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A MESSAGE FROM DEAN PARRISH

Dear prospective UCI Law student,

The world needs passionate, ethical and humane lawyers, who understand how law can profoundly impact individuals and their families, and the role it plays in society. UCI Law is uniquely positioned to prepare you to become the kind of talented lawyer that can make a difference in a rapidly changing world. You should visit us to meet the extraordinary people and programs that are UCI Law. Yet, in the following pages, hopefully you will get a glimpse of what makes our community special and the vibrant intellectual environment we foster.

Opened in 2009, the Law School is still imbued with the energy and excitement of our founding. That energy isn't always found elsewhere and it's palpable throughout our campus. The Law School was established by visionaries who wanted to reimagine legal education, while building a premier law school embedded in one of the most innovative public research universities in the United States. Because of that history, UCI Law is unique in the emphasis we place on interdisciplinary and global perspectives, along with a deep commitment to public service, social justice, research excellence and experiential learning. It's this combination — where new law students work hand-in-hand with professors who are at the very top in their fields — that fosters the environment that will challenge you and push you, while helping you become a promising lawyer and thought leader.

At UCI Law, you will not have to wait a year or more to start doing real work. You will engage with clients right away, and experiential learning is infused throughout the curriculum, including in our first-year Lawyering Skills Program and our Pro Bono Program. It's these hands-on experiences, combined with the learning that occurs in the classroom that will force you to think critically and responsibly about the law and the way it impacts individuals and society. The legal profession is a service profession, and the best education is one where students not only receive a rigorous classroom experience, but also are able to put their skills to use to help those around us. We do that in spades here. Each year, UCI Law students provide thousands of hours of pro bono work to the local community. Through working with our centers, institutes, initiatives and clinics, as well as through an array of student organizations, you can be actively engaged in helping others and working collaboratively with scholars and practitioners to help solve the world's problems. Our approach is reflected in UCI Law's stellar national rankings for clinical training, practical experience and legal writing. We are a top 10 school for all these things and it makes for an exceptional education.

Community is paramount to us too, and that also sets us apart. You will find lifelong friends among your remarkable classmates who hail from all over the world, but you will also develop friendships working closely with faculty and staff. Part of our community's exceptionalness is the shared commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. We have been ranked among the best law schools for diversity since we opened. UCI is a Minority Serving Institution repeatedly recognized as the best university in the country for advancing upward mobility of its students — nearly half of whom are first generation. From UCI's Black Thriving and The Future of Latinos in the United States initiatives, to many other programs supported by an exceptionally talented professional staff in a range of offices, students from all backgrounds and life experiences are supported.

Our students and our graduates go on to do great things. When you join UCI Law, you walk in the footsteps of the proud alumni who came before you. In law school, you can shine in the classroom, but also shine by participating in a vast clinical program, as well as in federal clerkships, or in New York City and Washington, D.C. externships. The depth and breadth of our students' experiences prepare them to hit the ground running as lawyers prepared for any modern legal practice. UCI Law graduates work locally in Orange County and Southern California, but they also hold dream jobs in every other major market across the United States. The Law School is poised to continue to do great things both in terms of faculty research and our service to our communities. We are looking for students who want to be part of something bigger, and who wish to join us in the commitment to excellence that was woven into the Law School's DNA from its founding.

I had the honor of joining UCI Law this year. I joined because it is a remarkable institution. It is wonderful to be here and I am looking forward to meeting the next group of exceptional leaders and lawyers-in-the-making who want to join me and call UCI Law home.

I hope to meet you soon,



Austen Parrish
Dean and Chancellor's Professor of Law

COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

UCI Law is committed to advancing equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI), which we view as central to our mission of training future leaders. We are committed to fostering an environment in which students, faculty and staff may draw on dimensions of their lived identities to build and develop our learning community. We learn together about our composite history, share critical insights on our past and present, and collectively develop lawyers who will facilitate solidarities for the challenges that we face.

UCI Black Thriving Initiative

At UCI Law, we believe in creating a campus culture in which Black people thrive – that same mission is carried through campus wide with the UCI Black Thriving Initiative. The initiative strives to promote Black well-being and success. It recognizes and responds to systemic anti-Blackness as an existential threat to the mission of the university and calls on all members of the campus community to confront anti-Blackness. The Law School is part of the University interdisciplinary team, with new opportunities to hire faculty focused on race and infrastructure this academic year.

The Law School is proud to be the home of one of five inaugural UCI Inclusive Excellence Term Chair Professors. Kaaryn Gustafson is receiving funds for three years to support *Centering California in the History of Race and Resistance*. Professor Gustafson is working with students and colleagues from other UCI departments and has developed an ambitious program of public events and collection of oral histories, written analyses

and web-based materials that are focused on public education. She is undertaking these activities through our Center on Law, Equality and Race.

Race & Indigeneity Requirement

In 2021, UCI Law became the first University of California law school – and one of just a few law schools nationally – to adopt a graduation requirement that students take a graded course with substantial content about “race and indigeneity, structural inequity and the historical bases for such inequity.” The faculty remains committed to ensuring that students are exposed to critical concepts from a range of equity categories including race and indigeneity, dis/ability, gender and sexuality, socioeconomic background, survivors of family and domestic violence, system-involvement and veteran status. Students have a broad range of courses from which to choose to meet the new requirement.

Community Programs

UCI Law’s different pipeline programs encourage students from communities underrepresented in the legal profession to pursue careers in law.

Pre-Law Outreach Program (POP)

Serving primarily first-generation college students, this summer program gives undergraduates insight into the law school admissions process while also offering mentorship and guidance from UCI Law faculty and staff, judges, law students and practicing attorneys. Since 2010, over 400 students have completed POP, with many of them enrolling in law school – including at UCI.

Saturday Academy of Law (SAL)

More than 1,000 ninth-graders from economically challenged communities have completed this six-week program since 2009. Students sharpen their reading, writing and critical thinking skills while learning about law and the legal profession in preparation for college careers.

Community College Pathway to Law School (formerly the 2+2+3) Initiative

Along with 29 California community colleges and eight other undergraduate universities (and their law schools), UCI Law is part of this innovative program that provides a clear educational pipeline for diverse students from high schools, community colleges and four-year institutions into law schools or law-related careers.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

At UCI Law, students get hands-on legal experience from the beginning, and our curriculum emphasizes practical training to prepare you to hit the ground running in your career. Our emphasis on legal research, writing and oral advocacy is reflected in U.S. News & World Report ranking UCI Law No. 10 nationally for legal writing. As part of the first-year Lawyering Skills course, students conduct interviews for real matters. First-year and upper-level students have numerous opportunities to do pro bono work with clients — which 90% of UCI Law students choose to do.

Our curriculum differs from other law schools because, at UCI Law's founding, our nationally ranked faculty were given a blank slate to develop a novel approach to legal education. UCI Law continues to innovate. For example, UCI Law became the first University of California law school to require a graded course that students take with substantial content about "race and indigeneity, structural inequity and the historical bases for such inequity." In addition, faculty weave into courses the legal issues raised by artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies to ensure our students become tech-ready lawyers.



NO. 10
in the nation for
Legal Writing
(U.S. News & World Report)



NO. 4
in the nation for
Practical Training
(preLaw Magazine)



First-Year Courses

First-year students learn how to apply legal concepts and think like a practicing lawyer in the following elective and required courses:

Required 1L Courses

- › Common Law Analysis: Contracts
- › Common Law Analysis: Torts
- › Constitutional Analysis
- › Lawyering Skills I
- › Lawyering Skills II
- › Legal Profession
- › Legal Research Practicum
- › Procedural Analysis
- › Statutory Analysis: Criminal Law

Elective 1L Courses*

- › Administrative Law/Legislation
- › Business Associations
- › International Legal Analysis
- › Property
- › A course that will satisfy the race and indigeneity requirement

**not all courses will be offered every year*



Lawyering Skills Program

UCI Law seeks to do the best job in the country of training students for the practice of law at the highest levels of the profession. Students take six credits of Lawyering Skills across two courses in the first year. In those courses, students gain a critical foundation in skills all attorneys use, including both predictive and persuasive legal writing, legal research, legal analysis, problem-solving and oral advocacy. The Lawyering Skills courses also introduce students to client counseling, client interviewing, negotiation, contract drafting and fact investigation.

Students then have the opportunity to take a range of upper-level courses to further develop these valuable skills.

Legal Profession

The first-year curriculum at UCI Law includes Legal Profession, a course in which students learn about the variety of practice settings in which lawyers work and the professional opportunities and challenges of each. It also gives students tools to resolve the legal and ethical challenges that lawyers confront in practice and to navigate the enormous legal, cultural and economic forces that are reshaping the legal profession.



Methods

UCI Law students learn the areas of legal doctrine traditionally taught in the first year — constitutional law, contracts, torts, civil and criminal procedure — but in a unique way that focuses on methods of legal analysis and the skills that all lawyers use. In the Statutory Analysis class, for example, students examine statutes using criminal law to learn skills that translate well to other statute-based practice areas like tax law, employment law, environmental law or intellectual property law.

Concurrent Degree Program (J.D./M.A.; J.D./M.B.A.; J.D./M.S.; J.D./Ph.D.)

The University of California, Irvine prides itself on being interdisciplinary. Through the Program in Law & Graduate Studies (PLGS), students can pursue a J.D. concurrently with a master's or Ph.D. in practically any UCI graduate program. Designed to be one of the broadest programs of its kind, PLGS gives students a chance to combine law with graduate research degrees in such areas as humanities, social sciences, life sciences, information and computer sciences, physical sciences and engineering, or with graduate professional degrees in business, urban planning, education and public health.





“ One of the best things about UCI for me has been the practical skills development as well as the experiential learning aspect of UCI’s curriculum. Practical skill development began during my first year in Lawyering Skills where I learned how to write and conduct research. I used those skills during my clinical experience when I worked with the Workers, Law, and Organizing Clinic advocating for union workers and advancing their work environment. **”**

Kennedy Myers

UCI Law 3L

“ When I was looking for an institution that would support combined graduate degrees, Irvine stood out for its interdisciplinary studies program. Here, joint degree programs aren’t just tolerated, they’re encouraged and embraced by faculty across disciplines. **”**

Maggie Woodruff

'21 J.D. from UCI Law and anthropology Ph.D. candidate





EXTRAORDINARY FACULTY

UCI Law faculty are some of the nation's top scholars and educators, who are active leaders in a vast array of fields. Our stellar faculty contribute to the rich fabric of UCI Law, developing new teaching strategies and enhancing our impact across every field. These highly regarded thought leaders are not only influencing policy, law and the legal profession, they are also dedicated mentors who are committed to their students' success at UCI Law and beyond.

Ranked No. 14 in the nation for scholarly impact, UCI Law faculty grapple with important issues facing our world today, from the profound moral, ethical and legal questions raised by emerging technologies, to the changing nature of the legal profession and the impact of health policy, environmental law, election law and more. At the heart of faculty scholarship is a deep understanding and appreciation for interdisciplinary work, bringing together law with such disciplines as political science, criminology, sociology, public health and business – UCI Law is No. 5 in the nation in faculty interdisciplinary scholarly impact. Learn more about faculty scholarship and research interests at law.uci.edu/faculty.



Thought Leaders

The centers, institutes and initiatives at UCI Law place an in-depth focus on some of the most important and difficult legal issues confronting the world. They are all interdisciplinary, bringing together UCI Law faculty and students with professors from across campus and throughout the globe. We're not just part of the conversation, we're leading it.

Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy (CBGHP)
Center for Empirical Research on the Legal Profession (CERLP)
Center on Globalization, Law, and Society (GLAS)
Center for Land, Environment, and Natural Resources (CLEANR)
Center on Law, Equality and Race (CLEAR)
Competition, Antitrust Law, and Innovation Forum (CALIF)
*The Future of Latinos in the United States:
Law, Opportunity, and Mobility*
Initiative for Inclusive Civil Justice (IICJ)
Korea Law Center (KLC)
Long U.S.-China Institute
The Pay Equity Project
Student Loan Law Initiative (SLLI)
UCI Center for Legal Philosophy (CLP)
UCI Center for the Study of Cannabis (CSC)
UCI Center in Law, Society and Culture (CLSC)
UCI Cybersecurity Policy & Research Institute (CPRI)
UCI Initiative to End Family Violence (IEFV)

“ *If you want an individual experience with world-class professors, UCI is the school for you. All of my professors have made a huge impact on me, and I’m really grateful for the opportunity to study with them. At UCI Law, it’s about developing and chasing your own goals and finding professional fulfillment.* **”**

Daniel R. Zuñiga
UCI Law 3L



“ *I came to UCI Law for the location and the faculty. The weather is almost always perfect, and the surfing opportunities are amazing.*

The faculty has been incredible. In large lectures like Constitutional Law and Torts, the faculty is excellent at commanding the room, presenting and communicating their ideas. You can develop and unpack your thinking with the professors in small seminar classes. And in the clinic setting, the faculty acts like your supervisor in a work setting. I have elected to continue working in a clinic primarily because of the relationship with the faculty. **”**

Jasper Burroughs
UCI Law 3L



REAL-WORLD TRAINING



 **NO. 5**

in the nation for
Clinical Training
(U.S. News & World Report)



In-House Law Clinics

UCI Law's highly acclaimed clinical program provides the opportunity for students to engage in litigation, transactional and advocacy work in a variety of critical areas. At UCI Law, every student completes at least one semester of clinical education, often serving as the primary legal representative for clients, while under the close supervision of faculty. In addition to this required semester of participation in a core clinic (or approved Alternative Field Placement at an outside nonprofit or governmental organization), UCI Law offers elective clinics and advanced sections of core clinics for second- and third-year students.

Core Clinics

- › Civil Rights Litigation Clinic
- › Community & Economic Development Clinic
- › Consumer Law Clinic
- › Criminal Justice Clinic
- › Domestic Violence Clinic
- › Environmental Law Clinic
- › Immigrant Rights Clinic
- › Intellectual Property, Arts, and Technology Clinic
 - Press Freedom Project
- › International Justice Clinic
- › Ninth Circuit Appellate Litigation Clinic
- › Workers, Law, and Organizing Clinic

Elective Clinics

- › Appellate Tax Clinic
- › California State Tax Clinic
- › International Human Rights Clinic
- › Reproductive Justice Clinic
- › Startup and Small Business Clinic

Externships

UCI Law's robust externship program provides academic credit for students doing legal work in field placements locally, nationally and even internationally. In the field, externs learn how practicing lawyers and judges integrate theory and skill in real time, facing the sometimes-tough choices and conditions that exist in legal careers. The program increases students' understanding of the fundamental values of the legal profession, including a commitment to promoting access to justice and the ethical practice of law. Our program encourages students to create their own placements with judges, nonprofits and government agencies, building on and applying the knowledge they have gained in their substantive coursework. Externships are an important component of the experiential learning opportunities at UCI Law with many students participating in part-time externships year-round, including summers and full-time externships during the academic year.

Semester Program in Washington, D.C. (UCDC)

Unique to the University of California, this collaborative, full-semester externship program in Washington, D.C., combines a weekly seminar-style course with a full-time field placement. Law students have an unparalleled opportunity to learn how federal statutes, regulations and policies are made, changed and understood in the nation's capital. During four months of immersion in the theory and practice of Washington lawyering, students have contact with all three branches of the federal government, independent regulatory agencies and advocacy nonprofits.



UCI Law in NYC

Launched in 2020, UCI Law in NYC is an innovative program that supports students who are interested in exploring career paths in New York. We are the first law school on the West Coast to offer a dedicated program focused on New York City. The program features three unique components:

- An on-the-ground summer program for students.
- Coordinated career and externship opportunities in New York, including for academic credit.
- Year-round programs and events, many of which feature UCI Law faculty members.



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Community

One unique aspect of UCI Law is our strong sense of community. We have a small student body that is supportive of one another and a team of faculty, administrators and staff who are dedicated to student development. We promote the personal and professional success of our students. Whatever your interests, UCI Law has a student group for you — or you can start your own. It's easy to get involved and build lifelong connections at UCI Law.



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I chose UCI Law because it's a fantastic public interest institution, and every single conversation I had with students, alumni, faculty and administrators was above and beyond any interaction I had at any other school. Once I got here, I was looking for a strong sense of community and I found that in student organizations. Law school can be isolating for anybody, but especially if you're a first-generation law student. Finding peers who share my identity provided a sense of comfort.

Elizabeth Schatz Cordero
UCI Law 3L

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Student Organizations

American Constitution Society

Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

Black Law Student Association

Business Law Society

Chinese Law Student Society

Christian Legal Society

Criminal Law Society

Entertainment & Sports Law Society

Environmental Law Society

First Generation Professionals Program

If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice

Intellectual Property Law Society

International Law Society

International Refugee Assistance Project

It Takes a Village

Jewish Law Association

Labor & Employment Law Society

Latinx Law Students Association

Law Students for Educational Equity

Law Students for Immigrant Justice

Mental Health in Law Society

**Middle Eastern and South Asian Law
Student Association**

Muslim Law Students Association

**National Disabled Law
Student Association**

National Lawyers Guild

**Native American Law
Students Association**

OutLaw

Public Interest Law Fund

Tax Law Society

The Federalist Society

Veteran's Advocacy Society

Women's Law Society

Women in Tech Law

Co-Curricular Opportunities

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

UC Irvine Law Review

**UC Irvine Journal of International, Transnational,
and Comparative Law**

**UCI Law Mock Trial Competition, sponsored by
Klein & Wilson**

UCI Law Moot Court





SOCIAL JUSTICE

Changing the World

UCI Law has a deeply embedded culture of public service, instilling in students the importance of using their legal skills to help underrepresented communities and to champion social justice for all. Since 2009, our students have provided more than 135,000 hours of legal services for the underserved through our pro bono program. In addition, each year UCI Law students have provided tens of thousands of additional hours of legal services to underserved communities through our clinics and externship program. Our graduates, too, remain committed to making the world a better place, either through pro bono service in their private practice or as public interest attorneys.



Pro Bono Program

More than 90 percent of UCI Law J.D. students participate in the Pro Bono Program, ensuring that legal services are provided to the most vulnerable among us, both locally and around the world. Students are strongly encouraged to participate as early as their first year of law school, developing legal skills while working with clients and advancing social justice.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, UCI Law students volunteered to help support and protect people experiencing homelessness, immigrants, children in foster care, incarcerated people, Black Lives Matter activists and many more individuals. Today, UCI Law students continue their tradition of serving those most in need, maintaining ongoing collaborations with law firms and legal service providers across the nation and around the world.

UCI Law offers over 100 pro bono projects each year, including:

- Mobilizing to serve Afghans abroad and those in the U.S. who are fleeing persecution.
- Joining UCI Law alumni in independent pro bono work to protect California's coast.
- Assisting service members at Camp Pendleton with civil issues including immigration, family law and consumer law.
- Researching options for reparations under the supervision of Law 4 Black Lives.
- Defending a fair election process in which every voice is heard and every vote counts.
- Researching issues impacting economic security, gender discrimination, violence against women and sexual harassment.
- Assisting the Gifford's Law Center with gun safety research regarding the Second Amendment.
- Helping transgender clients match their legal name with their identity.
- Seeking to mitigate sentences of inmates working in modern-day plantation prisons.
- Working with courtroom and appellate attorneys across the country on public defense issues.
- Advocating for affordable housing by assisting those facing eviction, the unhoused, and those forced to live in homes that are unhealthy.
- Working alongside UCI Law alumni to fight for the rights of farmworkers in the Central Valley.
- Helping incarcerated individuals seeking fair treatment through intakes at local jails, and letter writing for conditions monitoring.
- Working with the Innocence Project Collaboration to help those who have been wrongfully convicted.
- Working to remedy the vestiges of Jim Crow by advocating for those unjustly convicted of serious crimes by non-unanimous juries.

Financial Support for Public Service

UCI Law provides a variety of financial support for students who aspire to serve the public good. These include federal loan repayment programs, scholarships that cover tuition, summer stipends and yearlong fellowships.

UCI Law Public Interest Funding Opportunities

- **Public Service Scholarships** are available to select students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to public service and plan to dedicate their legal career to working in the public interest sector.
- **The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)** is one of the most robust in the country, helping law graduates who pursue public service careers repay their student loans for up to 10 years, including undergraduate loans.
- **The Public Interest Law Fund** provides stipends for students doing summer work with public interest organizations and government agencies after their first and second years of law school.
- **Bridge to Practice Funding** supports select graduates pursuing careers in public defense or criminal prosecution by providing financial support while volunteering in qualifying unpaid post-bar programs.
- **Post-Graduate Public Service Fellowships** support select recent graduates pursuing year-long volunteer placements at nonprofit organizations or government agencies.



Laura Flores
UCI Law '22

At UCI Law, I have been able to pursue my passion for serving immigrant communities through my clinical and pro bono experiences, and I'm grateful that I'll have the opportunity to continue this work after law school.

The faculty at UCI Law have been a huge influence on me, personally and professionally. Whether I was working with them in clinics or taking their class, their warmth and mentorship have guided me to think about and develop my own professional identity as an advocate.



Anthony Pimentel
UCI Law 2L

One of the reasons I chose UCI Law is for the people. The people are amazing. The faculty, the administration, the students, everyone's here not to bring each other down, but to lift each other up. We're not here to compete against each other, but to support each other.

Another reason I came to UCI Law is for the pro bono work. When I went home during winter break, I was driving through the fields of the Central Valley and remembered my grandparents who were once farmworkers. When I returned to school, I spoke with Anna Davis, the head of the Pro Bono Program, and she connected me with a UCI Law alum, who leads a private firm that focuses on farmworker legal work. I was able to get the farmworker inventory project up and running. This is a way I pay tribute to my grandparents who came here to America and worked in the farms.



LAUNCH YOUR LEGAL CAREER

UCI Law students have secured summer and post-graduate employment all over the world, including placements at law firms of all sizes, public interest organizations, government agencies and major corporations in such sectors as technology, entertainment and finance.

Across the United States — including Alaska, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Washington, D.C. — federal and state judges have hired our students for post-graduate clerkships. In fact, UCI Law's federal judicial clerkship placement rate is among the very best in the nation.

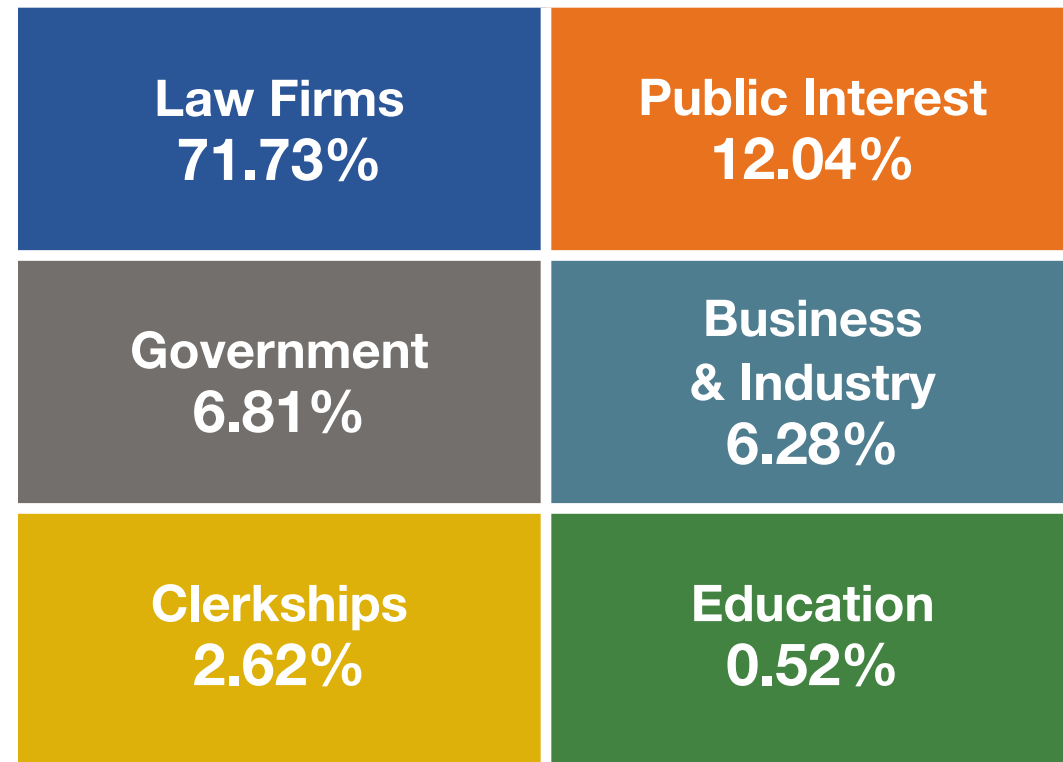
 **#21**

in the nation for percentage of 2021 graduates in the largest 100 law firms (Law.com's 2022 Go-To-Law School hiring report)

 **91%**

in full-time jobs that require bar passage, prefer a J.D. or pursuing an advanced degree within 10 months of graduation (class of 2021)

UCI Law Class of 2021 Employment*



*Employment statistics are based off of 191 out of 211 graduates employed 10 months after graduation.

Career Development

The Career Development Office (CDO) at UCI Law hosts a modern, individualized approach to career counseling. Mirroring UCI Law's commitment to experiential learning, the CDO's mission is to support and empower our students as they learn to navigate the legal market for the first time.

Through the CDO, UCI Law students:

- ▶ Learn the basics of the legal job search.
- ▶ Work individually with an attorney advisor to craft their personalized career path.
- ▶ Participate in on- and off-campus interviews, panels and networking receptions with employers.



The following are just a few examples of the many employers who have worked with UCI Law students:

Law Firms

Cooley LLP
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Hogan Lovells US LLP
Irell & Manella LLP
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Latham & Watkins LLP
Milbank LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Morrison & Foerster LLP
Norton Rose Fulbright LLP
O'Melveny & Myers LLP
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
Ropes & Gray LLP
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
White & Case LLP

Public Interest and Nonprofits

American Civil Liberties Union
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
Community Legal Aid SoCal
Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
Federal Defender of San Diego, Inc.
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Legal Services of Northern California
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
National Lawyers' Guild
National Center for Youth Law
Public Advocates Inc.
Public Counsel Law Center
Public Defender's Offices
Public Law Center

Government

California Attorney General's Office
California Department of Fair Employment and Housing
District Attorney's Offices
Internal Revenue Service
National Labor Relations Board
Office of the County Counsel
Securities and Exchange Commission
State Water Resources Control Board
Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
U.S. Attorney's Office
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Judge Advocate General Corps



ALUMNI EXPERIENCES



Fighting for Immigrant Survivors of Abuse:

Nafisa Ahmed, UCI Law '20
Equal Justice Works Fellow

Growing up Muslim American in the post-9/11 era, Nafisa Ahmed, UCI Law '20, witnessed the extent to which her Los Angeles community relied on lawyers to protect their civil rights.

“I saw lawyers as people who understood how to use the law to protect our community, and I wanted to feel that same sort of safety through knowledge,” Ahmed says.

By the time she finished high school, Ahmed knew she wanted to be a lawyer — even though no one in her extended Bengali family had ever gone to law school, and none of her female relatives had ever pursued a professional degree. After earning a bachelor's in political science from Cal Poly Pomona, Ahmed chose UCI Law based on the recommendation of a friend who was an alumna, and her understanding that UCI was the best public interest law school in the region.

As early as her first year at UCI Law, Ahmed started focusing on serving immigrants who were survivors of domestic abuse. She received the Fran Kandel Public Interest Fellowship from the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA) which funded a summer project in which she held “know-your-rights” seminars for survivors of domestic violence, and distributed information in three languages at locations throughout Los Angeles.

The following year, Ahmed joined UCI's Domestic Violence Clinic, working with immigrant clients to secure restraining orders and other legal remedies to protect families from abuse.

By the time she was in her final year of law school, Ahmed was focused on securing a coveted public interest fellowship. For help, she leaned on Assistant Dean for Career Development, Jasminder Deol, and Clinical

Professor of Law, Jane Stoever, who helped her finalize applications, and law faculty Amy Wegener, who arranged a panel from her law firm for Ahmed to practice interviewing.

“UCI Law is filled with professors who are willing to go above and beyond to help you out in things you're interested in,” Ahmed says. “They also let you find ways to explore different areas, and find what you're actually passionate about in the law.”

Ultimately, Ahmed received a 2020 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Fellowship funded by Cooley LLP and Uber Technologies, Inc. As a fellow, she serves as legal counsel at the nonprofit agency Peace Over Violence, helping domestic violence survivors from Middle Eastern and South Asian communities with family law issues such as divorce, restraining orders and child custody.

“In the Domestic Violence Clinic, I did almost exactly the same things I'm doing now. It was the best preparation,” she says.

Her advice to others interested in pursuing public interest law through a fellowship is to get as much real-world experience as possible.

“You want to show prospective fellowship funders that you have the capacity and experience to really understand the community you're trying to help,” she says. Which, with her experiential training at UCI Law, Ahmed has proven she does.



Serving in U.S. Government:

Micah Morris, UCI Law '16

Honors Attorney, IRS Office of Chief Counsel

Micah Morris, UCI Law '16, was putting his Stanford University master's in education to good use as an English teacher in the San Francisco Bay Area. But when he was asked to teach his school's AP government course, Morris became fascinated with the part of the curriculum that covered significant Supreme Court case law. After nearly a decade of teaching, suddenly he was considering a new career.

"At UCI Law, I saw many of the characteristics I valued in the charter schools where I had taught, such as supporting first-generation students of color," says Morris. "And the kind of connections between teachers and students that I saw can only happen in that small school environment that nurtures students."

Morris earned a Public Service Scholarship to UCI Law, and reveled in the wide range of opportunities available to him. He served as editor for the UC Irvine Law Review and volunteered in several clinics where he helped clients navigate workers' rights and immigration issues. He also helped transgender clients update their name and gender markers.

Morris' legal interests were broad — and he liked it that way.

"My strategy was to take courses from the very best professors teaching what they were most passionate about," Morris says. "I often took the hardest classes, but they opened up whole new areas of law to me that I had never conceived I'd be interested in."

This served Morris well in his job search. Early on, Morris knew he wanted a career in government. He took his first summer internship at the Department of Justice, and the following year participated in the Summer Honors Program at the Internal Revenue Service Office of Chief Counsel. At the end of that summer, Morris was offered a full-time job at the IRS, which enabled him to move back to Washington, D.C., where he had grown up and his family still lives.

Although he works for the IRS, Morris is not a tax attorney. He's among a small group of lawyers who write opinions for the agency, providing guidance on everything from ethics to delegations of authority. It's a broad practice that fits his interests perfectly.

"I was a public school teacher before, so I was used to being a public servant," says Morris. "And I saw government as a midway point between public interest law and big law."

As he celebrates his six-year anniversary with the IRS, Morris still loves the stability of his job, its predictable 40-hour workweek, and the agency's relative insulation from politics.

Morris says UCI Law prepared him for his career in two significant ways. First, his clinical experience working directly with clients trained him for his role offering legal advice to IRS staff. But equally important were the broad range of courses he took that prepared him to excel at doing extensive research.

"Most helpful in getting prepared for my career was the level of academic rigor at UCI. I became good at delving into new topics," he says. "I'm not an expert in most of the areas I provide guidance on, so I have to be able to do quick legal research."

Since graduating, Morris has remained connected with UCI Law. He regularly meets with UCDC participants, helping them network and explore the myriad job opportunities in the nation's capital.

"There are so many different ways to get involved, learn and grow at UCI Law. I always encourage students to take full advantage of all of the opportunities available to them."

Flying from the Air Force to Big Law:

Thea Alli, UCI Law '18

Associate, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP



As a little girl, Thea Alli, UCI Law '18, dreamed of becoming an attorney. But when she enrolled in the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2001, the country was on the brink of war in the Middle East. After graduating from the academy, Alli served nine years as a personnel officer overseeing Force Support, which includes human resources for civilians and service members. She traveled the world and grew as a leader, but she never forgot her childhood dream.

By 2015, Alli had nearly finalized her decision to attend another California law school when she came to UCI's Admitted Students Weekend. There, she discovered the admissions dean knew her by name, the current students were engaging, the faculty welcoming and every lecture fascinating.

"I fell in love with UCI Law that weekend," Alli says.

Although Alli commuted to Irvine from L.A. every day, she became deeply involved with the UCI Law community. She served as president of the Veterans' Advocacy Society, chaired the Black Law Students Association, joined the Public Interest Law Fund as well as the Center on Law, Equality and Race. Today, she says, her closest friends are her law school classmates.

"I emphasize this to anybody looking to go to law school: be all in. Go to every lecture that sounds interesting, go to every event, take a class you never thought you'd like," Alli says. "I got the most out of my UCI Law experience because I put a lot into it."

When Alli gave birth to her son during her third year, faculty and other students reached out with support and encouragement. Juggling family and law school wasn't easy, but Alli says, "I felt like people were invested in me, and they cared about whether I made it."

Building on her human resources experience, Alli decided to pursue labor and employment law and help make other workplaces better for employees. She identified Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP as a strong player in the field and went after a summer associate position that resulted in a full-time offer. Today, as an associate at the firm, Alli often conducts HR investigations for large companies, which can lead her to advise a company on ways to improve their personnel practices, or alert a board of directors that their CEO's conduct is a liability.

She says her training through UCI Law's Domestic Violence Clinic prepared her for the real work of being a lawyer.

"The first time I stood in a courtroom as counsel or submitted a pleading to a court, I was a student. You're fighting for a real client, and the stakes are real," says Alli. "So, by the time I had to do that for my firm, I was prepared."

UCI Law also prepared Alli for an unexpected judicial clerkship. After speaking to the UCI Board of Visitors, a member of the audience was so impressed with Alli's remarks on diversity that he offered her a clerkship on the spot. It wasn't until Alli asked for his business card that she realized he was Judge Harris Hartz of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. But Alli says UCI Law's connections can make even the unusual happen.

After all, that's one of the reasons she chose UCI Law. Alli says, "My experience showed me that anybody who is willing to put in the work and leverage the opportunities at UCI can achieve their goals, whatever they may be."



WELCOME TO IRVINE AND OUR COMMUNITY

UCI Law is located in the heart of Orange County, California – one hour from Los Angeles, one hour from San Diego, one hour from the snow and 10 minutes from the breathtaking beaches of Orange County that stretch along the 28-mile coastline. Money Magazine ranked UCI the No. 1 college for beach lovers for good reason, citing the “...surfing at Huntington Beach, the boardwalk and pier at Newport Beach, peace and quiet at Corona del Mar, and the glamour of Laguna Beach.”

The Graduate Housing Guarantee

UCI guarantees an offer of on-campus housing to newly admitted, full-time fall 2023 J.D. students who meet application, Statement of Intent to Register and fee payment deadlines.

UCI offers convenient and comfortable housing options in an environment that supports academic success. Housing offers will be made for one of seven graduate and family housing communities: Palo Verde, Verano Place, Campus Village, Vista del Campo, Vista del Campo Norte, Puerta del Sol or Plaza Verde. All apartments include internet and cable TV access, carpeting and major appliances. All on-campus housing communities are smoke-free.

Apartment offers are made throughout the summer and must be confirmed prior to the first day of classes. All communities offer fixed-term leases. Guaranteed students may renew their leases up to the term limits stated in their housing guarantee. Leases for nonguaranteed students may be renewable annually depending on student status and space availability. Graduate students who are not eligible for the guarantee may apply to be placed on the housing waitlist. Housing offers will be made as space becomes available.



ADA Accommodations

Students with housing-related needs based on a disability should register with the UCI Disability Service Center (dsc.uci.edu).

Military

Students who are eligible service members, reservists and veterans are guaranteed an offer of on-campus housing. Contact the UCI Veteran Services Center for information: veteran.uci.edu.



UCI is ranked No. 9 among public universities nationwide by U.S. News & World Report.

The New York Times

The New York Times ranks UCI No. 1 in the nation doing the most for the American dream.



Sierra magazine has named UCI No. 2 "Coolest School" in the U.S., with 12 consecutive years in the top 10 for its innovative sustainable practices. The magazine is the official publication of the Sierra Club, one of the nation's largest and most influential environmental organizations.



UCI received the prestigious STARS gold rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

FORTUNE

1/3 of all Fortune 500 companies have offices in Irvine.



Five UCI researchers have won Nobel Prizes: F. Sherwood Rowland and Irwin Rose in chemistry, and Frederick Reines in physics. Mario Molina and David MacMillan, who were graduate students at UCI, also received Nobel Prizes in chemistry.



UCI holds four Guinness World Records: the largest dodgeball game, set in 2010; the largest water blaster fight, set in 2013; the largest game of capture the flag, set in 2015; and the largest game of balloon tag, set in 2018.



UCI has an annual economic impact on Orange County of \$7 billion and is a significant contributor to the region's talent-rich workforce.



“Must See” places in the OC include:

- Angel Stadium of Anaheim
- Balboa Island
- Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve
- Bowers Museum
- Corona del Mar State Beach
- Crystal Cove
- Dana Point Harbor
- Disneyland
- Fullerton Arboretum
- Hiking and bike trails galore
- Honda Center: home to the Anaheim Ducks
- Huntington Beach Pier
- Knott's Berry Farm
- Newport Beach Back Bay
- Orange County Great Park
- Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach
- Segerstrom Center for the Arts
- South Coast Repertory



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Join Our Community

While UCI Law operates in person this fall and we welcome visitors to campus, we will continue to offer virtual ways to interact with our community. Members of “Team Admissions and Aid” and our Admissions Ambassadors look forward to assisting you with the admissions process. Be sure to bookmark the admissions site for a list of our in-person or virtual recruitment activities, which include information sessions, recruitment fairs, log-on advising hours, 1:1 appointments, panels and classes. We look forward to meeting you soon!

General Information

Application Fee

FREE; requests for a fee waiver are unnecessary.

Application Opens

September 1, 2022

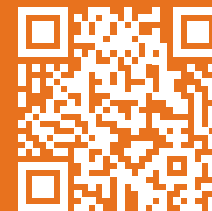
Application Deadlines

- *Early Decision Deadline: November 15, 2022*
- *Priority Application Deadline: March 31, 2023*

You may submit your J.D. application prior to the receipt of your standardized test score; however, we are unable to forward your application to our Admissions Committee for their review until your application is considered complete.

How to Apply

You should complete and submit your application using our secure online LSAC Electronic Application.



Application Requirements

- A bachelor's degree earned prior to the beginning of the Law School academic year from an accredited institution listed on the U.S. Department of Education's database (or an internationally earned degree equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree).
- Valid test results from either the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) or the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
 - For Fall 2023 admission, the last LSAT score accepted is the April 2023 administration, and the GRE must be taken no later than April 15, 2023.
 - Please see the Apply page on the UCI Law website for more information about the LSAT and GRE.
- A valid Law School Admission Council Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report. All applicants, regardless of which standardized test they apply with, are required to subscribe to and utilize the CAS Report for the submission of transcripts and letters of recommendation.
- The following must be submitted by the published deadline dates:
 - Completed LSAC Electronic Application form.
 - Official transcripts.
 - All transcripts from post-secondary institutions should be submitted directly to LSAC.
 - International degree transcripts must be submitted to LSAC for evaluation.
 - Two letters of recommendation (no more than three will be accepted).
 - Must be on file with LSAC and be assigned to UC Irvine School of Law.
 - Letters of recommendation should be from either academic or professional references.
 - Required Statements.
 - Personal Statement (750-word limit).
 - “Why UCI Law?” statement (750-word limit).
 - Current resume or CV.
 - Optional Inclusive Excellence Essay (500-word limit).
 - Optional Statements (2 topics: standardized tests and/or GPA).
 - You may answer one or both prompts, but the total length must not exceed 500 words.



Information for *all* (regular or Early Decision) J.D. applicants

- Notifications

- Applicants will receive a confirmation email containing credentials to the LSAC's Applicant Status Online system. It is the applicant's responsibility to assure the file is complete, but please contact the Admissions Office should you have questions about missing items.
- Be sure to update our office of any changes to your email, phone number and/or mailing address.
- If you are registered for a future standardized test administration as a regular decision applicant, you must email admissions@law.uci.edu when you submit your application if you want your file held from review.

- Decisions

- Decisions will be available via LSAC's Applicant Status Online system and sent via email to your primary email address on file.
- Applicants who have a complete file by the March 31 priority deadline will receive a decision by May 15.

- Seat Deposit

- In order to secure their spot in the Fall 2023 entering class, all admitted applicants will be required to submit both an affirmative Statement of Intent to Register (SIR-Y) and pay the nonrefundable seat deposit(s) no later than the date(s) indicated with their offer of admission.

- Foreign-Educated Applicants

- A separate test of English proficiency is not required for admission into the J.D. program.
- You must submit your transcripts through LSAC's Credential Assembly Service. Applicants educated outside of the United States and Canada must use the LSAC's Authentication and Evaluation services with their CAS Report.

If you have questions about UCI Law's admissions process, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions page at <https://www.law.uci.edu/admission/apply/faqs.html>.

If you still have questions after reviewing our FAQs or application instructions, email them to admissions@law.uci.edu.

Early Decision

- Early Decision Specific Information
 - In order to be considered under UCI Law’s binding early decision program, you must submit all the required application materials, including LSAT scores and LSAT Writing, AND your signed Early Decision Certification form by November 15th.
 - Applicants who apply Early Decision but do not have all the materials in by the deadline will be automatically rolled over to the regular decision admissions pool after the Early Decision deadline.
 - Since UCI Law is still operating under a pilot with the GRE test, only applicants with a valid LSAT will be considered for our Early Decision program.
 - UCI Law’s Early Decision program is binding. You may not be an early decision candidate at any other law school with a binding Early Decision application.
- Early Decision Specific Decision Timeline
 - Successful Early Decision applicants will be notified by the end of December if they are admitted.
 - In order to reserve your seat in the class, you must commit to matriculating at UCI Law and submit the nonrefundable seat deposit by the date(s) indicated with your offer of admission.
 - You must withdraw all of your applications to other law schools and refrain from initiating any new applications if and when you are notified of your acceptance through the Early Decision program.
 - Unsuccessful Early Decision applicants will be rolled over into the regular decision pool.

Required Disclosure

Please note that federal regulations require higher education programs that are intended to meet professional licensure and certification requirements to disclose to students whether the program meets licensure and certification requirements in other states. The regulations, which were enacted on November 1, 2019, can be found at 34 CFR §668.43(a)(5)(v) (<https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2019-23129.pdf>).

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