UCI Law National Accolades

**No. 1** college in Money magazine ranking of the nation’s “Best Colleges”

**No. 1** most diverse law school in the top 30 (U.S. News Diversity Index)

**No. 27** in the nation for Best Law Schools (U.S. News & World Report)

Other U.S. News specialty rankings include:

- **No. 8** Clinical Training
- **No. 9** Diversity
- **No. 11** Legal Writing
- **No. 11** Tax Law
- **No. 17** Criminal Law
- **No. 19** Constitutional Law
- **No. 25** Intellectual Property Law

**Top public** and **No. 9** in the nation for faculty academic impact (TaxProf Blog)

**No. 5** in the nation in faculty interdisciplinary scholarly impact (Total Scholarly Impact Report)

**No. 3** among all law schools in community service hours per student (National Jurist survey)

UCI Law is a top law school in the country for practical training with an **A+ grade**, one of only 19 law schools in the nation to receive top honors (prelaw Magazine)

**No. 26** in the nation for federal clerkships, **No. 3** in the state of California (Excess of Democracy)
First-Year Class Stats

APPLICANTS: 3,093
ENROLLED: 147

Average first-year section size (2019-20): 39

Student-Faculty ratio: 8:1
First time bar pass for calendar year 2019 for all jurisdictions: 81%

Percentage of graduates in full-time jobs that require bar passage or prefer a J.D. within 10 months of graduation, or pursuing a graduate degree: 89% (Class of 2019)
Number of customized concurrent degrees that students can propose: Virtually limitless
Percentage of students who will participate in UCI Law's clinical program prior to graduation: 100%

Every student is required to participate in one of the core clinics.

LEGAL CLINICS

Core Clinics
- Appellate Litigation
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Community & Economic Development
- Consumer Law
- Criminal Justice
- Domestic Violence
- Environmental Law
- Immigrant Rights
- Intellectual Property, Arts, and Technology
- International Justice

Elective Clinics
- Appellate Litigation Clinic for Veterans
- Appellate Tax
- California Sales Tax
- Department of Fair Employment and Housing Civil Rights
- International Human Rights
- Reproductive Justice
- Startup and Small Business

LSAT
75th/50th/25th Percentiles: 167/166/163

GPA
75th/50th/25th Percentiles: 3.76/3.61/3.40

First-Year Class Stats

Students of color: 53%

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Member of the LGBTQIA community: 19%

First Generation: 24%

Age range: 20-40
Average age: 25

Undergraduate schools represented: 75
Languages spoken: 28

*Data as of 10/5/2020
UCI Law faculty are top scholars, teachers and active leaders in their respective fields. These key thought leaders influence policy, law, and the legal profession, and are dedicated mentors committed to student success. Ranked the top public and No. 9 nationally for faculty academic impact – No. 5 in the nation for interdisciplinary 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 impact of health policy, environmental law, election law and more.

**Faculty Awards, Grants & Recognitions**

**Sameer Ashar** – Ellman Memorial Clinical Scholarship Award (Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Clinical Education, 2020)

**Swethaa Ballakrishnen** – Honorary Mention Adam Podgorecki Prize (2020); Canadian Review of Sociology Best Article Award and Kanter Award nomination (2019); Elected to Law & Society Association’s Board of Trustees (2019)

**Dan Burk** – Senior Fellowship at the Weizenbaum Institute for Artificial Intelligence Research (2019); IP Research Grant from the Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law (2019)

**Rachel Croskery-Roberts** – Elected to Board of Directors for the Association of Legal Writing Directors (2020)

**Bryant Garth** – Legacy Award (Law & Society Association, 2020); LSA Harry J. Kalven Jr. Prize (Law & Society Association, 2019)

**Michele Goodwin** – Hastings Center Fellow (2019); Honorable Mention John Hope Franklin Prize (Law & Society Association, 2020)

**Kaaryn Gustafson** – Elected to Law & Society Association’s Board of Trustees (2019)

**Richard Hasen** – Election Law Analyst (CNN, 2020); Craig Newmark Philanthropies Grant Recipient (2020); Knight Foundation Grant Recipient (2019)

**Dalié Jiménez** – Elected to American Law Institute (2019)

**David Kaye** – Elected as Independent Chair of the Global Network Initiative (2020); Knight Foundation Grant Recipient (2019)

**Elizabeth Loftus** – Suppes Prize (American Philosophical Society, 2020)

**Carrie Menkel-Meadow** – L. Randolph Lowry Award Recipient (2019)

**Rachel Moran** – Hagler Fellow (The Hagler Institute for Advanced Study at Texas A&M University, 2020)

**R. Anthony Reese** – IP Vanguard Award (Intellectual Property Law Section of the CA Lawyers Association, 2019)
L. Song Richardson – Daniel K. Inouye Trailblazer Award (NAPABA, 2020); Committee on Revision of the Penal Code (appointed by CA Gov. Gavin Newsom, 2020); Korean Prosecutors Association Community Service Award (2020); Named to the Lawyers of Color Power List (2020); Korean Community Lawyers Association Friend of the Community Award (2020); Elected to AALS Executive Committee (2019)

Kenneth W. Simons – William L. Prosser Award (AALS, 2019)

Jane Stoever – Woman of the Year (Rep. Lou Correa, 2020); Everyday Hero Award (OC Women Lawyers Association, 2019); Outstanding Supporter of Prevention (Irvine Prevention Coalition, 2019)

Grace Tonner – Legal Writing Section Award (AALS, 2020)

Christopher Whytock – Director of Studies at The Hague Academy of International Law (2020)

New Faculty Hires

Cindy Thomas Archer (2020) – Professor of Lawyering Skills (previously Clinical Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Clinical Programs and Experiential Education at LMU Loyola Law School)

Sameer Ashar (2020) – Clinical Professor of Law (returned to UCI Law; previously Vice Dean for Experiential Education and Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law)

Swethaa Ballakrishnen (2019) – Assistant Professor of Law and Co-Director of Center for Empirical Research on the Legal Profession (previously faculty fellow at NYU Abu Dhabi and an Affiliated Fellow at Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession)

Mehrsa Baradaran (2019) – Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (previously Robert Cotten Alston Chair in Corporate Law and Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives at the University of Georgia School of Law)

Dana Lee (2020) – Assistant Professor and the Mohannad and Rana Malas Scholar in Islamic Legal Studies (previously research fellow at the Program in Islamic Law at Harvard Law School)

Ji Li (2019) – John & Marilyn Long Professor of U.S.-China and Business Law (previously the Zhuang Zhou Scholar and Professor of Law at Rutgers University)

Rachel Moran (2019) – Distinguished Professor of Law (returned to UCI Law; previously Dean Emerita and Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law at UCLA Law School)
Can American Democracy Survive the 2020 Elections?  
(Feb. 2020)

Organized by Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science Rick Hasen, this conference examined the role of media, law, political norms, and technology in assuring acceptance of election results. Prof. Hasen convened an ad hoc committee of conference participants to produce the Fair Elections During a Crisis report, offering 14 recommendations to advance the legitimacy of, and public confidence in the November 2020 elections.

More at: law.uci.edu/election2020

Saving Lives Through Gun Violence Restraining Orders  
(Feb. 2020)

Organized by the UCI Initiative to End Family Violence, the Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy, and Brady Orange County, this conference highlighted the American epidemic of gun violence, examining how easy access to firearms is a significant risk factor for injury and death, particularly for individuals in crisis. Researchers and practitioners from California explored opportunities and challenges to utilize gun violence restraining orders and the potential for GVRO remedy to save countless lives. Dr. Amy Barnhorst of UC Davis delivered the keynote.

More at: https://calendar.law.uci.edu/event/gun_violence_restraining_order_conference

10th Annual Supreme Court Term in Review  
(July 2020)

This exciting annual program reviews the Supreme Court’s key cases decided in the most recent term, featuring an all-star panel of Supreme Court practitioners, journalists and academics. Recent participants included Erwin Chemerinsky (Berkeley Law), Ariane de Vogue (CNN), Rick Hasen (UCI Law), Rachel Moran (UCI Law, Michael T. Morley (FSU Law), Kate Shaw (ABC News and Cardozo Law).

More at: https://calendar.law.uci.edu/event/10th_annual_supreme_court_term_in_review
From Police Reform to a New Public Safety Model  
(August 2020)

UCI Law, the Center for Policing Equity, and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund partnered to host this symposium centered on strategies toward redesigning, funding and implementing a new public safety model. Speakers included Monica Bell (Yale), Barry Friedman (NYU), Phillip Atiba Goff (Yale), Sherrilyn Ifill (NAACP), Song Richardson (UCI Law), and Tom Tyler (Yale). UC Irvine Law Review will publish a special issue with scholarship presented at the symposium.

More at: https://calendar.law.uci.edu/event/from_police_reform_to_a_new_public_safety_model_what_do_legal_scholars_have_to_say_about_the_broken_parts_of_our_systems#.

CLEANR – A Conservation Vision for the Federal Endangered Species Act  
(October 2020)

This roundtable discussion focused on recommendations expected to meaningfully enhance species conservation for which practical policy changes are possible. Participants worked to develop regulatory or legislative language to implement recommendations.

More at: https://calendar.law.uci.edu/event/cleanr_a_conservation_vision_for_the_federal_endangered_species_act#.

Transnational Legal Ordering of Privacy and Speech  
(September 2020)

This symposium, hosted by the Center on Globalization, Law and Society and the UC Irvine Journal of International, Transnational, and Comparative Law, assessed the role of private companies and governments at the intersection of privacy and freedom of expression and opinion. The symposia built off of Clinical Professor of Law David Kaye’s work as former UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of expression.

More at: https://calendar.law.uci.edu/event/glasilj_transnational_legal_ordering_of_privacy_and_speech

3rd Annual UCI Law/A. Lavar Taylor Tax Symposium  
(February 2021)

UCI Law’s annual tax symposium brings together leading tax industry professionals, government officials, and academic researchers to discuss the most pressing issues in tax law. Previous keynote speakers have included IRS Commissioner Charles P. Rettig and Mark Prater, managing director of PricewaterhouseCoopers’ Tax Policy Services group in Washington, DC. The theme of our 2021 tax symposium will focus on taxation in times of crisis.

More at: https://calendar.law.uci.edu/event/the_third_annual_uci_lawa_lavar_taylor_tax_symposium#.
COVID-19 & the Law Lecture Series (May and June 2020)

This virtual public lecture series featured UCI Law faculty and Board of Visitors members as they explored critical legal issues that have emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic. Topics included quarantine and the limits of government action, the state of healthcare innovation, freedom of expression and disinformation, voting rights and election integrity, lessons from the CARES Act, and affordable housing.


Artificial Intelligence & The Law Colloquium and Public Lecture Series (February and March 2020)

This colloquium and public lecture series examined machine learning and automated decision-making technologies as an increasingly integral feature of social systems. Speakers included Margaret Hu (Washington & Lee), Mark Lemley (Stanford Law), Sonia Katyal (Berkeley Law) and Julie Cohen (Georgetown Law).

More at: law.uci.edu/AIColloquium

IEFV: Gender Based Violence and Policing Series (August-October 2020)

Led by Professor of Law Jane Stoever, the UCI Initiative to End Family Violence’s fall 2020 speaker series focused on policing practices, intimate partner violence, the carceral system, and reimagined public safety.

More at: https://www.endfamilyviolence.uci.edu/events/

Reimagining the Latinx Experience in America Series (September and October 2020)

This book talk series is part of “The Future of Latinos in the United States: Law, Opportunity and Mobility,” a joint project of the American Bar Foundation and UCI Law – led by Distinguished Professor of Law Rachel Moran – focusing on how law and policy shapes the incorporation of Latinx people across the nation. Speakers have included Laura Gómez (UCLA), María Rendón (UC Irvine), and Laura Enríquez (UC Irvine).

A Selection of Recent Scholarship by UCI Law Faculty

**Sameer Ashar**
Clinical Professor of Law

**Swethaa Ballakrishnen**
Assistant Professor of Law
Co-Director, Center for Empirical Research on the Legal Profession
Swethaa S. Ballakrishnen, *She Gets the Job Done: Entrenched Gender Meanings and New Returns to Essentialism in India’s Elite Law Firms*, 4 J. Prof. & Org. 324 (2017).

**Mehrsa Baradaran**
Professor of Law
Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

**Joshua D. Blank**
Professor of Law
Faculty Director of Strategic Initiatives
Faculty Director of UCI Law in NYC
Dan L. Burk
Chancellor’s Professor of Law
Faculty Director, AI Global Public Policy Institute


Dan L. Burk, Copyright and Hypernarrative, 31 Law & Lit. 1 (2019).


Alejandro Camacho
Chancellor’s Professor of Law
Director, UCI Law Center for Land, Environment, and Natural Resources


Joseph F.C. DiMento
Distinguished Professor of Law


Joseph F. C. DiMento & Ava Badiee, Historical Pollution and Criminal Liability in the United States, in Historical Pollution: Comparative Legal Responses to Environmental Crimes 197 (Francesco Centonze & Stefano Manacorda eds., 2017).


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


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


Carrie Hempel
Clinical Professor of Law
Associate Dean for Clinical Education & Service Learning
Co-Director, Community and Economic Development Clinic

Carrie L. Hempel, Experiential Learning in the First Year: UC Irvine’s Interviewing Project, in The New 1L: First Year Lawyering with Clients 83 (Eduardo R.C. Capulong et al. eds., 2015).


Dalié Jiménez
Professor of Law
Director, Student Loan Law Initiative


Dalié Jiménez & Jonathan Glater, Student Debt is a Civil Rights Issue: The Case for Debt Relief and Higher Education Reform, 55 Harv. C.R.-C.L. L. Rev. 131 (2020).


David Kaye
Clinical Professor of Law
Director, International Justice Clinic


David Kaye, Online Hate Speech, U.N. Doc. A/74/486 (October 9, 2019).

Sung Eun (Summer) Kim
Assistant Professor of Law
Director, Korea Law Center

Jack Lerner
Clinical Professor of Law
Director, Intellectual Property, Arts, and Technology Clinic

Christopher Leslie
Chancellor’s Professor of Law
Director, Competition, Antitrust law, and innovation Forum

Ji Li
John & Marilyn Long Professor of US-China Business and Law
Elizabeth Loftus
Distinguished Professor of Psychological Science and Law


Carrie Menkel-Meadow
Distinguished and Chancellor’s Professor of Law

Amartya Sen and Law (Carrie Menkel-Meadow et al. eds., 2020).


Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Too Much Litigation? Quantification, Qualification and Differentiation: What Is an Appropriate Measure of Litigation?, 10 Onati Socio-Legal Studies Series (2020); https://doi.org/10.35295/OSLS.IISL/0000-0000-0000-1146.


Omri Marian
Professor of Law
Academic Director, Graduate Tax Program


Rachel Moran
Distinguished Professor of Law

R. Anthony Reese
Chancellor’s Professor of Law

L. Song Richardson
Dean and Chancellor’s Professor of Law

Gregory Shaffer
Chancellor’s Professor of Law
Director, Center on Globalization, Law and Society
Transnational Legal Ordering of Criminal Justice (Gregory Shaffer & Ely Aaronson eds., 2020).
Gregory Shaffer, Legal Realism and International Law, in International Legal Theory: Foundations and Frontiers (Jeffrey Dunoff and Mark Pollack eds., forthcoming 2020).
Kenneth W. Simons
Chancellor's Professor of Law
Co-Director, Center for Legal Philosophy


Robert Solomon
Clinical Professor of Law
Co-Director, Community and Economic Development Clinic
Co-Chair, UCI Center for the Study of Cannabis


Robert Solomon, How to Increase Our Affordable Housing Stock, in Legal Scholarship for the Urban Core: From the Ground Up 117 (Peter Enrich & Rashmi Dyal-Chand eds., 2019).


Ann Southworth
Professor of Law
Co-Director, Center for Empirical Research on the Legal Profession


Jane Stoever
Clinical Professor of Law
Director, Domestic Violence Clinic
Director, Initiative to End Family Violence


Shauhin Talesh  
Professor of Law  
Director, Law and Graduate Studies Program  
Research Handbook on Modern Legal Realism (Shauhin Talesh et al. eds., forthcoming 2021).  

Emily Taylor Poppe  
Assistant Professor of Law  

Katharine Tinto  
Clinical Professor of Law  
Director, Criminal Justice Clinic  

Christopher Whytock  
Vice Dean and Professor of Law  
Co-Director, Center in Law, Society and Culture  
Donald E. Childress III, Michael D. Ramsey & Christopher A. Whytock, Transnational Law and Practice (2nd ed. 2021).  
The UCI Law faculty includes several reporters and advisers for American Law Institute Restatement projects:

**Prof. Michele Goodwin**, ALI Adviser, Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Remedies


**Prof. R. Anthony Reese**, ALI Associate Reporter, Restatement of the Law, Copyright

**Prof. Kenneth W. Simons**, ALI Chief Reporter, Restatement Third of Torts: Intentional Torts to Persons

**Prof. Christopher A. Whytock**, ALI Associate Reporter, Restatement of the Law Third, Conflict of Laws