

## IRVINE COLLEGE OF LAW 2023 STUDENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

1. Irvine College of Law (ICOL) is not accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners (CEB); In 2018, the Committee of Bar Examiners continued its registration through its next periodic inspection in 2023 or later.
2. ICOL has not applied for accreditation from the Committee of Bar Examiners in the past five years.
3. ICOL has been in continuous operation for more than ten (10) years.

The pass results of ICOL students who have taken the First-Year Law Students' Examination and IUCOL graduates who have taken the California Bar Examination over the past five years are as follows:

### FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS' EXAMINATION PASSAGE STATISTICS

Data Source: State Bar of  
California

Exam Date	All Takers			First Timers			Repeaters		
	Took	Passed	% Passed	Took	Passed	% Passed	Took	Passed	% Passed
Oct.22	15	1	6.6	3	0	0	12	1	8.3
Jun. 22	17	4	23.5	6	1	16.6	11	3	27.2
Oct. 21	16	2	12.5	7	2	28.5	9	0	0
Jun. 21	12	2	16.66	2	1	50	10	1	10
Nov. 20	17	1	5.9	5	1	20	12	0	0
Jun. 20	6	1	16.66	3	0	0	3	1	33.33
Oct. 19	22	4	18.1	8	3	37.5	14	1	7.14
Jun.19	18	3	16.66	5	1	20.00	13	2	15.38
Oct.18	18	1	5.55	6	1	16.66	12	0	0
Jun18	15	1	6.66	6	1	16.66	9	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	156	20	12.8	51	11	21.5%	105	9	8.5%

### GENERAL BAR EXAMINATION PASSAGE STATISTICS

Data Source: State Bar of  
California

Exam Date	All Takers			First Timers			Repeaters		
	Took	Passed	% Passed	Took	Passed	% Passed	Took	Passed	% Passed
Jul. 22	4	2	50	2	1	50	2	1	50

Feb. 22	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Jul. 21	4	1	25	1	1	100	3	0	0
Feb. 21	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Oct. 20	8	2	25	1	0	0	7	2	28 55
Feb. 20	9	1	11.11	0	0	0	9	1	11.1
Jul. 19	7	2	28.6	1	0	0	6	2	33.3
Feb. 19	8	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0
Jul. 18	8	2	25	6	0	0	2	2	100
Feb. 18	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	59	10	16.9%	12	2	16.6%	45	8	17.7%

5. The educational background, qualifications, and experience of the faculty, and the names of each faculty member and administrator who are members of the State Bar of California or who are admitted in another jurisdiction are as follows:  
(See: Attachment A)

6. The ratio of faculty to students for the previous five years has been:

2022: 1 Faculty per 4 students  
2021: 1 Faculty per 3.5 students  
2020: 1 Faculty per 4 students  
2019: 1 Faculty per 3 students  
2018: 1 Faculty per 4 students

7. The legal education law degree offered by Irvine College of Law may not satisfy the requirements of other jurisdictions for admission to the practice of law.

Please note that Guideline 2.3(D) of the *Guidelines for Unaccredited Law School Rules* provides the following, mandatory disclosure:

**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.**

9. ICOL has never been issued a Notice of Noncompliance by the Committee of Bar Examiners.

10. Attachment B sets out the attrition rates of students who have enrolled at IUCOL over the past five years, but, for various reasons, thereafter did not matriculate into a subsequent year of law study.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**THE EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF FACULTY MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS**

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**GEORGE C. LEAL, J.D.**

**Dean and Professor of Law.**

Dean Leal was appointed in June of 2018 after a lengthy career practicing law in the public and private sectors. He started his career in 1980 as a trial attorney with the U.S Department of Justice. In 1995 he became a founding member of the Chan, Doi & Leal, LLP handling complex commercial litigation. His *pro bono* activities included acting as a *pro tem* judge and court-appointed mediator and his appointment to two committees of the State Bar of California, the Committee for Administration Justice (1989-1992) and the Committee of Bar Examiners (2008-2009). In 2009, he was appointed as the Director for Educational Standards in the Office of Admissions, State Bar of California. As such he supported the Committee of Bar Examiners' role as the accreditor and regulator of all California-accredited and registered law schools. As a legal educator, Dean Leal taught Torts and Remedies at San Francisco Law School from 1991-2000. He received his J.D. degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law and has been a California attorney since 1980.

**NICHOLAS EDWARD TRENT, J.D.**

**Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law.**

Dean Trent acted as the law school's Interim Dean in 2018 and after serving for 12 years as its Associate Dean. As a skilled attorney and former business executive, he practiced business law with emphasis in contracts, and mergers and acquisitions. During a career in business, he served as vice-president and general manager of the Canadian operations of the Macmillan Company, general manager of the Carswell Company, president and chief executive officer of Sutton Industries, Inc., president of Alan Weston Publishing Inc., president of Maxoil, Inc. He practiced law with Smith Silbar Parker & Woffinden, retiring in 2005. Dean Trent earned his B.A. degree in Journalism from Carleton University in 1962, and his J.D. degree from Irvine University College of Law in 1996. He is an active member of the California State Bar.

**CHARLES MANDEL J.D.**

**Professor of Law.**

Professor Mandel earned his B.A. degree, *cum laude* from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1976 and his J.D. degree from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1980. He retired after over thirty years of service as Head Attorney of the Department of Child Support Services of the County of Los Angeles. Professor Mandel is an inactive member of the California State Bar.

**TRACY SIMS, J.D.**

**Professor of Law.**

Professor Sims has been an attorney for over 20 years. He earned a full athletic and academic scholarship to the University of Notre Dame. Professor Sims was a two-sport athlete at the University of Notre Dame (football and track) and majored in Political Science, earning his B.A. in 1990. Prof. Sims went to work briefly as a policy analyst for the New York City Dept. of Correction. From there, Prof. Sims moved west to attend law school at Pepperdine University. At Pepperdine, Prof. Sims was elected vice-president of the Black Law Student Association, while also working as a law clerk for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Professor Sims earned his JD in 1995 and immediately joined the DA's office where he has enjoyed a long career as a prosecutor. During his tenure as the District Attorney Prof. Sims has prosecuted a variety of cases, from simple larceny cases to homicides. Most recently Prof. Sims was assigned to the Major Narcotics Unit and tasked with prosecuting major importers of large amounts of controlled substances into the U.S., working closely with multi-jurisdictional task forces including FBI, DEA and ICE. Professor Sims is an active member of the California State Bar.

**LOUIS GREENWALD, J.D.**

**Professor of Law.**

Professor Greenwald earned his B.A. from UCLA in 1993 and his J.D. degree at the U.C. Davis School of Law in 1999. He is a partner at the law firm Choi & Greenwald and practices with a primary focus on employment and contract law matters. Over the years, Professor Greenwald has successfully represented clients at trial and in administrative hearings. Professor Greenwald regularly presents workshops for the non-profit organization, California Lawyers for the Arts. He is an active member of the California State Bar and a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

**LARRY FIESELMAN, J.D.**

**Professor of Law.**

Professor Fieselmann earned his J.D. degree from Southwestern University in 1978. As a practicing attorney for over 40 years, He has worked as both a member of a firm and as a sole practitioner. He has extensive experience in bankruptcy,

civil litigation, family law, criminal law and appeals. He formerly taught at CSULB in the graduate business department. He is an active member of the California State Bar.

**ANTHONY RADOGNA, J.D.**

**Professor of Law.**

Professor Radogna was an Investigator for the State Bar of California's Office of Chief Trial Counsel, investigating a wide range of ethical complaints brought against attorneys. He is admitted to practice law in California and the United States Central District Court. Professor Anthony now provides advice, consultations, and representation to California attorneys involved in State Bar proceedings. He received his J.D. from La Verne Law School and became a licensed attorney in 2008. He also holds a LL.M in Criminal Law and Practice from Southwestern Law School. He currently serves as the 2nd Vice President in the *Association of Discipline Defense Counsel* and is a member in the national *Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers*. He is an active member of the California State Bar.

**PROBAL G. YOUNG, J.D.**

**Professor of Law.**

Professor Young earned his J.D. degree from Golden Gate University School of Law in 1996. He has been a licensed California attorney since 1997 and has practiced civil litigation law as a trial attorney with law firms in both northern and southern California specializing in catastrophic injuries, medical malpractice defense and other complex civil liability matters. Professor Young has extensive academic experience having been a member of the adjunct faculty of the John F. Kennedy University College of Law, located in Pleasant Hill, for over 12 years teaching a variety of classes relevant to civil litigation such as Remedies, Electronic Discovery and Trial Practice.

**SUSAN McCORMICK, J.D.**

**Associate Professor of Law.**

Professor McCormick earned her J.D. degree at the Western State University College of Law in 2007, and holds a M.S. degree in counseling, earned in 2016, from the California State University at Fullerton. Professor. Professor McCormick is an active member of the California State Bar and is engaged in the practice of law specializing in workers compensation.

**MELISSA PETROFSKY, J.D.**

**Associate Professor of Law.**

Professor Petrofsky earned her J.D. degree at the Whittier Law School in 2007. She earned her bachelor's degree at the Culver-Stockton College. Professor Petrofsky is an active member of the California State Bar and is engaged in the practice of law as a principal of the Petrofsky Law firm and specializes in employment litigation and counseling.

**GORDON SMEARER J.D.**

**Associate Professor of Law.**

Professor Smearer earned his J.D. degree at the Irvine University College of Law in 2014. While in law school, Prof. Smearer was a peace officer with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and recently retired as a peace officer with the City of Torrance Police Department. Professor Smearer is an active member of the California State Bar and has been assigned as a prosecutor with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

**CHEROL KATZ, J.D.**

**Professor of Law.**

Professor Katz earned her J.D. degree at the Western State University of Law in 1989. She has practiced civil law in both the private and public sectors and has taught law at several colleges and law schools including Western State University. In addition to teaching law, Professor Katz maintains an active private tutoring practice working with students in high school, college and law school. She has been an active member of the California State Bar since 1989.

**ROBIN MITTLEMAN, J.D.**

**Associate Professor of Law.**

Professor (Blumfield) Mittleman earned her J.D. degree at the University of San Francisco School of Law in 1980. She practiced civil law in the private sector, holds a license as a California real estate professional and was employed in the software sector. She became an active member of the California State Bar in 1981 and is currently an inactive member.

**WILLIAM E. SLUSS, J.D.**

**Associate Professor of Law.**

Professor Sluss earned his J.D. degree at the Irvine University College of law 2021. As a C.P. A., Professor Sluss spent many years employed by various businesses. He is currently engaged in the practice of law in the private sector with the firm of Ecoff, Campaign, Tilles & Kay and has been an active member of the California State Bar in 2021.

ATTACHMENT B

Report Required by  
Rule 4.241(A) (10) of  
the *Unaccredited Law  
School Rules*

Attrition\* Rates of Enrolled Students in  
Subsequent Years of Law Study

September 15, 2018 – September 15, 2022

Students enrolled in this law school's J.D. Degree Program by year of study:

	<u>First Year:</u>	<u>Second Year:</u>	<u>Third Year:</u>	<u>Fourth Year:</u>
9/15/18	<u>26</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
9/15/19	<u>24</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
9/15/20	<u>26</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
9/15/21	<u>36</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
9/15/22	<u>34</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

\* In accordance with Guideline 5.22 of the *Guidelines for Unaccredited Law School Rules*: "A student who does not pass the First-Year Law Students' Examination within three (3) administrations after first becoming eligible to take the examination must be promptly disqualified from a law school's J.D. program." Other reasons for student attrition vary and include, but are not limited to, a student's voluntarily withdrawal from law school due to personal, family, business, career or financial issues, and those who are dismissed by the law school because they failed to maintain academic good standing or who were unable to complete the mandatory curriculum requirements to earn a Juris Doctor degree.

**I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of this Disclosure Statement as of the date listed below.**

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Print Name of Student

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Print Name of Authorized Administrator

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Signature of Student

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