• An elite faculty. Loyola’s professors graduated from schools such as Stanford, UCLA, Harvard, Yale, Georgetown, USC, Columbia, and NYU. One third of the faculty has advanced degrees in addition to a J.D., one quarter has been elected to the American Law Institute, and 30 members of the 2015-16 faculty have held federal clerkships (21 as clerks on the federal appellate courts, and two as clerks on the United States Supreme Court).

• Productive scholars. The faculty includes authors of leading casebooks, peer-reviewed articles, legal blogs, and pieces placed in top journals, including, in the last two years, the NYU Law Review, the University of Chicago Law Review, the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, and the Virginia Law Review. A 2014 survey comparing SSRN downloads and peer reputation considered Loyola (LLS) one of the 50 most “undervalued” law schools in the country.

• A devotion to public service and social justice. Our students donate 40,000 hours of pro bono service annually; moreover, LLS hosts a collection of distinct public interest centers and 13 different clinics serving the students and the community. LLS also seeks to provide opportunities for individuals who might not otherwise be able to attend law school, with a diverse student body and a part-time program ranked 11th in the nation and first in California for the third year in a row. LLS prizes its culture, which is built on shared compassion, support, and respect among faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

• A record of recognized excellence. Loyola’s tax program has been ranked in the top 10 of all U.S. law schools for six of the last seven years. Similarly, its trial advocacy program has been ranked in the top 10 of all U.S. law schools for seven of the last 10 years; student teams have been named champions of more than 100 competitions, including last year’s National Civil Trial Competition.

• A commitment to continuing curricular improvement. In 2012, The National Jurist named LLS one of the 20 “Most Innovative Law Schools” in the country, reflecting a faculty devoted to experiential learning and excellence in legal writing and lawyering skills.

• An extraordinary alumni base. More than 17,000 alumni are active in law practice, business, and public service, including more than 200 alumni who currently serve on the bench and more than 800 law firm partners. Alums have served as leaders of state, national, and international bar associations, and as local, state, and national elected and appointed public officials.

• A rich and richly connected intellectual environment. Among more than 50 major on- and off-campus events in the past year, LLS sponsors annual conferences in such diverse areas as tax-exempt organizations, sports law, international intellectual property, fashion law, and criminal law. LLS also draws national scholars for its tax policy and intellectual property colloquia and its faculty workshop series.

• A successful path to practice. Loyola’s bar pass rate for first time takers was 80% for July 2014 (sixth in the state and well above the 69% average for ABA-approved California schools) and 87% for July 2013 (third in the state, after Stanford and Berkeley, and well above the 76% average). Eleven concentration programs build coursework to an experiential capstone. In a 2014 American Lawyer survey, 5,000 associates at large law firms were asked to grade their law school on how well it prepared them for practice; the top five ranked schools were, in order, Duke, Michigan, LLS, Stanford, and Chicago.

• A special relationship with its parent institution. Loyola Law School is part of Loyola Marymount University, which enrolls about 6,000 undergraduates and 2,100 graduate students in 43 graduate programs. LLS enjoys strong ties to and collaboration with LMU, which Moody’s recently praised for its “strong fiscal management and healthy flexible reserves,” and benefits from its affiliation both pedagogically and administratively. Indeed, LMU recently made a commitment of a $20 million special grant from the LMU endowment to be distributed to the law school over the next five years, to fund law school scholarships.

• Deep ties to a world-class city. The LLS campus was designed by renowned architect Frank O. Gehry in a neighborhood that GQ magazine recently named “the coolest downtown in America,” near law firms and courts that provide externship and job experiences for our students, and just 30 minutes from both beaches and mountains.