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A Message from Interim Dean L. Song Richardson

We strongly encourage our students to engage in pro bono work. Since opening our doors to students in 2009, more than 90 percent of our students have contributed more than 60,000 hours of pro bono work, and we rank No. 3 in the country among all law schools in community service hours per student.

Our faculty have been lauded for their scholarly impact, ranking No. 6 in the nation in a recent study. They are integral to the thriving intellectual community at UCI Law and are accessible and committed to students’ growth and success. Our 7:1 student to faculty ratio is the third lowest in the nation.

We want our students to flourish and to enjoy their experience in law school. According to the 2016 Law School Survey of Student Engagement, UCI Law students far outpaced the national average in overall satisfaction in law school. Thanks to our students’ strong relationships with their peers; a welcoming and supportive faculty, administrative team, legal community and alumni base; and an unparalleled location in the heart of Orange County (ten minutes to the beach!), our students have ample opportunities to thrive.

I’m deeply honored to serve as interim dean and to work alongside such wonderful students and colleagues. I encourage you to peruse this publication and to pay us a visit to further understand what makes UCI Law an exciting, special, and preeminent law school. We hope to see you soon!

Warmly,

L. Song Richardson
Interim Dean and Professor of Law
Boldly Redefining Legal Education

Given a blank slate, our accomplished, nationally-ranked faculty designed a cutting-edge approach to legal education not found at other law schools. Law students everywhere must learn subject areas like constitutional law, contracts, civil/criminal procedure and torts. But at UCI Law, the differences are how the doctrinal coursework is taught and what courses our students take.

➤ Our student-faculty ratio is among the best in the country:

    7:1

➤ The average number of students in a first-year class:

    35

➤ The average number of students in an upper-level class:

    10

*As of fall 2016*
Focus on Methods of Analysis

Unlike at other law schools, our first-year curriculum is structured according to the different methods of legal analysis, teaching students analytical skills that will be useful in a variety of doctrinal classes. In the Statutory Analysis class, for example, students analyze statutes using criminal law to learn skills that translate well to other statute-based practice areas like tax law, labor law or intellectual property law.

Real World Client Advocacy

In addition to developing traditional research, writing and oral advocacy skills, all first-year students are required to conduct intake interviews at a local legal aid or public defender office. Thus, our students, under supervision, interact with real clients beginning in their first year of law school. First-year students are also encouraged to participate in UCI Law’s Pro Bono Program — one of the most robust among U.S. law schools — developing practical legal skills with real clients while providing much-needed assistance to underserved members of the community.

Distinctive Courses

We have designed a curriculum for the 21st century. For example, first-year students take both International Legal Analysis, a critical course in a world of increasing globalization, and Legal Profession, which introduces students to many aspects of the profession they are joining.

Practical Training Integrated into Traditional Study

Also different from other law schools, beginning in the first year the UCI Law curriculum integrates traditional doctrinal coursework with practical training, teaching current legal theory with skills-based practice exercises.

These differences are at the heart of UCI Law’s first-year experience. Here, students learn not just the subject matter of areas of law, but how to apply legal concepts and think like a practicing lawyer. This unique, hands-on approach prepares our students for legal practice at the highest levels of the profession.
Experiential Learning in the First Year

How do you prepare law students to apply what they learn in school to all of the challenges that will come after graduation? Start with real world experience.

In every year of law school, we want our students to have the opportunity to represent real clients facing real challenges. Under close supervision, UCI Law students interact with clients right from the start, through an interviewing component of the Lawyering Skills course. The spring semester class schedule is structured so that all first-year students have both an entire morning and an entire afternoon free one day a week to provide time for each student to conduct a client intake interview at a legal services office (e.g., the Legal Aid Society of Orange County, the Public Law Center, the Orange County Public Defender). Through this experience, students interact with real clients from the beginning of law school. When students are not conducting interviews, they often use the free block for pro bono work.

The first-year curriculum also includes Legal Profession, a course that gives students tools to resolve the legal and ethical issues that lawyers confront in a variety of practice settings. Students learn about the profession they are joining: its ethics, economics and sociology.
Law Clinics

What can you learn in a clinic that you can’t learn in a classroom? How to turn theory into practice.

At UCI Law, we consider the clinical experience essential to making our students practice-ready. Every one of our students completes at least one semester of clinical education. Students may choose from several core clinics in which they act as the primary legal representative for their clients. Each of the core clinics is taught by at least one member of our full-time faculty.

In addition to a guaranteed placement in one of the core clinics, UCI Law offers elective clinics for second- and third-year students. For students whose career ambitions will be better served by completing the core clinic requirement in an alternative field placement, UCI Law provides opportunities to work under the supervision of an attorney with an outside nonprofit or governmental organization, such as a district attorney’s office or the IRS. Students in these alternative field placements, like students in our faculty-supervised core clinics, act as the primary legal representative of the organization or its clients.

Core Clinics

■ Appellate Litigation
  Students gain experience in legal research, writing and oral advocacy through representing a client in an appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

■ Community & Economic Development
  Students represent groups and individuals in transactional and litigation projects that impact client communities.

■ Criminal Justice
  Students represent low-income individuals charged with misdemeanors in state criminal court. Additionally, students collaborate with community organizations to work towards broader reform of the criminal justice system.

■ Domestic Violence
  Students assist domestic violence survivors in achieving self-sufficiency and freedom from assault.

■ Environmental Law
  Students represent clients in litigation and non-litigation matters spanning a wide range of environmental and natural resources law issues.

■ Immigrant Rights
  Students provide direct representation to individual and group clients on matters ranging from deportation defense and post-conviction advocacy to workers’ rights and affirmative civil rights litigation.

■ Intellectual Property, Arts, and Technology
  Students advise and represent clients on a variety of matters dealing with copyright, patent, privacy and media law, among other areas.

■ International Justice
  Students work with activists, lawyers, diplomats, scholars and NGOs at home and around the world to develop and implement strategies of accountability for human rights abuses.
Elective Clinics

- **Civil Rights Litigation**
  Students litigate cases involving a range of substantive issues under federal and California civil rights law.

- **Cyber Victims Defense**
  Students help victims of cyberattacks seek justice and also train victims on how to avoid future compromise.

- **Department of Fair Employment and Housing Civil Rights**
  Students handle matters for the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH), the nation’s largest state civil rights agency.

- **International Human Rights**
  Students advocate for the use of international human rights norms as a basis for relief within the U.S. legal system or to address human rights violations committed abroad by U.S. actors.

- **Reproductive Justice**
  Students draft legislation and work with legislators, policy makers and advocacy groups to promote and protect reproductive liberties, advance equality, and enact laws and regulations.

- **Startup and Small Business**
  Students work on a range of legal issues related to startups and small businesses, including business formation and ongoing operations.

- **Veterans**
  Students represent veterans on discharge upgrades, and initial claims and appeals to the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Externships

What can help students begin to build their professional identity? Working alongside judges and lawyers in the field.

UCI Law’s externship program provides academic credit for students working in a variety of field placements locally, across the country and internationally. A primary goal of the program is to increase our students’ understanding of the fundamental values of the legal profession, including a commitment to promoting access to justice and the ethical practice of law.

Students work for judges, nonprofit organizations and government agencies on both the federal and state levels. During their externship, students complete a classroom component and meet academic course requirements designed to maximize their learning in the workplace.

UCDC Law Program

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.
In the 2015 study by University of St. Thomas School of Law, the UCI Law faculty ranked No. 6 in the nation in scholarly impact.¹ The top law schools are:

1. Yale
2. Harvard
3. Chicago
4. New York University
5. Stanford
6. University of California, Irvine
7. Columbia
8. Duke
9. Vanderbilt / University of California, Berkeley

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UCI Law Inaugural Class of 2012 at their five-year reunion
Innovative and Comprehensive

Crafted by UCI Law’s world class faculty, our curriculum carefully balances rigorous academics, practical knowledge and learning by doing.

First-Year Courses

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

- Common Law Analysis: Contracts
- Common Law Analysis: Torts
- Constitutional Analysis
- International Legal Analysis
- Lawyering Skills I
- Lawyering Skills II
- Legal Profession I
- Legal Profession II
- Legal Research Practicum I
- Legal Research Practicum II
- Procedural Analysis
- Statutory Analysis: Criminal Law
Second-and third-year students may choose from a diverse group of courses, seminars, clinics and field placements.*

**Business Law**
Alternative Investments: Diverse Legal Issues in Expanding Asset Class
Antitrust
Banking Regulation
Bankruptcy Law
Business Associations
Business Colloquium
Business Principles for Lawyers
Complex Litigation
Consumer Law
Corporate Finance
Insurance Law & Policy
Law of Sales
Mergers & Acquisitions
Private Equity and Venture Capital
Products Liability
Real Estate Law
Real Estate Transactions
Securities Regulation
Securities Regulation Plus
Space Law: Regulating and Incentivizing Private Commercial Activities in Outer Space
The Law and Policies of Financial Crises
Trade Secrets
Venture Capital Law

**Domestic Violence Clinic**
-Advanced Domestic Violence Clinic

**Environmental Law Clinic**
-Advanced Environmental Law Clinic

**Externships: full-time/part-time**
Fair Employment & Housing Clinic
-Advanced Fair Employment & Housing Clinic
Immigrant Rights Clinic
-Advanced Immigrant Rights Clinic
Intellectual Property, Arts & Technology Clinic
-Advanced Intellectual Property, Arts & Technology Clinic
International Human Rights Clinic
-Advanced International Human Rights Clinic
International Justice Clinic
-Advanced International Justice Clinic
Reproductive Justice Clinic

**Start up and Small Business Clinic**

**UCDC Law Externship Program**
Veterans Clinic
-Advanced Veterans Clinic

**Criminal Law**
Adjudicative Criminal Procedure
Advanced Criminal Procedure
Constitutional Policing
Criminal Procedure
Federal Criminal Law
Juvenile Justice Practicum
The Law of Habeas Corpus
Memory & the Law
Noncitizens in the Criminal Justice System
Post-Conviction Justice

**Clinics and Externships**
Alternative Field Placement
Appellate Litigation Clinic
Civil Rights Litigation Clinic
-Advanced Civil Rights Litigation Clinic
Community & Economic Development Clinic
-Advanced Community & Economic Development Clinic
Criminal Justice Clinic
-Advanced Criminal Justice Clinic
Cyber Victims Defense Clinic

*Not all courses are offered every term.*
**Employment Law**
Employment Discrimination
Employment Discrimination Practicum
Employment Law
Labor Law
Labor Law Practicum

**Environmental Law**
Climate Change
Environmental Law
Environmental Law Practicum
Land Use and Development Control Law
Water Law

**Family Law**
Community Property
Family Law

**General Courses**
Administrative Law
Advanced Torts
Conflict of Laws
Constitutional Law: First Amendment
Criminology, Law & Society Graduate Student Workshop
Disability Rights
Evidence
Federal Courts
Graduate Legal Studies
Legal Analysis of Evidence
Legal Profession: Advanced Topics
Property
Remedies
Wills & Trusts

**Intellectual Property / Entertainment Law**
Art Law
Copyright Law
Copyright Practicum
Cross-Border Trade in IP
Digital Copyright
Entertainment Law
Internet Law
Intellectual Property Law

*Not all courses are offered every term.*
**Perspective Courses**
Behavioral Analysis: Law Enforcement and Compliance  
Critical Identity Theory  
House of Cards: Attorneys General at the Intersection of Law, Politics and Policy  
Identity, Crime & Justice  
Jurisprudence  
Law and Behavior: Compliance and Enforcement  
Law and Popular Culture: How Films Shape our Image of the Law  
Law and Science of Sentencing and Punishment  
Law and Social Movements  
Law and Society I  
Law and Society II  
Multi-and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Law  
Race and the Law  
Sexual Orientation and the Law  
The Roberts Court and Race  
The Role of the Chief Justice in American Legal History  
Women and the Rule of Law

**Public Law**
Civil Rights Litigation  
Community Scholars Program  
Constitutional Rights at the U.S. Border  
Creative Lawyering  
Deliberative Democracy  
Education Law & Policy  
Election Law  
Federal Indian Law  
Food Law Survey  
Immigration Law & Policy  
Law and Access to Higher Education  
Legislation and Statutory Interpretation  
Local Government Law  
National Security Law  
National Security and Civil Liberties Seminar  
Public Interest Litigation  
Regulatory Design & Innovation  
So You Want to Change the Law? Mastering the Legislative and Congressional Process and Politics  
Supreme Court Practice and Strategic Litigation

**Skills Courses**
Advanced Legal Research  
Advanced Legal Writing: Business Drafting  
Applied Lawyering and Law Practice Management  
Advanced Trial Skills and Advocacy  
Complex Negotiation  
Criminal Trial Advocacy: Prosecution and Defense Perspectives  
Depositions  
Dispute Resolution  
Electronic Discovery  
Fact Investigation  
Global Justice Summit  
Global Justice Summit II  
Identifying Winning Trial Strategies through Social Science Research  
Jessup Moot Court  
Legal Analysis of Evidence  
Legal Analysis and Writing for Practice Negotiation  
Negotiation and Mediation  
Pretrial Advocacy  
Supreme Court Practice and Strategic Litigation  
The Art of Appellate Decision-Making  
The Art of Taking and Defending Effective Depositions  
Transition to Practice  
Trial Advocacy  
Trial Evidence Workshop  
Written Legal Analysis

**Tax Law**
Corporate Tax  
Current Issues in Tax Law and Policy  
Estate and Gift Tax  
Federal Income Tax  
Partnership Taxation  
U.S. International Taxation

*Not all courses are offered every term.*
Collegial and Supportive

We want our students to succeed, grow and enjoy their experience in law school. Whether in school or in the workplace, good lawyers know how to work together to get the best results. United in this belief, we strive to cultivate an environment in which students see one another as colleagues instead of competitors, and in which the faculty and the legal community can work closely with students to help them reach their fullest potential.

The following student voices offer just a glimpse of how professors, administrators, staff, alumni and friends of UCI Law go out of their way to ensure every student has the resources he or she needs to thrive — and to build a collegial, supportive community.

Helen Boyer

“Before visiting the campus, I spoke with a student who gushed about the wonderful, close-knit and supportive community at UCI Law. I had never heard of anyone describing a law school this way before — I thought it sounded too good to be true! When I visited a few months later, I saw firsthand that she was right. I was greeted with excitement and warmth by current students, administrators, professors and the dean. I knew right away that UCI Law would be a great fit for me.”
Kellye Ng-McCullough

“I knew from the very beginning that UCI Law was a special place. I felt UCI had invested in me long before I applied to the school when I participated in the UC Irvine Pre-Law Outreach Program. The program was designed to help students like me, who did not have any lawyers in their families, with the law school application process. For six weeks, I took mock classes with UCI Law professors, heard from inspirational attorneys and, most importantly, was mentored by UCI Law students. I immediately noticed the supportive environment that is so integral to the school’s culture. I knew then that I wanted to immerse myself at UCI and contribute to the encouraging atmosphere that has played such a key role in our students’ successes.”

Drew Morrill

“Because UCI Law is still new, students can help shape the school’s identity. We have a unique opportunity to start organizations or even suggest new class offerings. Overall, everyone here is very welcoming and extremely passionate about the school. The faculty are not only top scholars in their respective fields, but they’re also amazing mentors, and they truly care about their students. One professor even spent an hour on the phone with me on a Saturday night, preparing me for an important interview. All I did was send an email asking for advice, when suddenly my phone started ringing.”
Andrenna Hidalgo Berggren

“Visiting UCI Law as a prospective student was unlike any of my experiences at other law schools. I sat in on an International Law class, and students immediately introduced themselves, asked about my interests, and even offered to share their briefs with me so I could follow along. Observing the class, I saw more collaboration than competitiveness. My visit made the decision very easy for me. And, being able to study by the beach doesn’t hurt.”

Matthew Fritz-Mauer, J.D. ’15/Ph.D. (expected 2019)

“Being in a joint J.D./Ph.D. program at UC Irvine has been an amazing experience. UCI is filled with accomplished lawyers and academics who take teaching and mentorship very seriously. I can’t imagine a more supportive, energizing environment, and I’m confident that my education will prepare me to both practice law and enter academia.”
Nefi Acosta

“I decided to pursue a law degree to advocate for those less fortunate. UC Irvine was a natural choice for many reasons: the small class sizes, employment and clerkship rates, location, emphasis on training versus theory, focus on public service... I can’t say enough good things about UCI Law.”

Lauren Yun

“I chose UCI Law because of the amazing professors, high employment rate after graduation, and overwhelming kindness extended to me by faculty and administrators throughout my selection process. When I was still deciding which law school to attend, all of the faculty and administrators I met advised me about law school generally, not just about UCI specifically, so I could make the best choice for my personal goals. The honest kindness, care and interest in my success that I felt from everyone I interacted with at UCI made me realize that I wanted to be part of a community that fostered these qualities among their faculty, staff and students.”
Commitment to Public Service

Since we opened our doors to students in 2009, 90 percent of all UCI Law students have provided more than 60,000 hours of pro bono legal services for the poor and underserved — locally and beyond.

Our students recognize that many people are unable to access the legal services they so desperately need. Our programs provide students the opportunity and training to better meet that need, and to use their legal education to improve society.
Pro Bono Program

UCI Law’s Pro Bono Program is a reflection of the school’s deep commitment to public service and experiential learning. The school encourages each student to participate by providing legal services to underserved communities and causes while supervised by an attorney or member of the Law School faculty.

The UCI Law Pro Bono Policy states an expectation that both students and faculty will regularly engage in public service work throughout their careers and encourages them to set yearly public service goals similar to those expected of practicing attorneys. By engaging in real world projects, students have the opportunity to practice and expand legal skills learned in the classroom.

Collaborations with more than 20 law firms over the past six years have helped UCI Law to significantly increase services to low-income clients, while also helping to alleviate the caseloads of local legal services providers. More recently UCI Law teamed up with Inland Counties Legal Services to provide free bimonthly family law clinics for low-income residents in the Coachella Valley. Known as Coachella Saturday Justice, the project allows students to perform intake interviews and make a huge difference in the lives of families residing in a legally isolated area.

UCI Law students have directly parlayed their roles as pro bono project leaders into post-graduate paid positions. Meanwhile, UCI Law alumni in private practice have been extremely active pro bono volunteers, and many have joined the ranks of attorneys who supervise UCI Law student pro bono work.

UCI Law offers a myriad of pro bono projects designed to help the underserved, including:

- Domestic violence victims who need temporary restraining order declarations
- Low-wage workers with legal issues related to their employment
- Job seekers who need a fresh start with an expungement
- Elderly and disabled residents seeking assistance with their Supplemental Security Income applications
- Family law clients involved in divorce or custody issues
- Victims of human trafficking who need legal information
- Families of special education students that want to understand their legal rights
Financial Support for Public Service

UCI Law offers Public Service Scholarships to students interested in pursuing careers as public interest attorneys. Funded by private donations, these three-year awards are offered to incoming law students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to public service and are most likely to dedicate their legal careers to working on behalf of underserved communities and causes. Public Service Scholars also benefit from specialized programming and mentoring.

UCI Law students may also qualify for the following public interest funding opportunities:

- The Public Interest Law Fund supports students during summer jobs after their first and second years of law school with public interest organizations and government agencies.
- Bridge to Practice funding supports select graduates pursuing careers in public defense or criminal prosecution by providing financial support while they volunteer 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.
- The Loan Repayment Assistance Program 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.

Community Programs

Two UCI Law programs encourage students from underserved communities to pursue a career in law and ultimately give back to their communities as practicing attorneys.

Saturday Academy of Law (SAL)

Through SAL, a six-week program conducted Saturday mornings at UCI Law, ninth-graders from economically challenged communities have the unique opportunity to improve their reading, writing and critical thinking skills while learning more about law and the legal profession. More than 500 Santa Ana Unified School District students have completed the program since it launched in 2009; we recently added students from Garden Grove and Anaheim high schools. SAL classes are taught by credentialed teachers and supported by undergraduate teaching assistants, and UCI Law students teach a portion of the curriculum. The first SAL graduates started college in fall 2012. Since then a majority of SAL alumni have enrolled in four-year colleges and universities across the nation, including UC Irvine.

Pre-Law Outreach Program (POP)

POP runs in the summer and provides six Saturday lessons for undergraduate students from disadvantaged backgrounds who wish to attend law school. POP participants come from all over the United States; most are the first in their families to attend college. They receive information from UCI Law faculty and staff, judges, law students and practicing attorneys on how to prepare a competitive law school application and on how to succeed in law school once enrolled. Since 2010, POP has helped more than 200 college students better understand the law school admissions process, and has provided each with mentorship and guidance. A number of POP graduates are currently enrolled at UCI Law, and several are attending other law schools around the country.
My favorite pro bono moment was...
Helping refugees get reunited.

My favorite pro bono moment was...
Building a trusting relationship with my U-visa client.

My favorite pro bono moment was...
When my veteran client got a job after his record was expunged; second chances!

My favorite pro bono moment was...
Rebalancing the scales of Criminal Justice.

My favorite pro bono moment was...
Working on a 5th Circuit appeal on behalf of a disabled student in Mississippi.

My favorite pro bono moment was...
Training immigration officers on trans and queer sensitivity.

My favorite pro bono moment was...
Helping Domestic Violence survivors tell their stories.

My favorite pro bono moment was...
Finding creative arguments to preserve low income Heirlooms.

My favorite pro bono moment was...
Everything!
Collaborative Campus

UCI Law combines the best features of a small, collegial and supportive community with a large and renowned research institution. Our small class size and 7:1 student-faculty ratio enable students to have more individual time with faculty. Moreover, many faculty members from across campus hold joint appointments in the Law School, incorporating breakthrough multidisciplinary scholarship into the UCI Law curriculum.

Top University Rankings


- *Times Higher Education* ranked UCI **No. 2** nationally and **No. 9** internationally in its Golden Age University Rankings.

- *Forbes* named UCI the **No. 8** Best Value College in 2017.
Thought Leaders

The Centers and Institutes at UCI Law focus in depth 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 African Business, Law & Entrepreneurship (CABLE)
- 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)
- Center in Law, Society and Culture (CLSC)
- Center for Legal Philosophy
- Civil Justice Research Institute (CJRI)
- Competition, Antitrust Law, and Innovation Forum (CALIF)
- Compliance Lab
- Korea Law Center (KLC)
- Long US-China Institute
- UCI Cybersecurity Policy & Research Institute (CPRI)
- UCI Initiative to End Family Violence (IEFV)
Framework for **Success**

The Career Development Office (CDO) at UCI Law supports our students in three critical areas:

**Job Search:** The legal profession comprises many areas of practice, each requiring distinct knowledge, skills and abilities. Throughout the academic year, we conduct panel discussions, brown bag lunches and workshops covering a broad range of topics, including job search basics, substantive practice overviews and self-assessment. Each student works individually with an attorney advisor to craft his or her strategic career path.

**Career Education and Professional Development:** The CDO educates students regarding legal employment opportunities with public interest organizations, government entities, law firms, corporate legal departments and in other practice settings. The CDO also works closely with students to develop the professional skills necessary to enter the job market as competitive, practice-ready applicants.

**Recruiting and Networking Opportunities:** The CDO organizes on- and off-campus interview opportunities, panels and receptions with legal employers.

- **Percentage of graduates placed in full-time jobs that require a J.D. or pursuing an advanced degree within 10 months of graduation (class of 2016):** 88%
- **No. 2** in California for placement in federal judicial clerkships and **No. 7** in the nation.
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 and government agencies, and major corporations in such sectors as technology, entertainment and finance. Across the United States — including Alaska, California, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New Mexico, 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.

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

**LAW FIRMS**
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Greenberg Traurig, LLP
- Hogan Lovells US LLP
- Irell & Manella LLP
- Jones Day
- K&L Gates LLP
- Kirkland & Ellis LLP
- Latham & Watkins LLP
- Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
- Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Munger Tolles & Olsen LLP
- Norton Rose Fulbright LLP
- O’Melveny & Myers LLP
- Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
- Reed Smith LLP
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

**PUBLIC INTEREST AND NONPROFITS**
- American Civil Liberties Union
- American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
- Anti-Defamation League
- California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
- Federal Public Defender's Office
- Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Legal Aid Society – Employment Law Center
- Legal Aid Society of Orange County
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
- National Lawyers’ Guild
- Public Advocates Inc.
- Public Counsel Law Center
- Public Law Center
- Wage Justice 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
- Supreme Court of Argentina
- U.S. Attorney’s Office
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Judge Advocate General Corps
- U.S. Mint
ALUMNI

Become Part of the UCI Network

Our alumni are as diverse, vibrant and entrepreneurial as our school. But they all have some things in common, including a pioneering spirit and a passion to make the world a better place. Alumni connect with the Law School as mentors, participate in our community events, and continue to help shape the future of UCI Law. Their exceptional post-graduation professional opportunities include federal judicial clerkships, large law firm employment and public interest legal positions locally and nationally. Meet some of our outstanding alumni:

Kelly Lucinda Galligan ’15
Corporate Associate
Rutan & Tucker, LLP
Costa Mesa, California

“When I first began applying for and selecting a law school, many top schools appeared indistinguishable — quality faculty, competitive admissions standards, great job placement. It wasn’t until I visited UCI Law that I understood its true value: community. The UCI Law community is vibrant and central to the school’s mission. During my visit I observed students having coffee with faculty in the courtyard, collaborating in study rooms, and even coordinating their next intramural sports team. Seeing students enjoying the law school experience and making quality friendships made UCI Law an easy choice. Additionally, I was able to start building my network while in law school, which helped me secure my dream post-graduate position.”
Tyler A. Stutin ’15
Lieutenant
U.S. Coast Guard Judge Advocate General
Alameda, California

“UCI Law gave me a solid foundation in the law and allowed me to continue my service in the Coast Guard in a new role as a judge advocate. The UCI Law community also challenged me to consider the intersection of law and human dignity in varied and unique ways. Through classes, clinical work, mentoring and a judicial externship, my eyes were opened to the fact that the law is more than a job. This outlook helps me each day in my current role as a military defense attorney. A criminal charge is a serious and frightening life event. UCI Law gave me the tools to represent my clients, but also the ability to recognize their humanity. These are people enduring unimaginable stress, the complicated machinery of the judicial process, and the fear of the unknown.”

Zeenat Hassan ’13
Staff Attorney
AIDS Legal Referral Panel
San Francisco, California

“The clinical courses I took at UCI have been invaluable. I was deeply interested in the cases I worked on, and I appreciated being able to supplement the hands-on training with coursework on theory and strategy. In practice, there is seldom time or opportunity to reflect deeply on the work we do. But having a solid clinical background allows me to analyze my work more deeply and ensure that I keep pushing myself further and further to be a better advocate for the public.”
Denisha McKenzie ’12
Associate Attorney
Carothers DiSante & Freudenberger LLP
Irvine, California

“My UCI Law experience helped me to understand that no matter where your legal career takes you, it is important to use your unique skills to help people and communities in need. I am a labor and employment attorney, and I love what I do. By staying involved with nonprofit organizations, I have found ways to incorporate pro bono work in my legal practice — such as providing pro bono legal support to special needs children and other vulnerable populations. I also serve on the board of directors of the Family Support Network, a nonprofit that assists children with disabilities and their families to navigate the social services they need to improve their lives.”

Edgar Iván Aguilasocho ’12
Partner
Martinez Aguilasocho & Lynch, APLC
Bakersfield, California

“My firm devotes itself entirely to serving the needs of farmworkers, and as partner my role includes serving as labor and employment litigator, general counsel for a set of nonprofits and general administrator. Essentially my work requires me to be jack-of-all-trades, master of all. I need to be a litigation expert; the Immigrant Rights Clinic at UCI Law taught me that. I need to be a public policy expert; the academic courses at UCI Law taught me that. I need to be an expert in building new institutions; all things UCI Law taught me that. In fact, UCI Law faculty and students introduced me to all of the key people that led to the work I’m doing right now. Thanks to UCI Law, I am exactly the type of lawyer that I went to law school to become.”
David C. Bethea ’15
Associate
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
New York, New York

“One of the benefits of attending UCI Law is that everyone who decides to join the community is dedicated to making it excellent. This is what I immediately thought when I attended Admitted Students Weekend. Our faculty is extremely knowledgeable and includes many professors who are known as leading experts in their respective fields. And not only are they intelligent — they’re also approachable and dedicated to the success of their students. I left Admitted Students Weekend thinking: I don’t know yet what I want to do with my legal career, but when I figure it out, this school will be my best advocate and supporter.”

Cinthia Flores ’14
Legal and Policy Counsel
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights
Los Angeles, California

“In my current role as project manager, I’m leading an effort to address the Central American unaccompanied minors humanitarian crisis. I also serve as co-chair of Latinas Lead California’s Young Professionals Network, and I was recently appointed by the Governor to the Health Professions Education Foundation board. As a future agent of social change, I believe UCI Law was the best law school for me to gain legal training with an emphasis on social justice. UCI Law represents the nexus of advocacy and learning by doing, and it provided me with the training necessary to be the best advocate I can be for low-wage workers and undocumented people.”
Christina Zabat-Fran ’12
Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
St. John
Irvine, California

“With mentorship from UCI Law’s incredible faculty, I pursued a career path that allows me to support creative work and apply my passion for building strategic partnerships to the practice of law, leading intellectual property and business transactions in an international arena. Now, as corporate counsel for a global luxury apparel brand, I’m ‘in-house’ with my client every day, guiding the company on everything and anything they need, and I absolutely love it!”

Tommy Du ’15
Associate
Robins Kaplan LLP
Los Angeles, California

“I will never forget being able to work with a fellow student on a Ninth Circuit case with Dean Chemerinsky as our supervisor. We worked on the brief from beginning to end and argued the case in front of a panel with the Dean sitting next to me as co-counsel. I also appeared before magistrate judges at post-indictment arraignments, served as lead counsel on a bench trial and externed at the U.S. Attorney’s Office. These experiences, made possible because I attended UCI Law, have prepared me to hit the ground running as I’ve started work as an attorney.”
Welcome to Our Neighborhood

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.”
“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
Join Our Community

We invite you to visit us and experience the community that is #SoUCILaw. Schedule a visit to our campus, where you can receive a tour and sit in on a first-year class during the school year. We look forward to meeting you soon!

General Information

- **Application Fee:** FREE; fee waiver not necessary.
- **Application Opens:** September 1
- **Application Closes:** March 1
  You may submit your application prior to the receipt of your LSAT score, but we will be unable to forward your application to our Admissions Committee until your LSAC CAS Report is received.

- **How to Apply:**
  Complete and submit your application using our secure online LSAC Electronic Application.

Application Requirements

- Receive a bachelor’s degree prior to the beginning of the Law School academic year from an accredited institution of higher education. (The accredited institution must be listed on the U.S. Department of Education’s database.)

- For fall admission, take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) no later than the prior June.
  - Scores are valid for five years.
  - The highest score will be reviewed.

- Register with Law School Admission Council’s Credential Assembly Service (CAS).

- The following must be submitted by the published application deadline date:
  - Completed LSAC Electronic Application form
  - Official transcripts
    - All transcripts from post-secondary institutions should be submitted directly to LSAC.
  - Two letters of recommendation required (no more than four will be accepted)
    - Must be on file with LSAC and be assigned to UC Irvine School of Law.
    - Letters of recommendation from academic references are preferred; however, letters from professional references are acceptable.
  - Personal Statement (500 word limit)
    - Please ensure the correct statement is submitted, as updates or revisions are not accepted.
“Why UCI Law?” statement (500 word limit)
- Please ensure the correct statement is submitted, as updates or revisions are not accepted.
- Current resume or CV
- Optional statements (diversity, LSAT and/or GPA addendum, etc.)
  - You may write about multiple topics, but the total word limit for all topics must not exceed 750.

Miscellaneous Information

- **Notifications**
  - Our office will notify all applicants by email when the application has been received and the LSAC CAS report has been received.
  - The Admissions Coordinator will email applicants for any missing components. Otherwise, the application will be marked complete and forwarded to our Committee for review.
  - Please update our office of any changes to your email and/or mailing address.
  - Your application will be held if you are registered for a future LSAT exam.

- **Decisions**
  - Decisions will be sent out by email and/or U.S. postal mail approximately six to eight weeks after your application is deemed complete.
  - The majority of applicants will receive notification by the end of April.

- **Foreign-Educated Applicants**
  - No English proficiency test requirements.
  - Transcripts must be submitted through LSAC’s Credential Assembly Service.

If you have questions about UCI Law’s admissions process, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions page at law.uci.edu/admission, contact us by phone at (949) 824-4545 or send an email to admissions@law.uci.edu.

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Sunny and Mediterranean climate year round!