the purpose of conducting and maintaining an educational institution offering legal instruction.

*See page 3 for Articles of Incorporation*

### Accreditation Information

Southwestern Law School is a private institution that is accredited by the Council for the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738, an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

*See page 6 for ABA Letter*

As an ABA-Approved law school, Southwestern is considered accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.

*See page 7 for State Bar Letter*

### State Administrative Oversight Information

Southwestern Law School is approved to operate by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE or Bureau). Approval by the Bureau means compliance with state standards as set forth in the California Education Code and 5, California Code of Regulations.

*See page 8 for Bureau Letter*

## **Contact Information for Filing Complaints**

Regulations also require an institution to provide its students or prospective students with contact information for filing complaints with its accreditor and with its State approval or licensing entity and any other relevant State official or agency that would appropriately handle a student's complaint.

That contact information is as follows:

An individual may contact the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education for review of a complaint. The Bureau may be contacted at 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95833, <http://www.bppe.ca.gov>, (916) 431-6924 (phone), (916) 263-1897 (fax).

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (888) 370-7589 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet Web site at [www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov).

For complaints alleging non-compliance with American Bar Association Standards, individuals may contact the Managing Director of Accreditation and Legal Education, American Bar Association, 321 N. Clark Street, 21st Floor, Chicago, IL 60654. Additional information is available at [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\\_education/accreditation/complaint\\_procedures/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/accreditation/complaint_procedures/).

For consumer complaint contacts for each state or jurisdiction in which Southwestern is authorized to do business, please [click here](#).

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**Certificate  
of  
Restated Articles of Incorporation**

**ENDORSED - FILED**  
in the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

**APR 12 2007**

**Southwestern University**

We, the undersigned corporate officers, certify as follows:

1. We are the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary, respectively, of Southwestern University.
2. The name of the corporation has been Southwestern University. Through this amendment and restatement of the Articles of Incorporation, the corporation hereby is changing the name of the corporation to Southwestern Law School, in addition to making other amendments.
3. The address of the corporation has been 675 South Westmoreland Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005. Through this amendment and restatement of the Articles of Incorporation, the corporation hereby is changing the address of the corporation to 3050 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90010. This change in address reflects a change only in the designation of the corporation's location, and not any change in the corporation's physical location.
4. Pursuant to Section 5819(a) of the *Corporations Code*, the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation are amended and restated to read in full as follows:

ONE: The name of this corporation is  
SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL.

TWO: This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for educational, public, and charitable purposes. Among these purposes are the conducting and maintaining of an educational institution offering courses of instruction in the law and related subjects, and other purposes in support of the primary purpose of legal education. This corporation elects to be governed by all of the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1980 not otherwise applicable to it under Part 5.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any

activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

THREE: Subject to any limitations contained in the articles or bylaws of this corporation, and in compliance with other provisions of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law and any other applicable laws, this corporation, in carrying out its activities, shall have all of the powers of a natural person.

FOUR: The income and property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to purposes set forth in Article Two above, and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, trustee, or officer of this corporation, or to the benefit of any private individual.

FIVE: Upon the winding up and dissolution of this corporation, and after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation that is organized and operated exclusively for public or charitable purposes and that has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and no part of the net earnings of which inure to any private individual, and which does not as a substantial part of its activities carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation.

SIX: This corporation shall not have members as such, but the persons constituting its Board of Trustees shall, for the purpose of any statutory provision or rule of law relating to nonprofit

corporations, exercise all rights and powers vested in members by such statutory provision or rule of law.

SEVEN: (a) The net income and other property of the corporation shall be paid or distributed for the purpose specified in Article Two at such times and in such amounts as a majority of the Trustees then serving may determine.

(b) The corporation shall not make accumulations of its income which are unreasonable in amount or duration in order to carry out its purposes as set forth in Article Two.

EIGHT: No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for political office.

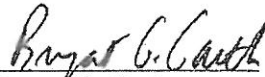
5. The foregoing amendment and restatement of the Articles of Incorporation have been duly approved by the Board of Trustees of the corporation.

6. The corporation has no members.


7. Pursuant to Section 5819(c) of the *Corporations Code*, these Restated Articles of Incorporation supersede for all purposes the corporation's original Articles of Incorporation and all subsequent amendments.

We further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this Certificate are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Date: March 30, 2007

  
Bryant G. Garth  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 30, 2007

  
Janis K. Yokoyama  
Secretary





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February 28, 2023

Dean Darby Dickerson  
Southwestern Law School  
3050 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Dear Dean Dickerson:

This letter serves to confirm that Southwestern Law School was approved by the American Bar Association in 1970 and is presently on the list of law schools approved by the American Bar Association.

Sincerely yours,

William Adams  
Managing Director of Accreditation and Legal Education

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April 13, 2018

Susan Westerberg Prager, Dean  
Southwestern Law School  
3050 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Dear Dean Prager:

This letter is in response to your office's request for written confirmation that the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California (Committee) considers Southwestern Law School accredited.

In accordance with Rule 4.102 of the *Accredited Law School Rules*: "A law school provisionally or fully approved by the American Bar Association is deemed accredited by the Committee and exempt from these rules, unless the American Bar Association withdraws its approval." Since Southwestern Law School is approved by the American Bar Association, it is considered accredited by the Committee. Southwestern Law School's students who have met the pre-legal requirements for admission, who have passed or have established exemption from the First-Year Law Students' Examination, and who have completed the necessary legal education requirements and received their JD degrees are considered qualified to take the California Bar Examination. If they pass that examination and meet all other admission requirements, they would become eligible to be certified to the California Supreme Court as qualified for admission to practice law in California.

If there is anything further that I might be able to assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amy Nuñez  
Interim Director III, Admissions

cc: Natalie Leonard, Program Manager



July 21, 2023

Julie Xanders  
Southwestern Law School  
3050 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

RE: Approval to Operate an Accredited Institution – Application #36301  
Institution Code: 53555923

Dear Ms. Xanders:

The Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) completed the review of your application for approval to operate an accredited institution, received on May 8, 2023. The information included with the application was determined to be in compliance with the requirements of Title 5, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 71390. Therefore, Southwestern Law School is granted approval to operate under the terms of California Education Code (CEC) section 94890(a)(1) until **March 30, 2032** per CEC section 94890(b).

This approval is coterminous with the institution's term of accreditation granted by the American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (ABA).

Southwestern Law School is approved to offer the programs on the most recent "Approved Educational Program List" at 3050 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90010. Please post this approval information in a prominent location so prospective students and other interested parties are aware of your approval to operate.

The institution is required to enroll students by means of executing an enrollment agreement and must provide the catalog and school performance fact sheet to a student prior to signing the enrollment agreement (CEC section 94902). Southwestern Law School is required to maintain compliance with the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 and Title 5, California Code of Regulations 7.5 Private Postsecondary Education and is subject to inspection by Bureau staff at any time for the purpose of monitoring compliance.

Ownership information: Bureau records will reflect the following ownership for Southwestern Law School:

Southwestern Law School (Non-Profit Corporation) 100%

If you require additional assistance on this matter, please contact Rachel Fabbri at [Rachel.Fabbri@dca.ca.gov](mailto:Rachel.Fabbri@dca.ca.gov) or (279) 895-6054.

Sincerely,

EBONY SANTEE  
Education Administrator

Enclosure(s)