



THE STATE BAR  
OF CALIFORNIA

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On behalf of the State Bar of California's Council on Access and Fairness and the Selection Committee, we write to congratulate your college for being selected for the Community College Pathway to Law School Initiative.

Through the Letter of Interest and Supplemental Application, your college demonstrated the kind of leadership and student success indicators that we believe will be critical to the success of the Law Pathway Initiative. We thank you for the incredible letters of support that your college provided, evidencing the kind of internal and external support needed for the Law Pathway students to be successful. This is a 10-year pilot program, subject to renewal, and we believe your college has what it takes make it a successful one.

**Enclosed are instructions for next-steps that include some critical deadlines.**

We are excited to be a partner with you in providing meaningful experiences for community college students interested in the legal profession and ultimately to have a legal profession and judiciary branch that reflect the rich diversity of the State of California.

The State Bar plans to announce publicly the selection mid-April in anticipation of the May 1<sup>st</sup> (Law Day) summit and in coordination with the law schools. Please do not make any public announcement regarding your selection at this time.

Again, thank you for all that you have done for our students and our state, and congratulations on your selection!

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Loo*

Hon. Cynthia Loo, Chair  
Council on Access & Fairness (COAF)

*Dave Smith*

W. Davis Smith, Chair,  
COAF College and Law School Committee

*Michael Trevino*

Chair, Selection Committee for  
Community College Pathway to Law School Initiative

## **Next Steps for 20 Selected Community Colleges**

### **Step 1: Join In-Person Meeting/Conference Call**

We invite you to join us for an in-person meeting or conference call in.

***Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>***  
***2:00 pm – 3:30 pm***

Peralta Community College District  
General Service Conference Room  
333 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oakland, CA 94606

1-719-785-4469 or 1-888-450-4821  
Cell phone users dial: 1-719-785-4469  
Passcode: 191648

The purpose of the meeting is to answer any questions you may have about the Initiative, the MOU, and the grant.

We are submitting a \$6 million dollar grant proposal for the Career Pathway Grant program, with Solano Community College District as the lead fiscal agent. The grant proposal is due on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Receipt of this grant would waive the \$5,000 monetary contribution required of each community college as expressed in the MOU. We invite you to be a named “partner” on the grant proposal, which does not preclude you from being a partner or fiscal agent for other grant proposals. Thank you for your diligence.

Please contact Ms. Thuy Thi Nguyen at [ttnguyen@peralta.edu](mailto:ttnguyen@peralta.edu) / (510) 466-7218 to register for the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### **Step 2: Submit Documents for \$6M Grant to Connect with High School Law Academies**

- A. Fill out In-Kind Contribution Form for grant proposal. Please submit the form to Ms. Ruthe Ashley ([rutheashley@gmail.com](mailto:rutheashley@gmail.com)) or Prof. Joel Powell ([Joel.Powell@solano.edu](mailto:Joel.Powell@solano.edu))
- B. Sign the Support Letter to serve as a partner for the grant. Send to Ms. Ruthe Ashley ([rutheashley@gmail.com](mailto:rutheashley@gmail.com)) or Prof. Joel Powell ([Joel.Powell@solano.edu](mailto:Joel.Powell@solano.edu)). We invite you to be a named “partner” on the grant proposal, which does not preclude you from being a partner or fiscal agent for other grant proposals.

### **Step 3: Sign Memorandum of Understanding**

Review the Memorandum of Understanding. If your college has legal counsel, please ask the individual to contact Ms. Thuy Thi Nguyen ([ttnguyen@peralta.edu](mailto:ttnguyen@peralta.edu) / 510-909-4481) as soon as possible. Ms. Nguyen is facilitating the MOU approval process on behalf of the State Bar.

### **Step 4: Save-the-date Annual Summit**

Please save the dates, May 1 (Law Day) and May 2, for a statewide summit at Chabot College.

**Step 5: Identify a Press Person at Your College**

The State Bar wishes to coordinate with your college press person for press releases around mid-April in anticipation of the May 1<sup>st</sup> (Law Day) summit.