



Over **40** Years  
in Existence

Over **1,500**  
Students Educated  
Through CPIL

Over **500** Bills  
Sponsored in the  
California Legislature,  
Over 120 Chaptered

Over **75** Cases  
Litigated

### Academic Components

All three centers and institutes offer classes taught by faculty who are national leaders in the fields of consumer protection, child advocacy, and energy & climate policy.

### Practical Learning Experiences

The centers and institutes offer real-world experiential learning opportunities directly representing clients or making policy impacting the general public or special populations.

### Concentrations

Students enrolled in courses offered by the centers and institutes can earn concentrations in the areas of public interest law, children's rights, or environmental & energy law.

### Pre-law Internships

All three centers offer pre-law internships to undergraduates considering a legal education upon graduation; these internships introduce undergraduates to the USD School of Law as well as public service through the legal profession.

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## CENTERS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CPIL



"My experience through EPIC made all the difference in landing my job because so many people do not have energy law experience, so gaining that at USD Law was THE reason I was hired."

– Ian Kearney '18



"As a Julianne D. Fellmeth Public Interest Law Scholar, I was fortunate to shape, as well as create, laws that make communities safer with life-saving legislation. Applying my legal skills to real-world change is the most rewarding experience in law school. I am proud of what I accomplished with CPPC."

– Marcus Friedman '21



"Working with youth has always been my passion. By joining the Children's Advocacy Institute, I learned how this passion can intersect with my pursuit of a legal career. CAI's courses introduced me to the several career options a child advocate can take. Participating in the Juvenile Delinquency Clinic, I also gained practical experience from directly representing teenagers in court. I am so grateful for the doors CAI has opened for me."

– Adrielli Ferrer '22



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Consumer Protection  
Policy Center  
**CPPC**



Children's Advocacy  
Institute  
**CAI**



Energy Policy  
Initiatives Center  
**EPIC**



**Our Mission is to harness the power of the law and institute positive social change.**

CPPC is an academic center of research, teaching, learning, and advocacy in public interest and administrative law. By serving as a watchdog over state agencies that regulate business, trades, professions, and industries, CPPC seeks to protect the interests of consumers and ensure that the state government is ethical, accountable, and transparent.

#### **CPPC Students:**

- Learn the substantive law governing the operation and decision-making of California regulatory agencies through the California Regulatory Law course
- Study regulatory law in action by monitoring state agencies and analyzing their activity in real-time
- Write and publish updates on the activities of state agencies for the California Regulatory Law Reporter
- Engage in policy advocacy in the legislature, before regulatory agencies, and in the public forum

CPPC graduates are serving the public interest as judicial officers, deputy attorneys general, deputy district attorneys, and public defenders; they hold positions in state legislatures, state and federal regulatory agencies, public interest organizations, and private law firms.



**Our Mission is to improve the health, well-being, and status of children and youth.**

CAI is an academic, research, and advocacy organization that leverages change for children and youth through legislative and regulatory advocacy, impact litigation, and public education at the state and federal levels. CAI identifies and researches systemic problems, develops and implements creative solutions, and serves as an effective advocate for child rights.

#### **CAI Students:**

- Learn about the rights of children in areas including education, child welfare, and youth justice in the Child Rights and Remedies Course
- Represent children in juvenile court through the Dependency and Delinquency Clinics
- Engage in policy advocacy in the legislature, before regulatory agencies, and in the public forum

CAI graduates have careers representing parties in child welfare and youth justice proceedings, advocating for policy changes for children on the federal and state level, and impacting policy from within state legislatures and state and federal executive branch agencies.



**Our Mission is to advance a low-carbon future by conducting research and analysis that informs decision-makers and training law students.**

EPIC is a research center that studies energy and climate policy issues affecting California and the San Diego region. EPIC does legal and policy analysis, publishes reports and papers, develops climate action plans, and advises decision-makers on how to turn our research into action.

#### **EPIC Students:**

- Maximize training opportunities in a program that enables working in state, national, and international energy and climate practice areas
- Gain practical experience by completing legal research for state agencies in the Energy Clinic, working directly for EPIC on funded projects in energy and climate policy, or tracking legislation and regulatory activities that inform EPIC's work
- Work with EPIC staff who supervise independent or law review research into energy and climate issues

EPIC graduates have gone on to a wide range of public and private sector careers. Former students have worked at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, California Public Utility Commission, Shell Energy, Controlled Thermal Resources, and local, regional, and national law firms.