

Fall 2019 Calendar

Any questions regarding courses should be directed to the Academic Dean. Some changes in the course schedule may be required. Classes will be held on holidays unless noted below.

Fall registration begins in June 2019.

FALL 2019

AUGUST	12-16	First-year student Launch Week (required for all 1L students)
	16	1L JD classes begin
	19	Fall semester begins for all other students
	30	Last day to add/drop courses without approval of the Academic Dean, except for intensive courses. Last day to drop classes without a 'W' on record Last day to withdraw with tuition refunded at 100%
SEPTEMBER	2	Labor Day Holiday (no classes)
	6	Last day to withdraw with tuition refunded at 75% ('W' on transcript)
	13	Last day to withdraw with tuition refunded at 50% ('W' on transcript)
	20	Last day to withdraw with tuition refunded at 25% ('W' on transcript)
	21	Tuition refund no longer available
OCTOBER	4	Last day to petition for final exam schedule change Pepperdine University Faculty Conference (no classes)
	NOVEMBER	
NOVEMBER	5	Election Community Service Day (programming, no classes)
	26	Last day of class Last day for 3Ls to elect High Pass/Pass/Credit/Fail for semester-length elective courses. Please note: the last day for 3Ls to make the election for intensives courses is the last scheduled day of the class. 2L students will elect High Pass/ Pass/Credit/Fail once all grades are posted.
	DECEMBER	
DECEMBER	9	Final examination period begins
	20	Final examination period ends
	21	Winter holiday begins

Adjunct Faculty Fall 2019

JUDGE GREGORY ALARCON (*Trial Practice*): Judge Gregory W. Alarcon has been a judge for over 26 years. Before that, he was a deputy attorney general for the State of California, a deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County, and an assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California. Judge Alarcon received a J.D. from Loyola Law School in 1981 and a B.A. from UCLA. For the past 29 years, he has been an adjunct professor at Pepperdine University School of Law teaching trial practice, trial skills and landmark cases, trial preparation and settlement and evidence. In 2017, he was awarded the David McKibben Excellence in Teaching award given to an adjunct faculty member who exemplifies excellence in teaching and devotion to the students at Pepperdine. He is also active in training and educating new judges and teaching ethics to judges throughout the state. He is a frequent lecturer on various topics on trial issues including subjects such as “Lessons from Landmark Trials,” “Judicial Personalities”, “Creative Solutions for Keeping and Motivating Jurors”, “Coping With Judicial and Lawyer Stress”, “Civility in Court”, “Hamlet for Lawyers”, “Ideal Mentors for the Courtroom” and many others. He has written numerous articles on legal issues for lawyers and judges. In 2013, Judge Alarcon was given the 2013 Constitutional Right’s Foundation “Judge of the Year” award and a Judicial Excellence award from the Mexican American Bar Association.

ARNOLD BARBA (*Trial Preparation & Settlement – Civil*): Trial and litigation attorney Arnold Barba is a partner with LimNexus, LLP, where he concentrates in complex commercial and business litigation, including insurance recovery & enforcement, real estate, complex tort, and unfair competition matters. He specializes in representing utilities in catastrophic tort matters as well as corporate insurance policyholders in connection with insurance enforcement and recovery. In addition, he has substantial experience representing public sector and corporate clients in labor arbitration matters. Mr. Barba is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California, where he has taught an upper division course on civil trial preparation and settlement since 2009. Mr. Barba served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1989 through 1995 and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal in 1994. Mr. Barba is married to his law school sweetheart, Claudia E. Barba, with whom he resides in Camarillo, California along with their three lovely, teenage daughters, two precocious standard poodles, three burrowed hermit crabs, and one ebullient cockatiel.

DAVID DEJUTE (*Antitrust and Disaster Recovery Clinic*): David A. DeJute is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and of Harvard Law School. While at Harvard, Professor DeJute practiced law as a student attorney at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, the oldest such entity in the country. Upon graduating from law school, Professor DeJute accepted an appointment as a

law clerk to the Hon. William J. Rea, U.S. District Judge (deceased). Professor DeJute then practiced law at two private law firms in Los Angeles in their litigation departments before joining the legal department at Sony Pictures as its Vice President of Litigation. From there, Professor DeJute accepted another federal appointment as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California, notably representing then-President Barack Obama at the trial and appellate levels, beating back challenges to Mr. Obama's fitness to hold the office of President. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, for the past few years Professor DeJute has worked as general counsel to Dub Bros., a privately held company, as well as of counsel at Michelman & Robinson, where he practices in the complex litigation department. Professor DeJute remains grateful to teach at Pepperdine School of Law, where young minds are taught the law with the hope that the skills learned will be used in service for others.

DANNY DEWALT (*Faith, Leadership, and the Practice of Law*): Professor DeWalt graduated from California State University, Bakersfield in Psychology, Pacific Lutheran University with a Masters in Marriage & Family Therapy, Princeton Theological Seminary with a Masters in Divinity, and California Western School of Law. He started in full-time ministry for 7 years and then became a lawyer for 15 years (at Goff & DeWalt, LLP) before coming to Pepperdine Law full time in 2014. He is the Vice President of the non-profit, Love Does. Professor DeWalt served at the law school for 5 years as the Associate Dean for Administration and the Director of the Parris Institute for Professional Formation. He is now Vice President and Chief of Staff for Pepperdine University and the Executive Director of the Sudreau Global Justice Program. Professor DeWalt has been teaching at Pepperdine since 2008.

BOB GOFF (*Faith, Leadership, and the Practice of Law*): Professor Goff graduated from San Diego State University and The University of San Diego School of Law. He spent 25 years as a lawyer before giving up his law firm, Goff & DeWalt, LLP, to write and speak full-time. He is a New York Times Bestselling author having published his first two books; *Love Does* and *Everybody Always*, and is a highly sought-after speaker in churches, non-profits, and for-profit companies around the world. He is also the President of the non-profit organization, Love Does, which serves children affected by the conflict areas of the world. Professor Goff has been teaching at Pepperdine Law since 2008.

MARY JO JOHNSON (*Investigations Law*): Mary Jo Johnson spent over 25 years representing clients in high-stakes internal and regulatory investigations, lawsuits and compliance reviews at WilmerHale where she was a securities litigation partner. A veteran attorney, she has conducted numerous internal and regulatory investigations involving hundreds of witness interviews. Ms. Johnson has counseled boards of directors and public corporations, financial institutions and individuals in investigations by the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), Office of the Controller of the Currency (OCC), Executive Office of the U.S. Trustee, and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), among others. Recognized as a "New England Super Lawyer" in securities litigation for over a decade, Ms. Johnson frequently led seminars

and training sessions on investigations, securities litigation practice and corporate governance. Throughout her career Ms. Johnson mentored associates through WilmerHale's Associate Committee and guided pro bono programs and community giving through its Pro Bono Committee. She was also a firm and statewide bar leader of women's leadership initiatives, and was the past president of the Women's Bar Foundation of Massachusetts. Ms. Johnson holds a J.D. degree from Boston College Law School and a B.A. from Rosemont College.

JUDGE CURTIS KIN (*Trial Practice*): Judge Curtis A. Kin presides over unlimited jurisdiction civil cases for the Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County. He previously oversaw a criminal department for over five years and has sat by designation on the California Court of Appeals numerous times. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Kin was a prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, where he served as Chief of Criminal Appeals, Chief of General Crimes, and Chief of Domestic Security. Judge Kin has worked as a litigation associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York and served as a law clerk to Hon. Sonia Sotomayor on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, and Hon. Jed S. Rakoff (U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y). He graduated with distinction from Stanford Law School, where he was Managing Board Senior Editor for the *Stanford Law Review*, and obtained a B.A. in International Relations, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Southern California. Judge Kin has been an adjunct professor teaching trial practice skills at Pepperdine Law School since 2003. He also teaches Advanced Trial Advocacy at Loyola Law School and taught Criminal Procedure at USC.

NICOLAS KUBLICKI (*Real Estate Transactions*): Nicolas Kublicki is an LA native who obtained his BA from UCLA, his JD from Pepperdine, and his LLM in environmental law from George Washington University. He worked in the policy and environmental departments at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC then practiced real estate finance at Buchalter, Nemer, Fields & Younger in LA and real estate transactions and environmental law at Ervin, Cohen & Jessup in Beverly Hills, from which he retired as a partner. Nicolas is a licensed California real estate broker and owns a real estate investment company that both owns and operates condominium, single family, and multifamily residential rental properties. He is fluent in French, actively involved in charitable activities for the poor and sick, and has published two thriller novels. Nicolas is married with two daughters.

CHRISTOPHER MELCHER (*Family Law*): Business owners, celebrities and trust beneficiaries across California turn to Christopher C. Melcher for his assistance protecting their most valuable assets. With deep experience in complex family law litigation and premarital agreements, Mr. Melcher helps his clients achieve successful outcomes despite extremely challenging circumstances. He understands the need to keep sensitive family matters private for his noteworthy clients and is dedicated to handling family law matters in a discrete manner that still gets the results his clients are seeking. For more than twenty years, he has been helping his

clients navigate all the financial aspects of divorce, including tax consequences of property division and alimony, corporate laws dealing with the division of a family business, and the definition of income for purposes of setting spousal and child support. He also handles appeals of family law judgments and writ proceedings from family law orders. He has presented approximately 150 continuing legal education programs to other attorneys across California and in other states on the issues of complex family law issues. A published author, Mr. Melcher has written multiple treatise chapters and several articles on financial issues in family law proceedings. Before entering family law exclusively, he practiced criminal defense and civil personal injury litigation. He earned his law degree at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, and was admitted to the California bar in 1994. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from California State University, Northridge. He holds the rating of AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell* and a rating of 10.0 (Superb) by Avvo.com. He was named to Chambers & Partners Tier 3 for their individually ranked attorneys for 2017-2018.

SHANE MICHAEL (*Trial Practice*): Professor Shane Michael is a Deputy District Attorney with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. He has tried more than 20 felonies, including murder, attempted murder, and gang-related crimes. He is a Pepperdine alum, graduating in 2012. He spent the following year in Uganda as Pepperdine's Nootbaar Fellow, working to implement plea-bargaining in their criminal justice system and also as a Court Accredited Mediator with the Commercial Court. Prior to law school, he taught high school English for seven years. This will be his fifth semester as an adjunct professor.

BRENT NIBECKER (*Trial Preparation and Settlement – Criminal*): Mr. Nibecker is a supervising deputy district attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. He currently supervises the District Attorney's Sexual Assault and Family Protection Unit. In that capacity he leads a team of roughly 20 prosecutors who handle sexual assault, child molestation, domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse and human trafficking cases. Mr. Nibecker previously supervised the District Attorney's Misdemeanor Unit where he was responsible for training new prosecutors. As a trial prosecutor Mr. Nibecker has primarily prosecuted domestic violence and child molestation cases. Outside of the courtroom he has drafted legislation and serves as an instructor at the Ventura County Sheriff's Academy. Mr. Nibecker is also the president of the Ventura County Prosecutor's Association. He attended Pepperdine Law School where his greatest achievement was co-founding the annual dodgeball tournament. Mr. Nibecker lives in Camarillo with his wife and their four children. J.D., Pepperdine University, 2007, cum laude B.A., University of California, San Diego, 2004, cum laude.

HEMANSHU (HEMU) NIGAM (*Business Perspectives on Workplace Privacy*): Hemu Nigam has nearly of 25 years of experience in solving online security, privacy, and safety challenges facing big tech, government, and law enforcement. As the founder of cyber security and cyber intelligence firm SSP Blue (<https://sspblue.com>), Mr. Nigam is retained by major corporations, start-ups, government, talent, and pro-athletes to provide counsel on cutting edge online privacy and security issues. He also works closely with large law firms on using cyber intelligence strategically in litigation. Mr. Nigam was the co-chair of The White House Online Safety Technology Working Group, a member of the Harvard Berkman Center's Internet Safety Technology Working Group, and is a recurring lecturer at USC's Annenberg School of Communication's Masters in Digital Media program. Mr. Nigam has testified as an online expert before several U.S. Senate and House Committees. Prior to SSP Blue, Mr. Nigam served as Chief Security Officer of News Corporation, MySpace, AmericanIdol.com and RottenTomatoes.com where he was responsible for protecting the personal information of over 200 million users globally. Previously, he was an in-house counsel at Microsoft where he focused on internal investigations, law enforcement compliance, and safety and privacy by design. Prior to that, he served as the Vice President of Worldwide Internet Enforcement at the Motion Picture Association. Mr. Nigam was one of the country's first online crimes prosecutors against hackers and child predators at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he also served as an advisor to a Congressional commission on child safety and an advisor to The White House on cyberstalking. He began his career as a prosecutor for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office where he specialized in adult and child sex crimes and abuse cases. Mr. Nigam has keynoted on cyber hate at the United Nations and is a human rights assessor for big tech. He is regularly featured as an expert in online security and privacy on CNN and other national news media outlets. Mr. Nigam earned his juris doctorate from Boston University School of Law and his bachelor's degree in government and political theory from Wesleyan University. He is licensed to practice in California and Washington state.

SARAH M. NISSEL (*Jewish Divorce Mediation Clinic*): Sarah M. Nissel joined the Jewish Divorce Assistance Center (JDAC) as its founding Director in 2015. Prior to joining JDAC, Ms. Nissel worked in the areas of white-collar criminal defense and complex civil litigation at Bird Marella, *et al.*, a Los Angeles-based litigation boutique firm. Before joining Bird Marella, Ms. Nissel worked as an Associate at Morvillo, Abramowitz, *et al.*, a boutique litigation firm in New York City. Ms. Nissel has served as a fellow at the Innocence Project, where she gained experience working on criminal proceedings at the state level. Ms. Nissel graduated with honors from Yale University in 2003 where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Comparative Literature. She received her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 2008 where she was a Dean's Scholar.

NATHALIE PALUCH (*Community Property*): Ms. Paluch is a partner at a family law firm in Century City. Her practice focuses primarily on child support, spousal support, property division, and international custody disputes. In addition to practicing at the trial court level, Ms. Paluch has also argued family law at the appellate court level, and recently obtained a published decision titled *Darab N. v. Olivera*. Ms. Paluch is excited to teach students about the challenges and rewards they may face in the multi-faceted and multi-disciplinary practice of family law and community property.

PATTI PANICCIA (*Employment Discrimination*): Patti Paniccia has taught at Pepperdine Law School since 1987, specializing in Employment Discrimination Law and First Amendment Law. She has worked as an employment consultant to small business owners and is a hearing officer for the Employee Relations Commission of Los Angeles County. Ms. Paniccia completed a nationwide book tour in 2000 as author of *Work Smarts for Women: The Essential Sex Discrimination Survival Guide*, published by Ballantine Books. She is also general counsel for the Radio Television News Association (RTNA) of Southern California. As a former Emmy-nominated CNN correspondent and freelance print journalist, she has directly experienced many First Amendment conflicts and issues, and has sat on numerous ABA and State Bar First Amendment and media-related committees. She is a member of the bar in California and Hawaii, and two-time recipient of Pepperdine Law School's David McKibbin Excellence in Teaching Award.

BRIAN PHILPOTT (*Patent Law*): Brian J. Philpott is a partner with Ferguson Case Orr Paterson in Westlake Village where he is a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group. His practice focuses on patent prosecution and litigation, trademarks, copyrights, and internet and domain name matters. Mr. Philpott has litigated several intellectual property cases before state and federal courts in California and New York, as well as before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. His technological expertise is in video games, optics and imaging devices, semiconductor technologies, sports equipment, fashion, and e-commerce. As a founder of two tech companies, Mr. Philpott is active in the entrepreneurial community and has extensive experience counseling early-stage companies. His educational background is also technical, having earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Oklahoma State University in 2001 and a Juris Doctorate from the Pepperdine School of Law in 2005. Outside of the office and the classroom, Mr. Philpott enjoys trivia, athletics, and quantum physics.

ALEXANDER ROBBINS (*White Collar Crime*): Professor Robbins is one of three managers of the criminal appeals section at the Tax Division in the United States Department of Justice. His practice focuses on tax crimes and white-collar fraud crimes more generally. He has practiced criminal appellate law at the Department of Justice since 2009, and has also served as an attorney in the Criminal Division's appellate section and as a nominations counsel in the Office of Legal Policy. He prosecuted a major criminal tax-shelter trial in federal district court in the winter of 2013. In the same year, he received the "John Marshall Award for Handling of Appeals," the Department's highest award for appellate advocacy. Before joining the

Department of Justice, Professor Robbins was an associate at the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and a law clerk to Judge Sandra Ikuta on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He is a native of Los Angeles, growing up in the Mid-Wilshire area. Given Professor Robbins' extensive experience and Los Angeles roots, he intends to introduce his students to a number of prominent LA – area practitioners during the White Collar Crime intensive course. He will feature guest lectures by state and federal judges as well as leaders in the U.S. Attorney's Office. Professor Robbins received his J.D. degree from the University of Chicago Law School, where he graduated with honors and was an editor of the Chicago Law Review. He received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University, with distinction, majoring in history and economics.

AARON WHITE (*Federal Estate and Gift Taxation*): Aaron M. White received his JD from Pepperdine School of Law in 2009. Before joining Pepperdine's Center for Estate and Gift Planning in 2016, his practice focused on business and probate litigation and transactional matters. In 2018, he received his LL.M. in taxation from NYU. His work for Pepperdine centers on income and estate tax planning, trust law, and nonprofit organization law. Aaron is married to Janelle M. White (JD '11), and their Pepperdine adventures together have taken them to London, Oxford, Windermere, Edinburgh, Paris, Brussels, the Hague, Luxembourg, Strasbourg, Vienna, Salzburg, Addis Ababa, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Nairobi, Kampala, and Kigali. Education: New York University School of Law, LL.M., Tax, 2018; Pepperdine University School of Law, JD, cum laude, 2009; Hillsdale College, B.A., cum laude, 2004.

SAM WU (*Startup Law Clinic*): Sam Wu received his Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). After law school, Professor Wu joined the Corporate and Securities Group of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto. In 2010, he co-founded Innovation Capital Law Group specializing in working with technology startups and is currently the lead partner for the Corporate and Securities Group of the firm. He has represented companies in over \$5 billion in seed financings, angel investments, venture capital financings, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions and initial public offerings. He is an experienced startup attorney representing technology and emerging growth companies involving corporate formation, corporate governance, corporate financings (venture capital and angel financings), mergers and acquisitions, licensing transactions, and initial public offerings. Professor Wu is the founder and author of www.TechStartupLawyer.com, a blog answering the most important questions technology startups should be asking.