From orientation to graduation, the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law uses a holistic approach to transform today’s students into tomorrow’s attorneys who are well prepared for the challenges of the competitive, complex, evolving legal environment. A rich and varied curriculum taught by a distinguished faculty of legal scholars, significant focus on legal research and writing and vast clinical experience produce well-rounded professionals who demonstrate both extraordinary competence and compassion for clients and colleagues. The College’s Career Services Office has a variety of programs to help legal employers of all sizes – small and large firms, corporations, courts, and government and public-interest agencies – find the best summer associates, interns, judicial clerks, and contract, entry-level and lateral attorneys. Services include on-campus interviews, recruitment by mail, collection and forwarding of application materials, teleconference facilities, recruitment assistance for small firms and an electronic online job-posting system. There are many ways to match the right employer to the right lawyer. The Career Services team can help.
WHY HIRE A STUDENT FROM THE SANDRA DAY O’CONNOR COLLEGE OF LAW?

Our students are smart, hardworking, accomplished, sophisticated and well-prepared to practice law. We recruit students who have completed difficult undergraduate curriculums at nearly 200 institutions; many have earned master’s and doctorate degrees. Students range in age from 18 to 70, 48 percent are women and 28 percent are persons of color.

WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF THE LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM?

The Legal Research and Writing Program at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law is ranked by legal-writing faculty across the country as one of the top programs nationwide. It is staffed by six full-time legal writing professors, all of whom had significant experience practicing law prior to teaching and are prominently involved in the national legal-writing community through conference presentations, publications and committee service. On a regular basis, students have access to professors who are professionals with expertise in teaching legal research and writing, unlike other writing programs that rely on adjunct faculty or upper-level students. Under faculty supervision, students write memos and motions to hone their analytical and communications skills, discuss legal analyses and arguments and conduct hands-on legal research.

WHAT CLINICS ARE OFFERED?

The College has one of the most comprehensive, well-established clinical programs in the country where, since 1969, students have been helping Arizona citizens resolve legal problems and disputes. The clinics are:

- Civil Justice Clinic
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Immigration Law and Policy Clinic
- Indian Legal Clinic
- Lodestar Mediation Clinic
- Post-Conviction Clinic
- Public Defender Clinic
- Technology Ventures Legal Clinic

WHAT SPECIAL TRAINING IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS?

In addition to the J.D. degree program, the College offers two renowned Master of Laws degrees, in Biotechnology and Genomics, and Tribal Policy, Law, and Government. The nation’s first LL.M. in Biotechnology and Genomics is housed in the Center for the Study of Law, Science, & Technology, a national leader in training students to understand and manage the legal implications of nanotechnology, neuroscience and other emerging developments. The LL.M. in Tribal Policy, Law, and Government focuses on the exploding field of Indian law and is offered by the College’s Indian Legal Program, arguably the best of its kind in the country. The College also offers joint degrees in law and medicine, through Mayo Medical School, and in law and psychology, justice studies and business administration at Arizona State University, and it supports, with three other colleges and schools at ASU, the Accelerated Master of Real Estate Development, a unique, transdisciplinary program for those seeking careers in real estate. It employs a dedicated staff of full-time professors in its legal research and writing department and has an expansive clinical program.

WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF THE LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM?
WHAT KIND OF ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

Because students at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law hail from many states around the country, and due to the unique hiring needs of various national and regional legal employers, we participate in a variety of local and regional recruiting programs. These are designed to minimize employer recruiting costs and provide students with opportunities to begin their careers in the cities of their choice. These include, but are not limited to:

- Southern California Interview Program in Los Angeles
- New England Interview Program in Boston
- Northwest Government/Public Interest Career Fairs in Seattle and Portland
- Northwest and Rocky Mountain Diversity Career Fairs in Seattle and Denver
- Patent Law Interview Program in Chicago
- Diversity Recruiting Programs across a wide range of U.S. cities

WHAT IS THE COLLEGE’S PLACEMENT RATE?

In 2007, the placement rate was 95 percent. Approximately half of the graduates secured positions through Career Services’ on-campus interview programs or online job postings.

HOW ELSE ARE STUDENTS PREPARED TO PRACTICE LAW?

Due to the College’s small class sizes (more than 65 percent of upper-division classes have 20 or fewer students), students interact frequently and easily with faculty committed to mentoring them. There also are numerous opportunities to develop oral and written advocacy skills learned in the classroom and test them in simulated trials through Moot Court. Students serve as staff writers for the Arizona State Law Journal or as associate editors for Jurimetrics: The Journal of Law, Science, & Technology, the oldest journal dedicated to the topics of law and science. Also, in recent years the number of College of Law graduates who choose judicial clerkships as their first job has risen dramatically. Faculty members who are former judicial clerks assist our students in applying for federal and state clerkships.

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WHAT RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES ARE OFFERED TO EMPLOYERS?

The Career Services Office assists all legal employers wishing to recruit our students or graduates and post job opportunities. All services are tailored specifically to fit each employer’s needs. We maintain a sophisticated web site at www.law.asu.edu/careerservices and accept job postings online, via fax or e-mail without a fee. Other valuable recruiting services available to employers include:

- Fall and Spring On-Campus Interview Programs with schedules that are developed according to employer specifications, giving easy access to as many qualified students as possible during a concentrated period.

- A Resumé Collection Program for employers unable to interview on campus, but who are interested in obtaining resumés from students. Career Services will collect and forward resumés, or employers may receive resumés directly from students.

- Employer information files for displaying a firm’s or an organization’s marketing materials to students and alumni.

- An opportunity for employers to participate in career fairs and educational programs to promote their firms or organizations.