“Law is at the center of all the pressing questions of our time, including artificial intelligence, healthcare, and the environment. At UCI Law, we are driven to improve our communities by grappling with important issues as scholars, as practitioners, and as teachers. Our founding values define us, and we will ascend to be a top 10 law school by further engaging our commitment to public service, innovation and cutting-edge faculty research.”

- L. Song Richardson, Dean and Chancellor's Professor of Law
Our Story
Launches with a groundbreaking approach that was practical, experiential, public service oriented and global in perspective, the University of California, Irvine School of Law revolutionized legal education when it opened its doors in 2009. Our vision was of a school that would impact the world through its dedication to training talented students, generating expert knowledge on important topics, and providing free legal services. Our success is unprecedented: We are ranked No. 23 among U.S. law schools, No. 8 in tax, No. 7 in clinical training, No. 14 in legal writing, and No. 19 in intellectual property. All in just 10 years.

Our innovative approach has produced diverse alumni. We are known for training the “next generation of first-generation lawyers.” Our graduates are amongst the most sought-after legal professionals in the nation. Our success is unprecedented. We are already ranked No. 8 for student placement in prestigious federal court clerkships, No. 4 for practical training of students, No. 3 in community service, and among the top in the nation for student diversity. All in just 10 years.

Now, UCI Law is poised to tackle some of the most significant challenges facing the legal profession and society as artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies rapidly change the world. Our award-winning, interdisciplinary, and diverse faculty are up to the task. Ranked 12th in the nation for the impact of our scholarship, we will grapple with important issues, including the profound moral, ethical and legal questions raised by emerging technologies, as well as family violence, the environment, health policy, tax, implicit bias, criminal justice, immigration, and international human rights, among others. We also continue to innovate our groundbreaking curriculum.

Our success is unprecedented and with your support, we can do much more. Law is at the center of every critical issue facing our society today. UCI Law is making a difference. Let’s go change the world together.

Brilliant Future Investments in the School of Law
UCI Law came into the world with a bold pledge to be a top law school within a decade. Having achieved that, we are now focused on our second decade — and we are setting our sights much higher. Our goal is to be a top 10 law school by every measure.

Our success in the Brilliant Future Campaign will allow us to make major investments in our students, our clinics and centers, and our faculty by raising $65 million in the next five years.

Serving Students’ Needs
Needs-Based and Merit-Based Scholarships
[minimum endowment gift - $1.25 million; minimum current use gift - $25,000] UCI Law broke the mold when it offered its inaugural class full tuition scholarships. Merit and needs-based student scholarships remain critical to our ability to recruit the very best students and will allow them to enter the legal profession in ways not limited by crushing law school debt.
UCI Law aspires to be the first law school in the country to offer full scholarships to all of our current students, attracting and retaining the very best regardless of resources.

- Make a difference today with a full or half tuition scholarship available for current use in our recruitment and retention efforts.
- Endow a legacy for the future of the legal profession with a gift of $1.25 million creating a named, full tuition scholarship for a student every year.

Postgraduate Public Interest Fellowships
[minumum endowment gift - $1.25 million; minimum current use gift - $50,000]
From the start, UCI Law envisioned a law school that fostered and trained students with a commitment to public service. Providing one-year Postgraduate Public Interest Fellowships is key to successfully launching our graduates into careers with public interest organizations that often pay modest or no salaries.

- Contributions of $50,000 or more to the Law School Fellowship Fund will immediately fund one Public Interest Fellow.
- Endow a recurring one-year Public Interest Fellowship with a gift of $1.25 million and create a professional or personal legacy of public service.

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– Samrah Mahmoud, J.D. ‘12, Member of the Inaugural Class, Counsel at Troutman Sanders LLP
Endowed Dean’s Chair

UCI Law has experienced extraordinary, visionary leadership. Our deans have brought groundbreaking scholarship, national influence, and an unparalleled commitment to developing the law and its lawyers.

• To recognize this important scholar-leader role at UCI Law, we are seeking to endow a “Dean’s Chair” with a gift of $5 million named in honor of the donor.

Centers and Initiatives

[minimum endowment gift - $1 million; minimum current use gift - $25,000]

UCI Law fosters knowledge, skills, dialogue and impact through its nationally recognized Centers and Initiatives. Through our centers and initiatives, our faculty engage students and community members in their research and activities, by fostering intellectual exchanges, drafting legislation and white papers, and organizing and presenting conferences. Our supporters will contribute to advancing UCI Law as a nationally recognized site for scholarship, education and impact even further.

• Make a meaningful and measurable difference today with a current use gift of $25,000 or more for ongoing research, advocacy and conferences.

• Further enhance a legacy of public service and purposeful inquiry by endowing a center or initiative in one key area of inquiry with a gift of $1 million to $5 million and enhance our research, leadership and impact.
Testimonials

“I was part of the inaugural class at UCI Law and we helped build the law school. The school’s focus on experiential education trained me to be a fierce advocate. As the first in my family to attend law school, I am so grateful for the doors UCI Law has opened for me and for preparing me to open doors for others.”

Samrah Mahmoud, J.D. ’12
Member of the Inaugural Class, Counsel at Troutman Sanders LLP

“The UCI Law faculty does not reside in the ivory tower. Our scholarly work is interdisciplinary, deeply researched, and aimed at helping real people solve problems in an increasingly complex world.”

Richard L. Hasen
Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science, UCI Law

“‘Our clinical program offers students a chance to play a critical role in the lives of community members, defending their basic freedoms and ensuring that the most vulnerable among us are not only able to survive, but thrive. In areas ranging from consumer protection to immigrants’ rights to domestic violence, students are putting their legal education to use to change individual lives, and in some cases, to transform whole systems.’”

Annie Lai
Clinical Professor of Law and Co-Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic, UCI Law

“If you had to pick one law school at this time in this nation to support it would be UCI Law: a public institution that has been extremely highly ranked within a 10-year span, and has the dedication to public interest, social responsibility and social justice.”

Richard K. Bridgford
Founding Partner of Bridgford, Gleason & Artinian and Chair of the Dean’s Board of Visitors for UCI Law

“‘Our center engages at the epicenter of the most critical issues related to health policy locally, nationally, and globally to better transform lives at the ground level. We achieve this through research and broad-based collaborations and programming with government, civil society, and direct participation with valued stakeholders.’”

Michele Goodwin
Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Director, Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy, UCI Law

UCI Law’s Legal Clinics Include:
- Appellate Litigation
- Community and Economic Development
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Consumer Law
- Criminal Justice
- Domestic Violence
- Environmental Law
- Immigrant Rights
- Intellectual Property, Arts, and Technology
- International Justice

UCI Law’s Centers and Initiatives Include:
- Center for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies
- Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy
- Center on Globalization, Law, and Society
- Center for Land, Environment, and Natural Resources
- Center on Law, Equality and Race
- Competition, Antitrust Law, and Innovation Forum
- Korea Law Center
- Initiative to End Family Violence