

The California School of Law

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Prospective Student:

Welcome to the California School of Law.

This Catalogue is designed to afford an overview regarding the experience and excitement of attending the California School of Law, where a rich diversity of people, perspectives and opinions are found.

The range of academic activities, along with a highly qualified faculty, makes each day a legal adventure for our students. The School will expect much of you; indeed, from the very first day, the School will challenge you to think and do things you did not know you could accomplish. The experience will reward you by exposing you to ideas that inspire and teach skills and ways of thought that will serve as the foundation of your legal career, as well as enrich your personal life.

The California School of Law offers its students a unique online experience. State-of-the-art technology is utilized to provide direct, “real time” oral communication between faculty and students, creating a “virtual classroom.” The first time you are asked to “brief a case” or make a legal argument before your professor and classmates, you will feel how “real” and “live” the virtual classroom experience is at the California School of Law. I believe this educational experience, offered from the convenience of any online computer, has no parallel in the field of legal education.

The California School of Law is for students who love ideas, who want to think about the law, who wish to develop their intellect and legal analysis skills, who care about how our society works and want to improve it, and who wish to avail themselves of the opportunities that the legal profession offers. At the California School of Law, the study of law is not for only the rich and powerful, but for all. I hope that you will find the Catalog for the California School of Law both interesting and informative.

Sincerely,

William Hunt, Esq.
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Approvals & Memberships

Registration with California State Bar

The California School of Law is registered with The Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California. Graduates will be permitted to apply for admission to the California Bar. The Law School method of instruction, via the Internet, places it in the Distance-Learning law school category with the California Committee of Bar Examiners.

CAPPS Membership

The California School of Law is a member of the California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools (“CAPPS”), a statewide association representing California's schools. CAPPS works directly with the Governor's Office, the State Legislature and other regulatory entities that are critical to California’s schools success. CAPPS is the oldest and largest association of private postsecondary schools in California with over 300 School and Allied Members who provide valuable vocational and professional training, products and services to Californians.

Overview

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the California School of Law is to prepare adults for the legal profession, through innovative scholarship and professional training, via distance learning, with online video conferencing classrooms. Students are provided the opportunity to receive a traditional legal education designed to train individuals to perform as attorneys from their home computer.

The California School of Law is committed to educating students to meet the challenges of the new millennium by enabling students to develop the intellectual abilities and the practical skills necessary for a full range of career options – whether graduates choose to enter a law firm, solo practice, serve in government, work as public interest lawyers, chose a career in business or use their legal education as civic leaders.

The focus of the law school is to deliver a challenging curriculum that is demanding and yet passed for working adults. The Juris Doctor program stresses the development of the student’s ability to learn, assimilate, analyze and communicate legal information.

The law school is intended to serve is the global legal community and is for adults of all ages and nationalities who aspire to achieve a Juris Doctor Degree in law. That global legal community can expect California School of Law graduates to be attorneys who are properly prepared from a traditional methodology, a contemporary curriculum through dynamic state-of- the-art technology.

The California School of Law respects the value of diversity among students and faculty and encourages the participation of individuals from all countries, nationalities, races, colors, ethnicities, religions, ages, genders, sexual orientations, socioeconomic backgrounds and points of view, as well as persons with physical and learning disabilities. The law school admits students with a Bachelor's Degree, whether entering directly after college, changing careers or furthering an ongoing career who demonstrate the ability, intellect, character persistence necessary to complete law school successfully.

About the Law School

The California School of Law began operation in January 2007, and its first class graduated in December 2011. There are 100+ students currently attending the law school, with approximately 100 students starting each September, approximately 30 in January and 60 in May. The California School of Law does not offer any degrees other than the Juris Doctor.

The California School of Law is on the cutting edge of online legal education using state of the art video conferencing, which provides for direct video and audio communication between students and faculty, akin to a "live" law school classroom. Instructors utilizing video and audio software employ the traditional question and answer Socratic Method that is at the foundation of all high quality legal education programs. The submission of student work and exams also is performed online, utilizing specialty software. For the details of this "Virtual Classroom" aspect of our education program, visit our website for a demonstration.

All of the better law schools in the United States teach law by the Socratic question and answer method. Under this system of legal education, students are assigned judicial decisions to read and brief and statutes to outline, followed by class presentations in which students are questioned by the professor regarding the cases and statutes. Law schools employ the Socratic Method to prepare students for the making of legal arguments, to teach students how to properly read and brief cases and statutes and, lastly, to prepare students for the pressures and rigors of a legal practice.

The "virtual classroom" system used by California School of Law provides students with all the benefits of the Socratic Method. The program is not asynchronous self-study, or text messaging with the professor, or watching a DVD or video download, as is the case at other online law schools, which are little more than correspondence schools. In California School of Law's virtual classrooms, students and faculty discuss the rules of law, just as they would in a traditional law school classroom before a professor. Similarly, in online study groups students share ideas, research results, test strategies, make valuable networking connections and, hopefully only occasionally, complain about the professors and workload.

The highly qualified faculty, along with the cutting-edge technology, gives an opportunity to busy adults, who otherwise may not have access to a law school education due to finances, location, family, or job commitments. The textbooks and materials utilized are the same as those used at traditional law schools such as Boalt Hall, Columbia, Harvard and Yale. Using live audio, coupled with traditional legal educational style and materials, it is our intent to deliver an education comparable to that of the most prestigious institutions.

Students can log onto the California School of Law website from any computer connected to the Internet. From there, students can attend classes, meet with study groups, check e-mail, and achieve their dreams.

The school's educational programs are intended for adults of all ages and nationalities, who aspire to work in the legal profession. The community we serve is the global legal community. That global legal community expects attorneys who are properly prepared and who have received a contemporary and dynamic legal education.

The focus of California School of Law is to deliver the best legal education possible. At many law school's professors are selected based on the prestige and money that is generated from published textbooks, while teaching ability is hardly considered. The faculty members of California School of Law have been and will continue to be selected for their teaching ability, making the classroom experience an interesting, exciting and even enjoyable educational environment.

The new millennium presents novel and exciting challenges for legal practitioners. The California School of Law is dedicated to educating its students, in order that they may meet these challenges. Our curriculum enables students to develop the intellectual abilities and practical skills necessary for a full range of legal career options.

Education Objectives

The California School of Law has the educational objectives of providing students with substantive legal knowledge from the core courses, along with analytical abilities to make logical legal arguments, the writing skills needed for students to demonstrate his or her understanding of the information learned, the oral communication skills to effectively discuss the law with clients, judges, opposing counsel and the ability to practice to practice ethically.

Continuous Enrollment

Students are required to maintain continuous enrollment for each academic year; failure to do so may result in academic dismissal from the Law School. An academic year consists of a minimum of 48 weeks of continuous education and 864 hours of study.

Socratic Method

Most law schools in the United States teach by the Socratic question and answer method. Under this system of legal instruction, students are assigned cases and statutes to read, brief and then in class presentations are made. Students are questioned by the professor about the assigned cases and statutes regarding the facts, rule of law or the court's reasoning.

Law schools use the Socratic Method to teach students how to analyze and make legal arguments, how to properly read and brief cases and, lastly, how to prepare for the pressures and rigors of a legal practice.

The virtual classroom used by California School of Law provides students with all the benefits of the Socratic Method. The program is not self-study, text messaging or a chat room, nor is it watching a DVD or video download, or a lecture with an opportunity to text message questions, as is done at many other distance learning law schools. In California School of Law's virtual classrooms students and faculty discuss and argue rules of law.

Similarly, California School of Law student study groups enable students to share ideas, research results, test strategies and develop valuable networking relationships, perhaps for a lifetime, just as they would at a traditional residential law school.

Admission Standards

Admission

California School of Law is interested in students who want to succeed. Applicants with a Bachelor's Degree are considered for admission.

Term starts are first weeks of January, May and September. The pre-requisite class for admissions begins the month before each term start.

Applicants can contact the school toll free at 866-970-4LAW (4529) and an academic counselor will discuss the applicant's qualifications and assist in determining his or her educational and career goals.

Eligibility Requirements for Admission

Prospective students are eligible for admission if they meet the following admission criteria:

Applicants with a Bachelor's Degree

Applicants with a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited American institution or an equivalent non-U.S. institution, with a minimum GPA of 2.0, are eligible for admission.

Applicants without a Bachelor's Degree Exceptions

Applicants with a 120 college units or a Master's Degree are considered for admissions exception to the law school.

Applicants with a Master's Degree (but are without a Bachelor's Degree) are considered for admissions exception to the law school.

Life Achievement Degrees are not acceptable.

State Bar Application for Evaluation of Pre-Legal Education

An applicant who intends to begin the study of law may submit a written request for a determination of whether he or she has obtained the pre-legal education required prior to beginning such study. The request can be made to the State Bar of California on the form provided by the California State Bar, shall be accompanied by the fee specified in the schedule of fees and shall be accompanied by all certified transcripts necessary to make such a determination. This form can be found on the State Bar of California's

website, www.calbar.ca.gov/admissions, pre-legal and Legal Education link, form and link entitled “Information and Form Regarding the Evaluation of Law Study Completed and Contemplated.”

Prospective students are encouraged to have their pre-legal education evaluated.

In some cases, the California School of Law will require a prospective student submit their transcripts to the State Bar for a pre-legal evaluation before the student is eligible for admission. In such a case, a prospective student may be conditionally accepted, contingent upon the State Bar evaluation of their pre-legal education.

Transfer Students

Students who attended an ABA accredited law school may transfer to the California School of Law. To transfer credits to the California School of Law the student must be in good academic standing with the previous law school, the credits must have been earned within the last 24 months, and only grades of C+ or better are considered. All Transfer students must obtain a transcript evaluation by the State Bar of California prior to starting law school. If the student from an ABA accredited law school wishes to re-start law school, he or she needs a first-year waiver from the California State Bar.

Any transfer student who went to a State Bar of California approved law school must pass the FYLSE to transfer into the California School of Law or the student must re-take the 1st year courses. If a transfer student has passed the FYLSE, the California School of Law will evaluate the student’s transcripts and give appropriate credit. The credits must have been earned within the last 24 months, and only grades of C+ or better are considered. If the student from a California State Bar accredited law school wishes to re- start law school, he or she needs a first-year waiver from the California State Bar.

Transfer students must be complete 2 years or 50% of his/her law school education at the California School of Law to be admitted and receive a Juris Doctor.

The California School of Law reserves the right to determine what units will transfer for credit to the California School of Law, regardless of The State Bar of California evaluation.

Previous Law School

If you have previously attended law school, you must disclose this information or it is grounds for dismissal. If you are not applying as a transfer student, law school determines whether you are required to submit a waiver of your previous law study to the State Bar of California to update their records as to your school of study and that you are beginning your first year over.

Transcripts

All students applying must arrange to have official transcripts sent to the Law School prior to the time of the enrollment. Upon receipt of the transcripts, the Law School will review the transcripts to assure that

the student meets the minimum eligibility requirement. We can request your transcripts from the LSAC if on file.

Legal Method

Legal Method is an Enrollment Pre-Requisite to attending the California School of Law. Legal Method is a four-week course designed to give each student the study skills necessary to succeed in law school. The skills covered include briefing cases, outlining course materials and legal writing techniques.

Legal Method courses start approximately five weeks prior to the corresponding term starts of May (Spring term), September (Fall term) and January (Winter term).

There is no tuition charge for the Legal Method course.

No LSAT Required

The Law School Aptitude Test (“LSAT”) is not required for admission to the California School of Law. The LSAT is a test that many law schools use to eliminate potential students from their admission pools. Because the California School of Law is online, it has unlimited capacity for new students and, therefore, the school is willing to provide the opportunity to receive a legal education to all who meet the school’s admission standards.

International Students

While International Students are welcome to enroll at the California Law School, the school does not offer instruction for English as a Second-Language. Therefore, students must speak and write English proficiently. Applicants for whom English is a second language must provide evidence of English proficiency, a transcript indicating completion of at least 30 semester hours of credit from an accredited college or university with a “B” or higher or passing one of the following testing system: Test of English as a Foreign Language (“TOEFL”) of 550 or greater; 80 on the TOEFL Internet Based Test (iBT), a 6.5 on the International English Language Test (IELTS), 58 on the PTE Academic Score Report; a grade of Level 3 on the ACT COMPASS’s English as a Second Language Placement Test; a grade of Pre-1 on the Eiken English Proficiency Exam; a grade B-2 within the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

Arrangements may be made to have scores on the TOEFL sent directly to the Admissions Office. To contact TOEFL go to; <http://www.ets.org/toefl>

International students who have graduated from accredited four-year colleges or universities in the U.S. need not submit a TOEFL score.

All International students’ transcripts must be evaluated by an independent agency to ascertain whether the transcripts reflect learning that is considered, by that agency, as equivalent to a college education in the United States.

For transcript evaluation, a student must submit his or her transcript, along with an English translation to any of the following bodies:

A2Z Evaluations, LLC
P. O. Box 74040
Davis, CA 95617
(530) 400-9266
info@A2Zeval.com
www.A2Zeval.com

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.
P.O. Box 514070
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3470 (414)
289-3400/Fax: (414) 289-3411
eval@ece.org

Center for Applied Research
Evaluation and Education, Inc.
International Evaluation Service
P.O. Box 18358
Anaheim, CA 92817-8358
(714) 237-9272 or (714) 237-9276
Fax: (714) 237-9279
info@iescaree.com

Educational Records Evaluation Service,
Inc.
601 University Ave., Suite 127
Sacramento, CA 95825-6738 (916) 921-
0790 Toll-Free # 1-866-411-3737
edu@eres.com

The Foreign Educational Document Service
P.O. Box 4091
Stockton, CA 95204
(209) 948-6589

Foundation for International Services, Inc.
14926-35th Avenue West, Suite
210 Lynwood, WA 98087 (425)
248-2255/Fax: (425) 248-2262
info@fis-web.com [www.fis-
web.com](http://www.fis-web.com)

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International Education Research Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 3665
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9451/Fax: (310) 342-7086
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Associates, Inc.

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Bowling Green Station
New York, NY 10274-5087 (212)
966-6311/Fax: (212) 739-6100
info@wes.org/www.wes.org

Admissions Committee Final Determination of Acceptance

The California School of Law Admissions Committee makes all final determinations regarding whether a student is admitted to CSL. This may be determined based on several factors including, but not limited to, GPA, whether the student has the capacity to make a positive contribution to the legal profession and whether the student has demonstrated good moral character and judgment required to be an attorney.

Conditionally Accept a Prospective Student

The Admissions committee may make admissions contingent upon timely receipt of documentation evidencing the minimum admission requirements, demonstration of good moral character and any other supporting documentation required by CSL for admission. Where CSL does not receive the required documentation in a timely manner, CSL may revoke a prospective student's acceptance.

Paperless Application & Enrollment

The California School of Law, to save the environment, as well as time and money, has instituted paperless application and enrollment procedures. The preliminary application, official application and enrollment agreement are each performed on-line.

Admissions Procedures

Paperless Application and Enrollment Process

The California School of Law, to save the environment as well as time and money, has instituted paperless application and enrollment procedures. The preliminary application, official application and enrollment agreement are each completed on-line.

Prospective students are encouraged to apply at any time, the California School of Law enrollment runs continuously throughout the year. New semesters start the first weeks of April, August and December.

Applicants can contact the school at 805-683-5337 or 866-970-4LAW and an academic counselor will assist in the application and enrollment process.

Preliminary Application

Apply online at <http://www.californiaschooloflaw.com/index.php?page=apply-online>

The Preliminary Application is without financial obligation and does not take much time.

After completing the Preliminary Application your credentials are reviewed by the admissions department and you will receive an e-mail indicating that you have been preliminary accepted to the California School of Law or you may receive an e-mail outlining the steps necessary for you to be accepted at the Law School.

Students ready to apply can fill out the Official Application.

The Application Process

Official Application https://server9.orbund.com/einstein-freshair/application/online_application_form.jsp?id=63&aid=19

To complete the application process, you will need to:

Fill out and sign the online Official Application.

1. Pay the non-refundable application fee of \$75 to the California School of Law
2. Have your transcripts sent from the college or university where you earned your Baccalaureate, Associates degree or 60/90 units to the California School of Law at: California School of Law

5276 Hollister Ave, Suite 262

Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Please note: We can process your application for admission up to three (3) times. After the third application for registration, the law school is will no longer consider you for admission into our program.

The Enrollment Process

Enrollment Agreement: <http://forms.californiaschooloflaw.com/enroll.html>

In order to complete the online Enrollment Agreement you will need to:

1. Fill out COMPLETELY and e-sign the online Enrollment Agreement.
2. Review and e-sign the online Disclosure Statement.
3. Review and e-sign the online Non-Transferability Statement.
4. Review and e-sign the online Computer Use Waiver.

After completing the Enrollment Agreement, you will be forwarded to a website where you can pay the tuition.

Tuition, Fees & Costs

Tuition†

Trimester tuition cost:	\$3,000.00	Per trimester
Year tuition cost:	\$9,000.00	Three trimesters per year
Total tuition cost:	\$36,000.00	Four years required course work
†The cost of tuition is subject to change. The cost of textbooks and study materials are not included in tuition.		

California State Bar requirement is 4 years of course work to earn a Juris Doctorate.

Fees & Costs

There are costs and fees which are NOT included in tuition while attending the California School of Law:

Fee Schedule*

Tuition (<i>per trimester</i>)	\$3,000.00
Admissions Fee	\$75.00
One-Time Registration Fee	\$200.00
Termination (Withdrawal) Fee	\$300.00
Payment Plan Processing Fee	\$100.00
Westlaw/CALI (<i>per academic year</i>)	\$100.00
	\$35.00
NSF** (<i>per occurrence</i>)	\$1.25

Skip Trace *** (*per occurrence*)
*Except tuition, all fees are nonrefundable.

NSF** - Returned Payments

Students are charged a \$35.00 fee for any payment rejected by their institution, (*i.e.*, non-sufficient funds). After the third (3) NSF: Payment in the amount of the returned payment plus the NSF fee must be remitted directly to the School in the form of a cashier's check or money order; and (b) any and all future payments to the School must be made with a cashier's check or money order.

Skip Trace***

If your address becomes undeliverable and must be traced to the new address, the student bear the cost of the fee.

State Bar Fees

<i>These fees change regularly, please check their website</i>	
Registration as a Law Student	\$92.00
First Year Law Students Exam	\$566.00
FYLSE Laptop Fee	\$139.00

Miscellaneous Costs

Textbooks (<i>annually</i>)	\$200-\$500
Examsoft (<i>examination software</i>)	\$25.00
Final Exam Proctor	\$20-\$50
Headset	\$10-100

Web Camera	\$50.00	exchange rate at the time of deposit and applied to the student's account accordingly. Arrangements must be made with the California School of Law to fulfill any short fall after the exchange rate is applied.
FYLSE Review (<i>optional</i>)	\$500.00	

International Student Payment

Tuition and fees are charged in U.S dollars. Any payments received in non-US dollars will reflect the

Cancellation & Tuition Refund Policy

Students' Right to Cancel, Withdraw or Leave of Absence

The Student's right to cancel the enrollment agreement and withdraw from the California School of Law ("School") or withdraw from a course of instruction is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Student Handbook.

Withdrawal Policy

Withdrawal or Cancellation must be in writing. If written notice of cancellation is given prior to the first class, students may obtain a refund of money paid, minus applicable nonrefundable charges. Cancellation shall occur only when you give written notice of cancellation or withdrawal to the School, at either the School's business address or by email. If a student withdraws from the course of instruction after the first class but prior to having completed 50% (15 class sessions of a 30-session trimester) of the classes, the student may have a credit balance and be due a refund.

Refund Policy

Students are obligated to pay only for educational services rendered, including fees associated with those services and unreturned books, materials, or equipment. Refundable tuition is tuition charges remaining after subtracting the non-refundable fees already retained and will be pro-rated based on the percentage of class sessions held that the student is registered for as follows:

- Week 1 = 80% refund of refundable tuition
- Week 2 = 70% refund of refundable tuition
- Week 3 = 60% refund of refundable tuition
- Week 4 = 50% refund of refundable tuition
- Week 5 = 40% refund of refundable tuition
- Week 6 = 30% refund of refundable tuition
- Week 7 = 10% refund of refundable tuition
- Week 8 and after = 0% refund of refundable tuition

If the amount the student has paid is more than the amount the student owes for the time enrolled, a refund will be processed. It is the student's responsibility to electronically submit the California School of

Law Refund Processing Verification form located at <https://californiaschooloflaw.com/forms/refund-verification>, and it must be received within twenty-one (21) days of the date of contact regarding your refund or your refund is forfeit. Please note that all California School of Law refunds are processed electronically via PayPal to your email address. If you do not have a PayPal account, register at www.paypal.com. There is no cost to set up this account and there is no cost to process your refund to your bank account. Upon submission of your Refund Processing Verification form, California School of Law requires three business days for processing. If we are unable to confirm any part of the information due to contrasting information in your file, you will be contacted. Upon validation of all information, your refund will be processed within thirty days.

If the amount the student owes is more than the amount the student has paid, then the student must make arrangements to pay the balance owed to the School.

Juris Doctorate Refund Example based on 2 weeks attended before withdrawal

Tuition for trimester (two courses)		\$3,000.00
Multiplied by percentage for 2 weeks	x	70%
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Tuition owed for courses registered in to date of withdrawal	=	\$900.00
Termination fee (10%)	+	\$300.00
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Total amount owed to law school		\$1,200.00
Student tuition paid for trimester	-	(\$1,000.00)
		<hr/>
Amount due to school	=	<u>\$200.00</u>

No refund will be made to a student after 50% of the instruction for the trimester is completed. After 50% of the scheduled classes are held, whether the student attended or not, the student will owe the School the full tuition charged for the trimester.

Financial Aid

California School of Law provides students with several affordable and attractive installment plans. All plans require some payment while attending law school. All students enrolled in the California School of Law are approved for their plan of choice. Tuition is charged by the trimester, not the year, keeping both the principal and interest low.

Installment Plans

STUDENTS ELECTING A STUDENT INSTALLMENT PLAN ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING TUITION PLUS ANY INTEREST AND FEES.

A signed promissory note, photo ID and a copy of your social security card are required to implement any of the plans, and credit reporting occurs monthly.

Plan CSL21 - \$750/mo, 1%

Students make a \$750.00 payment each month, and the tuition is paid in full by the end of the semester. The interest rate is 1% per year on the amount owed. (This is not a typo, 1% annual interest is charged, and with auto-debit, it's a 0% interest plan.)

Plan CSL22 - \$625/mo, 3%

Students make a \$625.00 payment each month, and the tuition is paid in full by the end of the semester. The interest rate is 3% per year on the amount owed.

Plan CSL12 - \$525/mo, 5%

Students make a \$525.00 payment each month until the tuition with interest is paid in full. The interest rate is 5% per year on the amount owed.

Plan CSL13 - \$425/mo, 10%

Students make a \$425.00 payment each month, until the tuition with interest is paid in full. The interest rate is 10% per year on the amount owed.

Plan CSL14 - \$325/mo, 15%

Students make a \$325.00 payment each month until the tuition with interest is paid in full. The interest rate is 15% per year on the amount owed.

Payment Plan Processing Fee

Students are charged a onetime payment plan processing fee of \$100.00. This processing fee is deducted from the \$500.00 seat fee.

Automatic Debit

Regardless of the installment plan chosen, students get 1% off the interest rate charged by agreeing to have monthly payments made by an automatic debit to the students' checking, debit or credit account.

Credit Card Payments

Credit cards are accepted to process payments. Any surcharges are paid by the students.

Accelerating Payments

Students may pay off the balance of their installment account or pay a lump sum at any time, without penalty.

Applying for Installment Payment Plans

To apply for an Installment Payment Plan, contact the California School of Law at 805-683-5337 or financialaid@californiaschooloflaw.com. Representatives of the School will discuss the right plan for each student.

STUDENTS ELECTING A STUDENT INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING TUITION PLUS ANY INTEREST AND FEES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU ARE GRADUATED.

Students on a California School of Law Installment Payment Plan must stay current with payments; failure to do so is grounds for dismissal from the law school. Students who fail to make 2 payments during an academic year are placed on non-academic probation. Students who fail to make 3 payments during an academic year are dismissed from the California School of Law.

Student Services

The Faculty, Administrative Staff, and Chief Academic Officers all have a sincere interest in the welfare of each student and, therefore, an open-door policy is always employed.

California School of Law offers a First-Year Law Students' Examination review class. Major principles of law are reviewed along with test strategies and writing skills.

Career Services

The California School of Law will work with a national attorney placement company to help graduates find employment after passing the Bar.

California School of Law does not guarantee employment for its graduates. The Career Services staff assists students in their job searches after they have successfully completed their studies, by offering information on job opportunities and temporary assignments, as well as guidance in resume preparation and interviewing techniques.

In addition to the Career Services staff available to students, career-planning concepts are covered in a career planning seminar. Students will participate in specific sessions that cover interviewing techniques, networking, resume writing, and professional dress and conduct.

State Bar of California Regulations

For the degree of Juris Doctorate, The State Bar of California regulates licensing through the California First-Year Law Students' Examination and the California Bar Exam. The educational requirements to become a licensed attorney in California can be found in Rule VII of The State Bar of California rules for admission to practice in California.

Students contemplating the practice of law in California will need to register with The State Bar of California within 90 days after beginning legal studies. The registration form can be found on the California School of Law website and The State Bar of California website, www.calbar.ca.gov. Students may also contact The State Bar of California at:

The Office of Admissions,
The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

The Office of Admissions,
The State Bar of California
845 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017

The following is an unofficial summary of the educational requirements to take the California Bar Examination established by Section 6060 of the California Business and Professions Code and repeated in the Rules Regulating Admission to Practice Law in California. Persons contemplating applying to take the California Bar Examination should review the Rules to determine if they satisfy the educational requirements to take the examination. Eligibility questions should be referred to the Office of Admissions, The State Bar of California, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 or 1149 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015-2299.

To be eligible to take the California Bar Examination, one must have completed at least two years of college before beginning the study of law or must have passed certain specified College Level Equivalency Program examinations before beginning law study. To take the California Bar Exam, one also must have graduated from a law school approved by the American Bar Association or accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California, or have completed four years of law study at an unaccredited or correspondence or distance learning law school registered with the Committee, or studied law in a law office or judge's chambers in accordance with the Rules Regulating Admission to Practice Law in California.

Those studying law at a school not approved by the American Bar Association or accredited by the Committee must take the First-Year Law Students' Examination upon completion of their first year of law study. Such students must pass this examination within three administrations of first becoming eligible to

take it, to receive credit for law study accomplished up to the time of passage. If they pass the examination on their fourth or more attempt, they will receive credit for only one year of law study.

Rules Regulating Admission to Practice Law in California have been superseded by Title 4, Division 1 of the Rules of the State Bar of California (admissions Rules) effective September 1, 2008.

Additional Sources: Rules of Court, Rules 957 and 983.2; Education Code §94361; and State Bar Act §6060 and §6061.

Guideline 2.3(D) of the *Guidelines for Unaccredited Law School Rules* requires that the following statement be made:

The method of instruction at this law school for the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree program is principally by technological means including interactive classes.

Students enrolled in the J.D. degree program at this law school who successfully complete the first year of law study must pass the First-Year Law Students' Examination required by Business and Professions Code § 6060(h) and Rule VIII of the *Rules Regulating Admission to Practice Law in California* as part of the requirements to qualify to take the California Bar Examination. A student who passes the First-Year Law Students' Examination within three (3) administrations of the examination after first becoming eligible to take it will receive credit for all legal studies completed to the time the examination is passed. A student who does not pass the examination within three (3) administrations of the examination after first becoming eligible to take it must be promptly disqualified from the law school's J.D. degree program. If the dismissed student subsequently passes the examination, the student is eligible for re-enrollment in this law school's J.D. degree program, but will receive credit for only one year of legal study.

Study at, or graduation from, this law school may not qualify a student to take the bar examination or to satisfy the requirements for admission to practice in jurisdictions other than California. A student intending to seek admission to practice law in a jurisdiction other than California should contact the admitting authority in that jurisdiction for information regarding the legal education requirements in that jurisdiction for admission to the practice of law.

State Bars Other Than California

Students who intend to practice outside California should contact the applicable State Bar to determine if graduation from the California School of Law will satisfy state requirements to take the Bar examination in that state.

The education provided by the California School of Law may not satisfy the requirements of states other than California for admission to the practice of law and applicants should inquire regarding those requirements, if any, of the state in which they may wish to practice.

Academic Policies and Procedures

Attendance

The policy of the California School of Law regarding attendance is based on the premise that regular communication between the professor and student and, also, among students themselves, has significant value in the learning process. Student attendance therefore is required. A minimum of 80% of all class sessions must be attended for a student to pass each course.

Allowances for interruptions in attendance due to illness or personal emergency are handled on a case-by-case basis between the student and instructor, with consultation with the administration. Arrangements to make up missed work and return to an agreed schedule should be initiated by the student and established with the instructor.

Textbooks

The California School of Law has a web page dedicated to textbooks. Students can purchase their textbooks and start getting ready for law school! Go to

<http://www.californiaschooloflaw.com/index.php?page=text-book-list-1st-year>

The cost of textbooks is \$200-\$500 annually, depending on if new or used textbooks are purchased.

Computer Requirements

A PC or Apple Macintosh with internet service is needed for a student to log in to a virtual class. California School of Law does not provide students with computers or the on-line connection. The following is required:

Hardware

Pentium or greater
4GB or more of RAM
Windows 7 or greater or OS/X
(*i.e., Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows 7*)
Minimum 4MB download speed
Sound Card
USB
Webcam

Headset

Software

Internet access – min 4mb download speed
Internet Browser (*Preferred: Firefox 2.0+*)
Microsoft Office 97+, or other .doc compatible
Word processing program (*i.e., Open Office*)
PDF writer
ExamSoft (*you will receive instructions for access
after starting the term proper*)

Apple Macintosh Computers are fully compatible for the online law school

Library Facilities

Westlaw™

All students attending the California School of Law receive a Westlaw™ account, providing them with access to the largest law library in the world.

Westlaw™ offers leading-edge tools for research, document preparation and more, including access to over three billion documents from thousands of sources. Westlaw™ is designed to meet the day-to-day practice demands of attorneys, including: case law, forms, and expertly written articles.

Each student will receive extensive training on Westlaw™, as well as an online tutorial from Westlaw™.

The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction

California School of Law students are given a membership to the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (“CALI”). CALI provides students with excellent study aids to reinforce classroom lessons. CALI has a license to access over 675 computer tutorials in 32 different legal subject areas.

Grades

Grades are based primarily on the final examination and two mid-term exams. Instructors may require written papers in addition to examinations. Some instructors give additional examinations or other assignments, including drill questions, which may or may not be counted in the final grade.

- Professors may factor in participation, but it is less than 5%. However, a Professor may deduct half a grade at the end of the trimester for non-participation.

- The Final is a minimum of 75% of the grade, Midterms and participation complete the remaining 25 percent.
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th year classes do not always follow this formula, for example in Legal Research and Writing and Trial Advocacy the students grade is based on writing assignments and projects.

Letter grades are awarded, and plus and minus grades are given.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade	Description	GPA	Grade	Description	GPA
A+	A+	4.00	C+	C+	2.50
A	A	3.75	C	C	2.00
A-	A-	3.50	C-	C-	1.75
B+	B+	3.25	D+	D+	1.00
B	B	3.00	D	D	1.00
B-	B-	2.75	D-	D-	0.75
			F	Fail	0.00

OTHER GRADING DESIGNATIONS:

Grade	Description
I	Incomplete
P	Pass
TR	Transfer Credits
W	Withdrawal
X	Expelled
AUD	Audit
AD	Academic Dismissal
NAD	Non-Academic Dismissal

Grading Standards

Grades are based primarily on the final examination, an in-class written examination at the conclusion of the course, worth a minimum of 75% of the total grade. One mid-term exam, written papers, participation and attendance will make up the remaining 25% of the course grade. Instructors may give additional examinations or other assignments, which may or may not be counted in the final grade.

The Faculty handbook of the California School of Law provides as follows in pertinent part regarding grading standards:

“Grading should be such that students who pass the School’s courses are likely to be able to pass the First-Year Law Students’ Exam (“FLYSE”) and the California Bar exams.

“The Dean of Faculty, the Dean and his/her appointee will review each professor’s grading to ensure that it is in compliance with this standard and reflects the students’ ability to pass the FYLSE and the California Bar.”

The Legal Writing and Analyses course is a comprehensive review of Torts, Contracts and Criminal Law with a focus on strengthening essay-writing skills and improving multiple choice question approach. The course concludes with a seven-hour simulated First Year Law Students Exam of 4 essay questions and 100 multiple choice questions that must be passed in order for students to receive FYLSE Certification.

Academic Progress

Academic Probation for First Year Students

At the time of the posting of grades, the student’s grade point average (GPA) will be calculated. First year students must have a minimum cumulative and trimester GPA above 2.5. First year students with a cumulative or trimester GPA of 2.5 or below will be placed on Academic Probation and informed so and of the policies regarding Academic probation.

First year students with a GPA of 2.5 or below will be informed that failure to bring their cumulative and trimester GPA above 2.5 the next academic trimester will result in dismissal from the California School of Law.

First year students whose cumulative GPA improves to above 2.5 will be removed from Academic Probation.

Watch List

First year students with a cumulative or trimester GPA between 2.65 and 2.5 may be placed on a Watch List and will be informed so and of the policies regarding the Watch List.

Academic Probation for 2L, 3L, 4L Students

At the time of the posting of grades, the student’s grade point average (GPA) will be calculated. Second, third and fourth year students with a trimester GPA of 2.25 or below will be placed on Academic Probation and informed of the policies regarding Academic probation.

Second, third and fourth year students with a trimester GPA of 2.25 or below will be informed that failure to bring their trimester GPA above 2.25 the next academic trimester may result in dismissal from the California School of Law.

Second, third and fourth year students whose next trimester GPA improves above 2.25 will be removed from academic probation.

Watch List

Second, third and fourth year students with a trimester GPA between 2.5 and 2.25 will be placed on Watch List and informed of the policies regarding the Watch List.

Academic Dismissal

First year students with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 will be academically dismissed from the California School of Law. Students who fail a course during the first academic year will be dismissed from the California School of Law. First year students must have a Cumulative GPA of 2.5 at the end of the first year or they will be dismissed from the program.

Second, third and fourth year students with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 for two consecutive trimesters may be academically dismissed from the California School of Law. Failure of a course by second, third and fourth year students may result in a delay in matriculation, graduation or dismissal from the law school. Second, third and fourth year students are permitted to re-take a course that was failed as long as they meet the Academic Probation and Dismissal standards above.

Student Work Authentication Procedures

The California School of Law verifies student participation and matriculation through video and audio identification. The Student is required to have in her/his file a copy of a government issued photo. Students sign into a virtual classroom two nights a week and must participate in class via video and audio in order to participate in the Socratic Method which utilizes questioning of the students as a major educational device.

Essays and other documents are submitted to the professor "on line" to the California School of Law software program called "Moodle." Each student's records are maintained separately in Moodle and these records can be viewed only by the professor and the student who submitted the exam.

Exams are taken and submitted via ExamSoft, the premier online testing software used by most state bars.

Proctored Final Examinations

All Final Examinations at the California School of Law are proctored, which will require students to sit for all final examinations at a testing center, the testing centers must be approved by the California School of Law. Final Exam Proctor \$20-\$50 (per exam)

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from the California School of Law and receive a Juris Doctor degree, students must have a minimum of 864 hours of study over 48 to 52 consecutive weeks a year for 4 years. Each course is a minimum of 140 Credit Hours (3 units with 45 hours of class time/academic engagement and a minimum of 90 study hours). To receive a Juris Doctor degree, students earn a minimum of 78 units or 3520 Credit Hours) with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Students must also pass the State Bar of California First Year Law Students' Exam (FYLSE) after the successful completion of their first year of study.

Accommodations for Students With Disabilities

The California School of Law facilitates individual accommodations for law school students who have disabilities and who register with and have appropriate documentation on file. Faculty members are notified in writing when students in their classes have disabilities and need accommodations for class work and exams. Some typical accommodations include extension of time on tests and use of materials in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or taped texts. The California School of Law staff welcomes conversations between faculty members and disabled students to ensure proper coordination of special arrangements for the student while maintaining the integrity of course requirements.

In meeting the responsibilities to students with disabilities under the ADA, the California School of Law makes accommodations and modifications to address the needs of students with disabilities. Making accommodations and modifications means changing the way things are usually done in order to take into account disability-related needs.

The California School of Law has accommodated several students with their disabilities; one student suffers from cerebral palsy and has required additional writing time on examinations, another student is visually impaired and the School is working with that student to ensure that all of his or her study and examination needs are met.

Class Schedules

The California School of Law publishes the Class Schedule on its website prior to the beginning of each term of study. Students also receive an e-mail informing them of their schedule.

California School of Law’s virtual classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00pm – 9:00pm PST or PDT, which is 9:00 – 12:00 EST or EDT on the East Coast. Students take two classes each night, the first class from 6:00pm – 7:30pm and the second class from 7:30pm – 9:00pm. The California School of Law is on a trimester system, *i.e.*, there are three semesters each year and four years to complete law school.

Each semester is a four-month semester, each class meets 30 times, with a final and mid-terms, such as at traditional residential law schools. Class time is only a portion of the study time required to earn a Juris Doctorate. For a breakdown of the total time required to complete the Juris Doctor program see “Hours of Study” below, following the class schedule.

Below is a typical student class schedule for a first-year student.

Example First Year Schedule

1 st semester (Sep – Dec)	6:00pm -7:30pm	Criminal Law
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Contracts I
2 nd semester (Jan – April)	6:00pm -7:30pm	Torts I

	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Contracts II
3 rd semester (May – Aug)	6:00pm -7:30pm	Torts II
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Legal Writing & Analysis I

Each trimester there is a one class brake for; Spring Break in late March, Independence Day in July and Thanksgiving in November.

Study Logs

Student’s study and preparation time for each class, as well as class time must be recorded in a personal study log. The study logs are submitted to the virtual classroom and are reviewed at the beginning of each week by the Dean of Students to ensure students are fulfilling the hours of study requirements of the California state Bar under Guideline 5.3(C)1.

Hours of Study

California School of Law students must have a minimum of 864 hours of study over a minimum of 48 consecutive weeks a year for 4 years. Below is a typical student study schedule for a first-year student.

First Year	Units	Class Time	Study Time	Total Time
Torts I	3.0 units	45 Hours	95 Hours	140 Hours
Torts II	3.0 units	45 Hours	95 Hours	140 Hours
Contracts I	3.0 units	45 Hours	95 Hours	140 Hours
Contracts II	3.0 units	45 Hours	95 Hours	140 Hours
Criminal Law	3.0 units	45 Hours	95 Hours	140 Hours
Legal Writing and Analysis I	4.5 units	45 Hours	135/144 Hours	180 Hours
Total Study Time Per Year				870 Hours

Internshi p

The California School of Law permits third and fourth year students to receive up to six units a year in outside the classroom academic pursuits. Internships must be approved by the law school and are supervised by California School of Law faculty to ensure that the work performed is meaningful and related to the practice of law.

Academic Freedom

The California School of Law is committed to assuring full academic freedom to all faculty members. Because it is confident in the qualifications and expertise of its faculty members, the Law School encourages its faculty members to exercise their individual judgment regarding the content of the assigned courses, organization of topics and instructional methods, provided that these judgments are made within the context of the course descriptions as currently published.

This School's faculty and administration believe that the most important diversity that can accrue to the benefit of students is the diversity of thought that results from free discussion, the open expression of viewpoints and opinions on the subject matters at hand and the diversity of thought that results from the free exercise of research and original thinking in the academic fields related to the institution's course offerings.

The California School of Law encourages instructors and students to engage in discussion and dialogue. Students and faculty members are encouraged to express views freely, however controversial, as long as they believe it would advance understanding in their specialized disciplines. Therefore, the California School of Law has implemented the following process to assure academic freedom:

1. This policy is provided, in writing, to instructors at the time of hiring.
2. This policy is published in the catalogue.
3. This policy is presented and published in the official statements of the institution's policies which are filed and maintained in the office of the Dean.

Academic Conduct

This Law School requires high standards of personal and scholarly conduct. Students guilty of academic dishonesty, cheating or plagiarism in academic work shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to: dishonesty of any kind on examinations, quizzes or written assignments; illegal possession of examinations; the use of unauthorized notes during an examination; obtaining information during an examination from another student; assisting others to cheat; alteration of grade records; and illegal entry or unauthorized presence.

Complete honesty is required of all students when presenting work as their own. This requirement applies to quizzes, examinations, daily reports, homework and term papers.

The instructor is responsible for initiating action in each case of dishonesty or plagiarism that occurs in the online classroom. In cases of convincing evidence or admitted academic dishonesty or plagiarism, an instructor shall take appropriate action by referring the case to the Dean of the Faculty or the Dean.

FYLSE

Students attending the California School of Law are required to sit for and pass the First Year Law Students' Exam ("FYLSE") administered by the California State Bar.

In the third trimester (six months prior to the FYLSE) students are expected to find a FYLSE Review Program to begin preparation. Suggestions are provided in the Legal Writing & Analysis ("LWA") course.

The Final exam for LW&A is a simulated FYLSE, it is 7 hours long, consisting of four one-hour essays in Torts, Contracts and Criminal Law and 100 MBE questions. The students' exam answers will be reviewed and graded based on FYLSE standards. Only students receiving a passing score of 70+ on all four essays and 70+ on the MBE's will pass LW&A and be certified by the California School of Law for the FYLSE.

Two months prior to the FYLSE, the CSL FYLSE Review course is offered to those students who register for the exam that term. It is a focused and intense course, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 pm PST, and on some scheduled Saturdays for the first half of the trimester leading up to the exam. (The second course of the two-course trimester is offered in the second half of the trimester.) Professors will meet with students to discuss test results and strategies for improvement. Specific assignments will be given to students to help them focus on areas that are in need of improvement.

It is highly recommended that students take off work the entire month in which they sit for the FYLSE (June or October) in order to fully prepare for the exam.

Students who do not pass the FYLSE on the first try or do not sit for the FYLSE on the first opportunity, will be placed on academic leave of absence until the student passes the FYLSE. Due to possible loss of course credit, financial obligations and the need for concentrated studies, there is no benefit to students continuing into their second year before passing the FYLSE.

Transferability of California School of Law Credits

Units earned at the California School of Law may not be transferable to any other college, university or Law School. In the United States higher education system, transferability of credit is always determined by the receiving institution taking into account such factors as course content, grades, and accreditation.

The California School of Law has authority to confer a Juris Doctor in law, however, the fact that the law school is approved to do so is not an indication that credits earned at the California School of Law are accepted by another law school.

Student Grievance Policy

Student Academic and Non-Academic Grievance Policies are contained in the California School of Law Student Handbook.

If the student's academic or non-academic issue cannot be resolved after exhausting the institution's grievance procedures, the student may contact;

The State Bar of California at 1149 South Hill St 4th Fl, Los Angeles, CA 90015-2299; phone #: 213-765-1500; website address: <http://calbar.ca.gov>.

Release of Academic Information

The California School of Law adheres to the Family Educational rights and Privacy Act. Therefore, students may review the contents of their permanent records as they are maintained at the California School of Law Offices. Such inspection must be completed in person by the student at the location where the information is retained. Since the California School of Law subscribes to the policy that a student's academic record is confidential, information will be released only upon written instruction from the student, except as noted below. The student's academic records are open for inspection only to the student and those members of the California School of Law staff who have responsibility for working with the student or maintaining records.

Official academic records submitted from another institution will not be released to a third party or to the student. These documents are retained as part of the permanent records.

Course Descriptions

Legal Method (Pre-Enrollment Requirement)

Legal Method is an Enrollment Pre-Requisite for attending the California School of Law. Legal Method is a four-week course designed to give students the study skills to succeed in law school.

Legal Method is an intensive and practical learning experience, designed to produce successful law students. Emphasis is placed on legal study skills, briefing cases, preparing course outlines and legal exam writing. The course addresses the acquisition and development of issue-spotting and issue-framing skills, as well as analogizing, distinguishing and synthesizing skills that comprise legal analysis. Students perform practical exercises to polish these skills and to serve as a focal point from which to begin legal studies.

First Year Courses

Torts I & II

This course is an introduction to the principles of tort liability for intentional and negligently caused injuries to persons and property. Subjects covered include assault, battery, false imprisonment, infliction of emotional distress and trespass, as well as defenses to intentional torts, including consent and assumption of risk. In the examination of negligence, the subjects covered include standard of care, causation and limitations on duty. Defenses also are explored, such as contributory negligence, comparative negligence and statutes of limitation. Coverage also includes vicarious liability, wrongful death actions, negligent infliction of emotional distress, nuisance, misrepresentation, defamation, strict liability and products liability.

Contracts I & II

As an introduction to contract law, the course deals with how contracts are formed, including offer, acceptance and consideration, as well as contract formalities, including the Statute of Frauds, the parole evidence rule and implied obligations. The issues as to when a contract has been breached and the remedies for breach, including damages, specific performance and restitution are covered, plus contract interpretation, performance of contract, avoidance of contract, including the defenses of frustration of purpose, impracticability, impossibility, incapacity, duress, undue influence, mistake, misrepresentation and unconscionability. The subjects covered lay the foundation for advanced study in commercial transactions, corporations and securities. The course also is designed to introduce the student to the techniques of statutory interpretation, particularly in connection with the Uniform Commercial Code.

Criminal Law

This course is an introduction to criminal law, with emphasis on principles of criminal liability and defenses. The course examines crimes against the person and property. Also examined are various specific areas of substantive criminal law, including: general principles applicable to all crimes, e.g., mens rea, attempt, mistake, causation, conspiracy, legal insanity, intoxication and justification. The purposes of criminal punishment and the role of the criminal justice system, including police and correctional agencies, also are explored.

Legal Writing and Analysis I

This course involves the basics of legal reasoning, analysis and writing, such as preparation of case briefs, issue identification, identification of key facts, analogy, distinction, case synthesis and statutory construction. The course is designed to teach students the critical art of persuasive legal writing. This course includes the use of the legal memorandum as a format for analyzing and discussing legal issues.

The Final exam for LW&A is a simulated FYLSE it is 7 hours long, consisting of four one-hour essays in Torts, Contracts and Criminal Law and 100 MBE questions. The students' exam answers are reviewed and graded based on FYLSE standards. Only students receiving a passing score of 70+ on all four essays and 70+ on the MBE's will pass LW&A and be certified by the California School of Law for the FYLSE.

Second Year Courses

Real Property I & II

This course begins with a study of the creation of the recorded property system in feudal England. The course then explores the methods by which property interests are held, used, and transferred in modern times, as well as the question of how members of society should allocate land use. Topics include present and future estates, ownership, limitations on the rights of landowners to exclude others, co-ownership, adverse possession, landlord-tenant law, nuisance, water rights, control of air space, easements and covenants, zoning, eminent domain and conveyances.

Civil Procedure I & II

This course covers all phases of the litigation process in civil actions. Specific subjects include the bases for jurisdiction over persons and property, e.g., subject matter jurisdiction, diversity cases, venue, joinder of claims and parties, counterclaims, cross-claims and third-party claims. Other issues covered are class actions, discovery, voluntary and involuntary dismissal, default judgments, summary judgment, burden of proof in civil litigation, directed verdict, motions to vacate, appeals and res judicata.

FYLSE Review

The FYLSE Review course is a two-month intensive to prepare students for the FYLSE. Students are assigned MBE & essay questions to practice, as well as timed test's in preparation for the FYLSE. Students will have specific preparation "Milestones" they will need to satisfy, a professor will review the students work and go over any areas needing improvement, and assign appropriate work to help the student make these improvements.

Professors will meet with students to discuss test results and strategies for improvement. Specific assignments are given to individual students to help them focus on areas they are in need of improvement and sharpening skills.

The final month of the FYLSE Review course will have extensive simulated testing with focused feedback. Students will work on areas needing reinforcement and continue to sharpen their skills before the FYLSE.

Evidence

The course is an in-depth examination of the rules governing the admissibility or exclusion of evidence. Subjects include competency of witnesses, direct and cross-examination of witnesses, the rule against hearsay and its exceptions, expert and lay opinion testimony, privileged communications, relevancy, procedural considerations, judicial notice, burden of proof, presumptions, form and type of objections, authentication, the best evidence rule and the use of demonstrative and scientific evidence.

Legal Research and Writing II

This course examines the techniques of written and appellate advocacy, including the appropriate structure of the appellate brief, formulation of issues and analysis. This course teaches students the

fundamentals of legal citation and provides advanced instruction in legal reasoning and analysis. The course identifies and describes the primary sources of law and relevant research tools. Students receive instruction on the research strategies necessary to find case law in print and electronic format. Students prepare a research outline and an open-research memorandum of law.

Third Year Courses

Constitutional Law I & II

This course introduces the student to fundamental cases in Constitutional Law. There is an historical component to the class, demonstrating how the Constitution has acquired its “meaning” over time. Major issues examined are: the justification for judicial review, standards for the exercise of judicial power, the scope of Federal powers, regulation of interstate commerce, the executive powers of the President, separation of powers, allocation of power between Federal and State governments, equal protection, freedom of press, assembly and religion, substantive and procedural due process and Congressional enforcement powers.

Business Organizations

This course introduces the legal principles governing the relations among investors, managers, creditors and employees in business enterprises, that are common to closely-held and publicly traded corporations, e.g., limited liability, fiduciary and controlling party duties, shareholder rights, securities fraud, voting and control arrangements, executive compensation and corporate reorganizations, including tender offers, mergers and acquisitions.

Criminal Procedure

This course covers the laws regulating law enforcement conduct during criminal investigations, examining particularly the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments to the United States Constitution. Subjects covered include the initial police investigation of a crime, apprehension of a suspect, arrests, searches and seizures, identification procedures, indictments, interrogation of suspects and witnesses, right to bail, preliminary hearings, the right to trial by jury, guilty pleas, confessions, right to an attorney and double jeopardy.

Legal Research and Writing III

Legal Research and Writing III involves utilization of a single case file. Students draft several documents, including letters, pleadings, settlement demands, motions and briefs. The course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to refine their legal research and analytical skills, as well as their writing skills.

Wills and Trusts

This course examines the substantive law of Wills and Trusts and the final disposition of property. Topics covered include the law of intestate succession, the execution, revocation and construction of wills and trusts and marital property rights, problems arising from changes after execution, problems of will

substitutes, essential elements of a trust from creation to termination, beneficiary interests, charitable trusts and problems of trust administration.

Fourth Year Courses

Community Property

This course examines the laws relating to California community and separate property law and the division of marital assets upon divorce and death. Subject matters covered include determination of the community, marital agreements, commingling of funds, spousal liability for community and separate debts, education expenses, spousal rights to pension, disability income, life insurance proceeds, the property rights of unmarried couples, rights of creditors and conflict of law issues regarding change of marital domicile.

Remedies I

This course is a general examination of equitable and legal remedies that are available to civil litigants. The course considers the measure and scope of monetary damage awards in tort and contract actions, as well as restitution, equitable remedies including preliminary injunctions and permanent injunctions, temporary restraining orders, specific performance, contempt, punitive damages, equitable defenses and declaratory relief.

Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics

This course examines the ethics imposed by law and conscience on members of the legal profession to clients, witnesses, opposing parties, tribunals and the public. The focus is on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and on the State Bar of California Rules of Professional Conduct. The course examines the various professional relationships created: attorney and client, attorney and public, attorney and other attorneys and attorney and judiciary. The objective of the course is to give students a working knowledge of the law governing lawyers and an appreciation for the ethical challenges they will face.

Trial Advocacy

The hypothetical case utilized for the Moot Court Competition involves an appeal to the United States Supreme Court of a Constitutional issue, with written briefs and oral arguments based upon legal research by the students. The competition is conducted as a tournament; students compete as two-person teams, who advance through a series of elimination rounds, with two teams advancing to the final round. Students are judged on the quality of both oral and written argument. The competition is limited to fourth-year students.

Participation in such competition requires the student to conduct extensive legal research and write a brief on the issues researched, with only minimal guidance from the team's faculty advisor and /or outside coach. Following the completion of the brief, students prepare for and conduct the oral argument component of the competition.

Environmental Law

This course is an introduction to Environmental Law, with an emphasis on air and water pollution and toxic wastes. The course focuses on the legal regulation of toxic pollution and waste management, including the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Superfund laws. General issues covered include environmental regulation, the roles of science in risk assessment, how environmental injuries and environmental benefits are valued and information disclosure requirements.

Fourth Year Thesis or Law Review

Each fourth year student are required to research and write an original thesis on a legal subject of his or her choice. The thesis subject must be approved by the professor teaching the course to which the subject is related. If a fourth year student had been in the top 10% of the class and is recommended by a faculty member, that student are appointed to Law Review. In lieu of the fourth year thesis, law review students can write an article to be submitted to the Law Review. The subject of the article must be approved by the faculty member responsible for the Law Review.

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- * providing a benefit or service that is not as effective as that provided to others,

- * providing lower quality benefits, services or programs than those provided others, or

- * providing different or separate benefits or services, unless it is necessary to provide benefits or services that are as effective as those provided to others.

