

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California

Associate Dean, Academic Success and DEI Initiatives

July 2023–Present

Associate Dean, Dean of Students and Diversity Affairs

October 2018–June 2022

Dean of Students and Diversity Affairs

October 2014–September 2018

Assistant Director of Diversity Affairs

July 2012–October 2014

Oversee academic advising; counsel students on an array of personal and professional development issues; implement programs that support the retention, personal development, and academic success of students; coordinate targeted outreach to students from historically underrepresented backgrounds; developed Bison B.r.i.d.g.e. (first gen law school coaching) program; co-created Fresh Perspective bar program for alumni repeaters; enforced academic policies and the student code of conduct; oversee compliance with FERPA and Title IX; develop recruitment initiatives for diverse students; partner on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) related communications and initiatives; oversaw disability-related accommodation services.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor

Youth Offender Parole Clinic, Southwestern Law School (2018–2021)

Advanced Topics in American Law, Southwestern Law School (2012–2014)

Fresh Perspective, Southwestern Law School (2013–2015)

Academic Excellence Academy, Southwestern Law School (2012–2014)

Introduction to American Law for LL.M., Southwestern Law School (2012–2014)

BAR ADMISSIONS — ACTIVE

State Bar of California — 2010

United States District Court, Central District of California — 2010

EDUCATION

Southwestern Law School

Juris Doctorate

May 2010

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

May 2007

Bachelor of Arts, Communication

May 2007

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of David S. Chesley, Supervising Attorney, Sherman Oaks, 2011–2012

Universal Music Group, Business and Legal Affairs, Legal Consultant, Universal City, 2009–2011

OTHER EXPERIENCE

The State Bar of California

Law School Council, Member
Law School Council, Chair

December 2021–present
January 2022–May 2024

Professional Organizations

National Assoc. of Law Student Affairs Professionals, Member
AACRAO, Member
National Association of College and University Attorneys, Member

August 2019–present
August 2015–present
August 2015–present

Law School Service

Southwestern Managing Risk Team, Member
WASC Accreditation Working Group, Member
Campus Health and Safety Team, Member
Student Support and Emergency Team, Co–Chair
Task Force on Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Co–Chair
Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Ex–Officio Member
Academic Standards Committee, Chair
Honor Code Committee, Ex–officio Member
Admissions Committee, Member
Bar Task Force Committee, Member
Title IX Coordinator

August 2022–present
August 2022–present
August 2021–present
August 2021–June 2023
September 2020–present
August 2018–June 2020
August 2014–June 2023
August 2014–present
August 2012–June 2023
June 2016–May 2020
August 2012–July 2014

SELECT CERTIFICATES

Essentials: Online Training on Investigating Title IX Complaints, T9 Mastered
Disability Law and Accommodations in Higher Education, NACUA
Students Who Pose a Risk of Self Harm, NACUA
Conducting Effective Internal Investigations, NACUA

SELECT PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

Parents Just Don't Understand: What Families Need to Know About Choosing a Law School, Civil and Human Rights Department of Los Angeles, 2022

Leadership in Law School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, National Black Pre-Law Conference, 2021

Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Started as a Dean of Students, NALSAP Conference, 2021

Supporting Diverse Professionals and Engaging Allies, National Association for Law Placement, 2021

Insider Insights into Law School Admissions & Financial Aid, Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit, 2020

Law School Admissions, California System Involved Bar Association, 2020

You Don't Know What You Don't Know: Game-Changing Advice They Don't Teach You but You Really Need to Know to Succeed in Law School and the Professional World, National Black Pre-Law Conference, 2018