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A MESSAGE FROM DEAN PARRISH

Each year, extraordinary students from across the country and around the world join us in Irvine. They choose UC Irvine School of Law because they seek an innovative, dynamic, and supportive community — one that prepares them to be top advocates who make a meaningful impact. In these pages, you will see what makes our community exceptional and how we empower students to become outstanding lawyers who shape the future.



Founded in 2008, UC Irvine Law was established to reimagine legal education while building a premier law school within one of the nation's most innovative public research universities. Our unique history fosters a commitment to interdisciplinary and global perspectives, along with a deep commitment to public service, hands-on skills training, experiential learning, and important research in a supportive environment that will challenge you and push you, while helping you succeed.

At UC Irvine Law, you won't wait to make a difference — you will start from day one. First-year students engage with clients in their first semester, and over 90 percent participate in pro bono work within the first few months of law school. Our nationally recognized clinical program, first-year Lawyering Skills and Legal Profession courses, and distinguished centers and institutes ensure that learning is woven throughout the curriculum.

This dedication is reflected in our top national rankings, including for clinical training, practical experience, legal writing, and career support. Our students excel not only in the classroom but also in federal clerkships, judicial externships, opportunities abroad, and prestigious programs in New York City and Washington, D.C. With a thriving community network of UC Irvine Law alumni and supporters, graduates are prepared for success in a broad range of practice areas.

Community is paramount to us. You will form lifelong bonds with classmates, alumni, faculty, and staff who are dedicated to your success. UC Irvine is a Minority Serving Institution, designated as both an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) and as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI). We take pride in fostering an inclusive environment that supports students from diverse backgrounds, including many first-generation students.

UC Irvine Law is more than a place to study law — it's a place to lead, to innovate, and to make a lasting difference. I look forward to welcoming you and the next generation of passionate leaders who will call UC Irvine Law home.

I hope to meet you soon,

Austen Parrish

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Austen Parrish'.

Dean and Chancellor's Professor of Law



AN INNOVATIVE, MODERN CURRICULUM

Our academic program differs from those at other law schools. At the Law School's founding, our innovative faculty were given a blank slate to develop a novel and highly effective approach to legal education. The result is a dynamic, hands-on curriculum that fosters professional identity and encourages early career exploration.

Practical Training

 **NO. 1**
in California

 **NO. 4**
in the U.S.

(preLaw Magazine, 2025)



 From the beginning of my law school search, UC Irvine Law stood out as a diverse, public service-oriented institution that valued experiential learning over a more 'traditional' legal education. UC Irvine Law attracts students who are open to thinking about the law in creative ways to help their clients and communities, which is why I chose to come here. Of course, the weather doesn't hurt either. 

Ce-Lai Powell Fong

UC Irvine Law '24, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

First-Year Courses

Required 1L Courses

- » Common Law Analysis: Contracts
- » Common Law Analysis: Torts
- » Constitutional Analysis
- » Lawyering Skills I & 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 fulfilling the Race & Indigeneity Requirement

* not all courses are offered every year

Legal Profession

Understand the practice of law in real-world contexts:

- Learn about legal careers across sectors
- Tackle ethical challenges and evolving legal markets
- Network with alumni and lawyers as part of the structured course

Lawyering Skills

Build essential legal tools:

- Writing, oral advocacy, research, and legal analysis
- Client interviews in the 1L year
- Negotiation, contract drafting and fact investigation

Legal Writing

 **NO. 8**
in the U.S.
(U.S. News, 2025)



“ Lawyering Skills was my favorite class because it emphasized the role of storytelling in the law. The class made me realize that I enjoy writing legal briefs and puzzling information together to create a legal story. It was through my Lawyering Skills class that I knew I wanted to be a litigator. **”**

Kanomé Jones

UC Irvine Law '24, Fenwick & West LLP

Race & Indigeneity Requirement

In 2021, UC Irvine Law became the first University of California law school — and among the few nationwide — to require students to complete a graded course focused on race, indigeneity, and structural inequity. The faculty remains committed to exposing students to key equity concepts across a range of identities and experiences, including dis/ability, gender and sexuality, socioeconomic background, system involvement, and more. Students can choose from a wide array of courses to fulfill this requirement.

Interdisciplinary & Concurrent Degrees

As one of the top research universities in the world, UC Irvine is an interdisciplinary powerhouse. Pair your passions — combine your J.D. with a master's or Ph.D. in practically any UC Irvine graduate research or professional degree program.

“ UC Irvine's Concurrent Degree Program has empowered me to bridge legal theory and practice. It pairs methodological and substantive training with ample clinical and teaching opportunities. The program's tailored, rigorous approach has prepared me to pursue my career goals with confidence. **”**

Andrew Hallak

UC Irvine Law '25 and Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy Ph.D. Candidate



Academic Skills Program

UC Irvine Law's Academic Skills Program (ASP) will support you at every stage of your legal education — from orientation through the bar exam. ASP provides one-on-one consultation, workshops, and practical guidance to sharpen key critical skills, including:

- Class preparation
- Legal analysis and writing
- Bar exam readiness

“ Walking into orientation as a first-gen law student, I was excited to begin this new chapter, but also very intimidated by the 'beast' that everyone seemed to say law school was. I was so impressed at the level of detail the Academic Skills Program professors went into helping us prepare for succeeding in law school. I felt like every worry I had about law school was replaced by knowledge, strategies and resources. The ASP Program at UC Irvine Law is truly remarkable and unparalleled. **”**



Rachel Lee

UC Irvine Law '25



REAL-WORLD TRAINING

UC Irvine Law's highly acclaimed clinical program provides the opportunity for students to engage in litigation, transactional, advocacy and/or policy work in a variety of critical areas. Clinic students often serve as the primary legal representative for clients, working under the close supervision of faculty who specialize in clinical education.

Clinical Training

NO. 14

in the U.S.

(U.S. News, 2025)

In-House Law Clinics

Every UC Irvine Law student completes at least one semester of clinical education. Our current clinical offerings are listed below.

Core Clinics

- ▶ Community & Economic Development
- ▶ Community Violence Intervention
- ▶ Criminal Justice
- ▶ Defending Democracy
- ▶ Domestic Violence
- ▶ Environmental Law
- ▶ Immigrant & Racial Justice Solidarity
- ▶ Intellectual Property, Arts, and Technology
 - Press Freedom Project
- ▶ International Justice
- ▶ Ninth Circuit Appellate Litigation
- ▶ Workers & Tenants Law & Organizing

Elective Clinics

- ▶ California State Tax
- ▶ Consumer Law
- ▶ Startup and Small Business



Externships

- Earn academic credit while applying classroom knowledge in practice.
- Work with judges, nonprofits, and government agencies in customizable local, national, and international placements.
- Pursue part-time placements year-round or full-time externships during the academic year.



Semester in Washington, D.C. (UCDC)

- Experience a full-semester externship program in the nation's capital.
- Delve into a seminar course with a full-time field placement.
- Interact with all three branches of government, independent regulatory agencies and advocacy nonprofits.

UC Irvine Law in NYC

- Participate in a unique UC Irvine Law summer program in NYC.
- Explore externships and career opportunities for credit.
- Access year-round programs and events.



Academic Centers and Institutes at UC Irvine Law

Center for Empirical Research on the Legal Profession

Center on Globalization, Law, and Society

Center for Land, Environment, and Natural Resources

Center on Law, Equality and Race

Center for Law, Technology & Society

Competition, Antitrust Law, and Innovation Forum

Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality

Initiative for Inclusive Civil Justice

Korea Law Center

Long U.S.-China Institute

The Pay Equity Project

Student Loan Law Initiative

UC Irvine Center in Law, Society and Culture

UC Irvine Center for Legal Philosophy

UC Irvine Initiative to End Family Violence

EXTRAORDINARY FACULTY

UC Irvine Law boasts top-ranked faculty who are national leaders in diverse fields. Ranked No. 2 for teaching excellence and No. 10 for most diverse faculty in the U.S., our professors are dedicated mentors and influential thought leaders. They tackle pressing global issues through interdisciplinary research, combining law with political science, criminology, public health, and more. Join UC Irvine Law to learn from and be inspired by these exceptional scholars and educators.

 **NO. 22**

Faculty Scholarly Impact Ranking

(Brian Leiter's Law School Reports, 2024)

 **NO. 11**

Faculty Scholarly Impact Study

(Fischman, 2024)





“ My experience with the faculty at UC Irvine Law has been unexpectedly positive and transformative. I came into law school expecting cold demeanors and curt teaching styles, but for the most part, found quite the opposite. You can tell that they want to be there, and their dedication goes beyond merely imparting knowledge — they invest in their students' growth both professionally and personally. ”

Miracle Orji
UC Irvine Law 3L

“ My professors have been innovative, affirming and generous. Even though my Civil Procedure professor was the dean of the Law School, he got to know everyone. He also assigned us ungraded, optional essays periodically which served as the perfect review of the previous weeks' concepts. Similarly, my Statutory Analysis professor set high expectations and gave us the tools we needed to meet them. I cherish my 1L year in large part because of these and other fabulous professors. ”



Kirstin Henry
UC Irvine Law 3L

Student Organizations

Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
Black Law Students Association
Business Law Society
Chinese Law Student Society
Christian Legal Society
Consumer Law Organization
Entertainment & Sports Law Society
Environmental Law Society
Federal Bar Association
The Federalist Society
First Generation Professionals Program
If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice
Intellectual Property Law Society
International Law Society
In Vino Veritas
Jewish Law Association
Labor & Work Law Society
Land Use and Real Estate Law Society
Latinx Law Students Association
Law Students for Educational Equity
Law Students for Justice in Palestine
Mental Health in Law Society
Middle Eastern and South Asian Law Student Association
Muslim Law Students Association
Native American Law Students Association
OutLaw
OWLS
Tabletop Club
Tax Law Society
Technology Law Society
Underrepresented Students Association
Veterans' Law Society
Women's Law Society

A CULTURE OF SUPPORT

At UC Irvine School of Law, a strong sense of community defines the student experience. Our small student body and our committed faculty, administrators, and staff work together to promote your personal and professional success. Whether you want to join a student organization or create your own, it's easy to get involved and build lifelong connections here.

 **NO. 6**

in the U.S. for the Greatest Resources for Minority Students
(Princeton Review, 2025)

 **NO. 18**

in the U.S. — Most Diverse Law Schools
(preLaw Magazine, 2023)



Co-Curricular Opportunities

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
UC Irvine Law Review
UC Irvine Journal of International, Transnational, and Comparative Law
Mock Trial Competition
Moot Court



 **59%**

Students of Color
(Class of 2027)

 **31%**

Member of the
LGBTQIA Community
(Class of 2027)

 **27%**

First-Generation
Students
(Class of 2027)

 I chose UC Irvine 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
UC Irvine Law '23





Student Affairs & Student Services

You can count on our Student Affairs and Student Services teams to provide dedicated assistance for your academic and non-academic needs. You will also have access to UC Irvine's Counseling Center and wellness resources.

Community Fellows

No question is too big or small. Community Fellows can offer perspective on class preparation, outlining, exam preparation, job search, co-curricular activities, social life in Orange County, and life/work balance. Our Community Fellows also host a variety of gatherings and events to connect first-year students with the larger campus community.



“ My favorite part about UC Irvine Law is the community. I loved working with and learning from my fellow students because we all wanted to see each other succeed. I couldn't have done law school without my fantastic peers. **”**

Claire Foster

UC Irvine Law '25 and Community Fellow 2023-2024,
Andrews & Thornton

“ UC Irvine Law maintains an atmosphere of collegiality and professionalism. The warmth and competence of the faculty, admissions, career development office and library staff are of immeasurable value when it comes to your first year of law school. **”**

Honna Li

UC Irvine Law '25, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP



Community Outreach

UC Irvine Law's engagement extends beyond its campus. As part of its mission to give back, the Law School leads initiatives that help high school and college students from historically underrepresented communities in the legal profession learn about law school.

Pre-Law Outreach Program (POP)

Summer program for first-gen college students offering law school prep, mentorship, and admissions guidance. 600+ alumni since 2010.

Saturday Academy of Law (SAL)

Six-week program for ninth graders to build academic skills and explore legal careers. 1,950+ participants since 2009.

Community College Pathway to Law School

Statewide partnership creating clear paths from community college to law school for diverse students across California.



NO. 1

in the U.S. for
support to
Asian students



NO. 9

in the U.S.
for support to
Hispanic students



NO. 25

in the U.S. for
support to
Black students

(preLaw Magazine, 2024)





WE CHANGE THE WORLD

UC Irvine Law has a deeply embedded culture of public service through its award-winning Michael G. Ermer Pro Bono Program, clinics, institutes and externship program. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in pro bono matters as early as their first year of law school, developing hands-on legal skills while working with clients and championing social justice. Almost all UC Irvine Law students participate in pro bono, providing legal services to underserved communities and causes, over and above their academic work.

170,000+
PRO BONO HOURS
SINCE 2009

90%+
J.D. STUDENT PARTICIPATION
SINCE 2009

100+
PRO BONO PROJECTS EACH
SEMESTER

DEPTH AND BREADTH OF PRO BONO MATTERS

Foster Children · Veterans · Migrants (from across the globe) · Domestic Violence Victims · Criminal Defendants · Parents of Special Needs Children · Native American Tribes · Transgender Individuals · Inmates Seeking Clemency · Wrongly Convicted Individuals · Unhoused/Homeless · Reproductive Rights · Animals



Financial Support for Public Service

We believe finances shouldn't stand in the way of your passion for public interest law. UC Irvine Law offers robust financial support, including:

- **Public Service Scholarships** for students committed to public interest careers
- **Loan Repayment Assistance (LRAP)** for up to 10 years
- **Public Interest Law Fund** for summer stipends
- **Bridge to Practice Funding** for public defenders and prosecutors
- **Post-Graduate Fellowships** for yearlong placements



Alternative Break Opportunities

UC Irvine Law's "alternative break" pro bono opportunities allow students to spend Fall and Spring breaks serving clients in different regions of the country. Recent destinations include Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, and Northern and Central California.

“ I first learned about Alternative Spring Break at an Anteater Happy Hour event for newly admitted students. I kept it in the back of my mind, expecting to do a trip in my 2L or 3L year. But I am so glad that I went my 1L year — the experience exceeded even my highest expectations. **”**

Stanley Shaw
UC Irvine Law 3L



“ UC Irvine Law's practical emphasis, whether through clinic or pro bono work, creates practice-ready lawyers in every way. No job interviewer has ever asked me about my grades. Every single one has asked me about my pro bono work. **”**

Ryan Ghassemi
UC Irvine Law '24, Law Clerk, United States Court of International Trade



LAUNCH YOUR LEGAL CAREER

Our Career Development Office supports a modern, individualized approach to empower your career plan — no matter what your career goals may be — with an experienced team of former practicing attorneys. The extensive support includes thorough job search skills development, career education for every sector of legal practice, and robust recruiting and networking opportunities for students.

UC Irvine Law students have secured summer and post-graduate employment all over the world and the U.S., including law firms of all sizes, public interest organizations, federal and state clerkships, government agencies and corporations.



94.5%

Employed within
10 months of
graduation,
or pursuing an
advanced degree
(Class of 2024)



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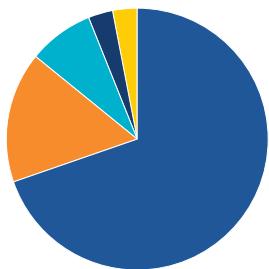
Go-To Law School
Ranking of highest
percentage of
2024 graduates in
associate jobs at the
largest 500 law firms
(Law.com, 2025)



NO. 18

for federal clerkships
(U.S. News, 2025)

UC Irvine Law Class of 2024 Employment*



- Law Firms (69%)
- Business & Industry (3%)
- Public Interest (16%)
- Clerkships (3%)
- Government (8%)

*Employment statistics are based on 153 out of 164 graduates employed 10 months after graduation.

The following are just a few examples of the many employers who have hired UC Irvine Law students:

Law Firms

- Cooley LLP
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Greenberg Traurig, LLP
- Jones Day
- 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
- Sheppard Mullin
- Sidley Austin LLP
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- White & Case LLP

Public Interest and Nonprofits

- American Civil Liberties Union
- AFL-CIO
- California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
- Center for Constitutional Rights
- Community Legal Aid SoCal
- Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
- Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc.
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- Legal Services of Northern California
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
- National Center for Youth Law
- Public Counsel
- 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
- New York City Law Department
- 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
- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission



WELCOME TO IRVINE AND OUR COMMUNITY

UC Irvine School of 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 Pacific Ocean coastline.

Living and Studying in the O.C. — It's All Right Here

Top law firms in Orange County (<5 mi.), downtown Los Angeles (45 mi.), Century City (50 mi.), Santa Monica (55 mi.) and Beverly Hills (55 mi.)

State and federal courts in Orange County (<15 mi.), Riverside (40 mi.), Los Angeles (45 mi.) and San Diego (85 mi.)

Beaches, hiking and cycling trails in Newport Beach (<5 mi.), Corona del Mar State Beach (5 mi.), Crystal Cove State Park (6 mi.), Laguna Beach (10 mi.), Huntington Beach (10 mi.), Dana Point Harbor (25 mi.) and Venice Beach (50 mi.)

Arts and entertainment in Balboa Island (<5 mi.), Segerstrom Center for the Arts, South Coast Repertory (5 mi.), Disneyland (15 mi.), Angel Stadium of Anaheim (15 mi.) and Catalina Island (1 hr. by boat)

Airports in Santa Ana (<5 mi.), Long Beach (25 mi.), Los Angeles (45 mi.) and San Diego (85 mi.)

The Graduate Housing Guarantee

UC Irvine guarantees an offer of on-campus housing to newly admitted, full-time J.D. students who meet application, Statement of Intent to Register and fee payment deadlines. Seven graduate and family housing communities offer convenient and comfortable campus options in an environment that supports academic success.

Students with housing-related needs based on a disability should register with the UC Irvine Disability Services Center: dsc.uci.edu.





PATHWAYS TO UC IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW

UC Irvine School of Law's strategic collaborations are designed to recruit talented students to the Law School from within UC Irvine's vibrant community and select nonprofit organizations and universities, underscoring our commitment to interdisciplinary excellence and to providing affordable pathways for students to advance their law school career.

3+3 Pathway & Scholarship

Become a Double Anteater by earning both your Bachelor's and J.D. degrees at UC Irvine in six years and receive up to \$90,000 in total scholarship during your J.D. program.

Partner Schools:

- » UC Irvine Campuswide Honors Collegium
- » UC Irvine Joe C. Wen School of Population & Public Health
- » UC Irvine School of Humanities
- » UC Irvine School of Social Ecology
- » UC Irvine School of Social Sciences

Scholarship Initiatives

Partner Schools:

- » UC Irvine Samueli School of Engineering
- » UC Irvine School of Physical Sciences
- » Korea University School of Law
- » Point Foundation
- » Thrive Scholars

Scholarships

Every admitted J.D. student is automatically considered for the UC Irvine Law Scholarship, which is renewable for up to three years (six semesters) of full-time enrollment, provided the student maintains good academic standing. To further support accessibility, UC Irvine Law also offers need-based grants to help reduce the debt burden for students facing significant financial hardship. Eligibility is determined using information from the FAFSA or California Dream Application and is assessed before the first year. These grants are automatically renewed for up to three years (six semesters) as long as the student remains enrolled full-time. This process allows students to plan financially for the entire duration of their J.D. program.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS

An application will be considered complete and eligible for review by the Admissions Committee when the following items are received by the deadline dates specified in the application instructions:

- Complete application
- Undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended
- Credential Assembly Service Law School Report (CAS Report)
- Official score reports for all standardized test scores (LSAT and/or GRE)
- A minimum of two (no more than three) letters of recommendation (must be included in your CAS Report)
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Personal Statement (750-word limit)
- Why UC Irvine Law? Essay (750-word limit)
- Character & Fitness/Conduct Statement if applicable

UC Irvine Law welcomes visitors to campus and offers virtual ways to interact with our community. For all admissions information, please bookmark the admissions site here:



General Information

- **Application Fee:** FREE
- **Application Opens:** Sept. 1, 2025
- **Early Decision Round 1 Deadline:** Nov. 15, 2025
- **Early Decision Round 2 Deadline:** Feb. 1, 2026
- **Priority Application Deadline:** March 31, 2026



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