



McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

CAPITAL CENTER FOR LAW & POLICY



**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
MARY BETH MOYLAN**
California Initiative Review
Seminar, Election Law

**JUSTICE ANTHONY M. KENNEDY PROFESSOR
LESLIE GIELOW JACOBS**
Executive Director, Capital Center for Law & Policy
Associate Dean for Scholarship



**ADJUNCT FACULTY
CHRIS MICHELI, JD '92**
Adjunct Professor of Law
Lobbyist

EXPERTS & MENTORS

Accomplished scholars and respected policy advocates teach lawmaking, public policy development, and the art of negotiation and persuasion.



ADJUNCT FACULTY AARON BRIENO, JD '14
Adjunct Professor of Law
Chief of Staff to Senator Melissa Hurtado



**DIRECTOR, PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAMS
DR. MARCIE PAOLINELLI**
Director of Public Policy Programs
Professor of Public Administration



**DIRECTOR, CAPITAL CENTER FOR LAW & POLICY
ERIN O'NEAL**
Associate Professor of Law & Public Policy
Director, Capital Lawyering Concentration
Director, Justice Kennedy Learning Center
Director, Pacific Legal Advantage

MCGEORGE IS THE CAPITAL'S LAW SCHOOL

The Capital Center of Law & Policy provides students with an unparalleled opportunity to gain knowledge, skills, and experience to prepare for careers at the intersection of law and policy. Our proximity to the Capitol building and our unmatched network of alumni working in the Capital arena provides our students with access to government and policymaking on a level possible only at McGeorge School of Law. McGeorge's Capital Lawyering Concentration features a challenging doctrinal and skills curriculum, including an innovative clinic in which students draft and lobby legislation into law, with faculty whose scholarship explores fundamental issues of governance.



What our students say...

Duke Cooney, JD '22

"We focused a lot on law and policy, on different ways that we can make society better in an institutional sense, but while involving the law. The Capital Lawyering concentration and some of the government and policy courses have given me a much better grasp of how to appropriately and effectively impact policy."



Mamta Singh, JD '22

"The Lawmaking in California class gave me the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary to navigate the legislative and regulatory process in California. These skills were essential to my internship at the Department of Managed Health Care where I researched, drafted, and analyzed regulations."



Spencer Street, JD '23

"Through the Concentration, I've had great access to career advice, course scheduling assistance, job postings, and the curriculum has been more than I could have hoped for. McGeorge is also tremendously well-positioned in the political community with a strong alumni network that is excited to help recent and soon-to-be graduates."



Legislative & Public Policy Clinic

This Clinic provides an opportunity for students to represent client sponsors to develop legislative or public policy change. Students engage with experienced professionals in the Legislature and can develop a network of Capitol area contacts.

The Legislative & Public Policy Clinic provides a practical skills experience in researching, drafting, and pursuing adoption of California state legislative and public policy changes. Students will interact with client sponsors, elected and appointed officials in state government and their staff, lobbyists, and public affairs professionals. Students often work to develop coalitions and interact with the media in support of a legislative proposal.



preLaw Magazine 2025,
Government Law



preLaw Magazine 2024,
Public Policy

In the Community

Whether it is under the dome or around the capital, the Capital Center has a strong presence in Sacramento. Events with elected officials and policymakers like the Capital Center's annual Legislative Leaders Speaker Series featuring a moderated conversation with a member of the California Legislature have the Capital Center firmly entrenched as a thought leader. The Capital Center's connections create multiple networking event opportunities for students ranging from on-campus panels, to large mixers in downtown Sacramento, to smaller, casual gatherings with alumni at the neighborhood taproom.

LEADERS AND POLICY ADVOCATES

Capital Center graduates join a network of McGeorge alumni operating in positions of power and influence in a wide range of government, nonprofit, and private entities.

TIA BOATMAN PATTERSON, JD '94

Former Associate Director for Housing, Treasury & Commerce for the U.S. President
CEO, California Community Reinvestment Corporation



NATHAN BARANKIN, JD '06

Chief of Staff for California Gov. Gavin Newsom



JENNIFER WADA, JD '05

Principal, Wada Government Relations LLC



ERNESTO FALCON, JD '15

Program Manager, California Public Utilities Commission



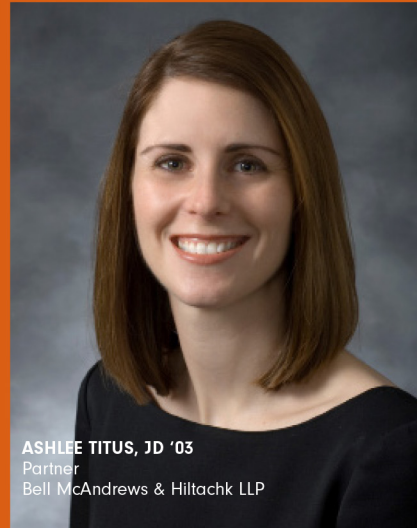
ANNE PATTERSON, JD '03

Cabinet Secretary for California Gov. Gavin Newsom



MARIANA CORONA SABENIANO, MSL '15

Chief of Staff to Senator Monique Limón
Trustee, Sacramento County Board of Education



ASHLEE TITUS, JD '03

Partner
Bell McAndrews & Hiltachk LLP



LANCE OLSON, JD '77

Senior Counsel,
Olson Remcho LLP

One City. Endless Opportunities.

The McGeorge Capital Center for Law & Policy offers you real advantages as you pursue a degree and career in law and policy. Our one-of-a-kind Legislative and Public Policy Clinic gives you the opportunity to craft and pass public policy while you complete your degree. As a student in the Capital Center, you have access to resources like a dedicated Capital Center Alumni Board to help open doors and guide you into a fulfilling career impacting public policy in the most influential and innovative state capital in the United States.

UNIVERSITY OF THE
PACIFIC

McGeorge
School of Law

law.pacific.edu/law/capital-center



McGeorge School of Law

CAPITAL CENTER

For Law & Policy

LEARN • LEAD • SERVE

Capital Center for Law & Policy
McGeorge School of Law,
University of the Pacific
3200 Fifth Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95820