

Careers@4: LAW

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PANELISTS:

Christine Chrisman, Director, Business & Legal Affairs, Walt Disney Animation Studios

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RELATED RESOURCES

Panelist Websites

- Walt Disney Animation Studios: <http://www.disneyanimation.com/>
- Spike TV: <http://www.spiketv.com>
- Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP: <http://www.paulhastings.com>
- Singian Law: <http://www.singianlaw.com>
- WeAreSC: <http://www.wearesc.com>
- USC Gould School of Law: <http://lawweb.usc.edu/>

Professional Organizations

- Law School Admissions Council: <http://lsac.org/>
- American Bar Association: <http://www.abanet.org>
- Los Angeles County Bar Association: <http://www.lacba.org>
- National Association for Law Placement: <http://www.nalp.org>
- National Association of Legal Assistants: <http://www.nala.org>
- American Association for Paralegal Education: <http://www.aafpe.org>
- National Center for State Courts: <http://www.ncsconline.org>
- American Arbitration Association: <http://www.adr.org>

Books in Career Planning & Placement Library

- "American's Greatest Places to Work With a Law Degree"
- "The Law School Buzz Book"
- "Careers in Law"
- "Great Personal Statements for Law School"
- "The Law Firm Pro Bono Resource Guide"

- “Getting Into Law School: A Strategic Approach”
- “Nonlegal Careers for Lawyers”
- “So You Want to Be A Lawyer: A Practical Guide to Law as a Career”
- “What Can You Do With A Law Degree?”

Trade Publications

- Los Angeles Lawyer (via the Los Angeles County Bar Association)

Industry Guides (from the Vault.com Career Library – access through connectSC)

- Vault Career Guide to Corporate Law Careers
- Vault Career Guide to Litigation Law Careers

USC Student Groups and Resources

Pre-Law Learning Community (<http://www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/cas/LearningCommunities>), Pre-Law Society (e-mail is uscpls@usc.edu), ABLE – Association for Black Students in Legal Education (e-mail at ABLE@usc.edu), Blackstonians (USC pre-law Honor Society), Phi Alpha Delta (co-ed Pre-Law Fraternity can be reached at scprelaw@usc.edu) and Special Program: Sponsors For Educational Opportunity (SEO) (www.seo-usa.org).

RESEARCH TIPS (Industries, Organizations and Occupations)

- Reference Career Planning & Placement Center “Research” and “Networking” handouts
- Occupational Outlook Handbook (U.S. Department of Labor): <http://bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

Occupational Areas Of Interest: Court reporters, Judges, magistrates, and other judicial workers, Lawyer, and Paralegals and Legal Assistants.

USC CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT CENTER

Counseling Services: self-assessment; resume and cover letter review; interview preparation; internship and job search assistance; offer evaluation and negotiation

You can schedule an appointment to see an advisor or simply drop by between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday for a 10 minute session.

Connections With Employers: The Career Planning & Placement Center provides opportunities for connections with a variety of employers through its Career Fairs (offered each semester, this semester it will occur on September 25th from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm) and On-Campus Recruiting Program.

Employment Database: connectSC

Alumni Contacts: The Trojan Network

Career Panels & Workshops: The Career Planning & Placement Center hosts many career panels and workshops over the course of each semester. Students registered on the connectSC system will be apprised of the details of these events. General information on our career panels and workshops can also be accessed on the calendar at our web site.