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Adedayo Ajanaku '24  
on the first day of classes



Dear Alumni and Friends,

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it abundantly clear that lawyers — good lawyers — are needed more than ever to address the daunting legal challenges of our time. And the reality is that philanthropy is vital for us to effectively train students who will help unravel complex legal issues throughout society.

Last fiscal year, over 350 more alumni and friends gave to

the school than the year before. Our progress is exciting, and necessary, given the continued decline in state support of Berkeley Law.

Joining our donor community helps us attract top students, recruit and retain an exceptional faculty, expand our remarkable clinical program, and support our public mission. Sustaining our excellence and maximizing our potential takes commitment, energy, and financial resources.

We are grateful for your support, and hope that you help fuel our momentum by contributing to this year’s annual campaign, so we can continue Berkeley Law’s important work. Generous donors make a huge difference in making this possible.

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Warm Regards,

*Erwin*

Erwin Chemerinsky  
Dean and Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law

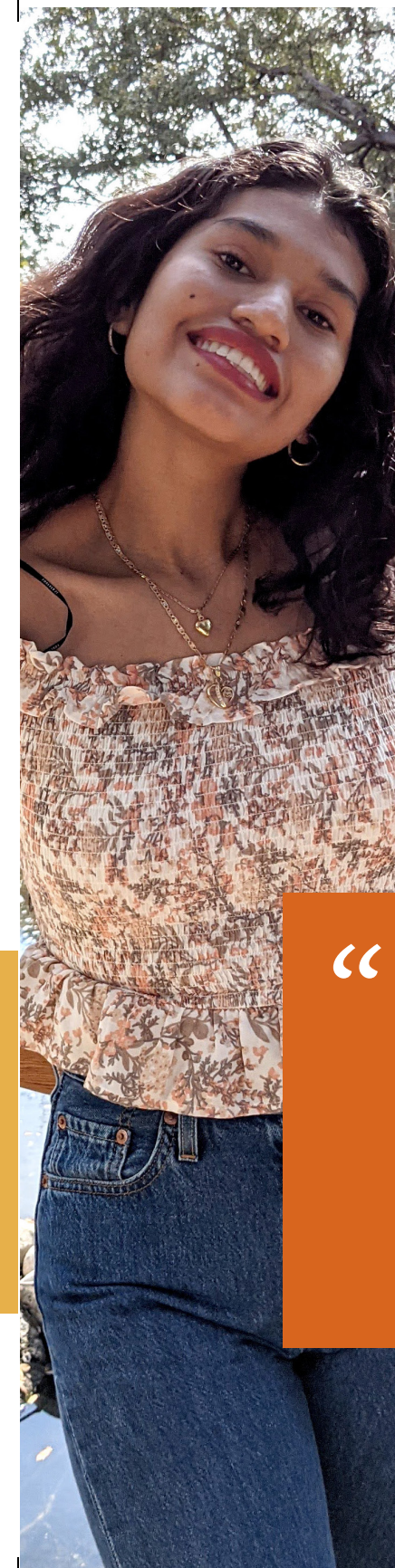


## Clinical Program

Our surging Clinical Program provides vital hands-on legal training that gives students a leg up early in their careers — and the chance to make a real difference in their community. A record 328 students took part in clinics last school year, offering much needed legal assistance in myriad ways. For example, our New Business Community Law Clinic helped scores of small businesses strategically navigate the pandemic’s jarring economic effects.

“ The New Business Community Law Clinic is just amazing. The clinic’s help, and advice as a sounding board, was very important. And being a small business just starting out, having it be free was huge to me.”

— Evangeline McKilligan  
Owner of The BakerE in Richmond



## Student Support

The vast majority of Berkeley Law students rely on financial assistance. During the last fiscal year, more than 87% of our J.D. students — 948 out of 1,086 — received some form of aid. To uphold our public mission, we must continue to offer a robust aid program that attracts talented students from all economic backgrounds. Thank you for your support.

“ Without the Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholarship, I don’t think that I would be attending Berkeley. The scholarship has allowed me to completely focus on academics without the looming fear of fast-growing debt, and given me the opportunity to explore different career prospects that I’m truly interested in.”

— Alitzel Cervantes Solis '24



## Faculty Excellence

Berkeley Law’s faculty is one of the most revered in the nation. From 2016-2020, they ranked sixth in the U.S. in scholarly impact according to a study that tracks citations as a measure of professors’ influence. In addition, 13 of our faculty ranked among the 15 most cited scholars in their respective fields. Your philanthropy allows us to recruit and retain professors of this remarkable caliber.

“ With a leading faculty and ever-bright students, situated amidst the culture and the natural beauty of the East Bay, Berkeley Law is a very special place.”

— Professor Orin Kerr