



## Community Colleges Pathway to Law School Initiative

### COAF Scholar Application

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The California Community Colleges and the State Bar of California selected **Los Angeles Mission College** to participate in a new initiative that will provide a smoother pathway to six of California's top law schools.

The Community Colleges Pathway to Law School is an unprecedented effort within public higher education to enhance opportunities and advancement in the legal profession for diverse populations, particularly those who have been underrepresented.

The project, sponsored by the State Bar's Council on Access and Fairness, established agreements with twenty-four community colleges and six law schools and their respective undergraduate institutions. Students in the program will receive assurances that credits in prescribed courses will transfer. Admitted students are encouraged to participate in all Pathways activities.

**Participating law schools are:** University of Southern California Gould School of Law, University of San Francisco School of Law, UC Davis School of Law, UC Irvine School of Law, Santa Clara University School of Law and Loyola Marymount Law School.

**Participating California Community Colleges:** Community colleges selected to participate in the program are Antelope Valley College (Lancaster), Bakersfield College, Chabot College (Hayward), Chaffey College (Rancho Cucamonga), College of Alameda, College of the Canyons (Santa Clarita), College of the Sequoias (Visalia), Contra Costa College (San Pablo), Fresno City College, Gavilan College (Gilroy), Hartnell College (Salinas), Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles Mission College (Sylmar), Merritt College (Oakland), Oxnard College, Rio Hondo College (Whittier), Riverside City College, Sacramento City College, San Joaquin Delta College (Stockton), San Jose City College, Santa Ana College, Solano Community College (Fairfield), Southwestern College (Chula Vista), and Ventura College

The Community Colleges Pathway to Law School Initiative requires students to complete seven

courses based on a defined set of “success factors” that help make effective lawyers. The transfer initiative will align criteria from these success factors with community college courses already approved in corresponding Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) to prepare students for law school.

### **Student Requirements**

- ***Pathways Orientation***
  - ***Location: LRC 217***
  - ***Date: Wednesdays – 2 pm***
  - ***Time: 2-3 pm (by appointment only)***
- Statement of Interest (Attach to application, no more than one page)
- Work with designated Pathway Initiative Counselor
- Required Courses:
  - a. History 11
  - b. Pol Sci 1
  - c. Engl 101
  - d. Engl 102
  - e. Math 227 - Statistics
  - f. Comm 1 – Public Speaking
  - g. Law 10 – Intro to Law
- Recommended Electives
  - a. Service/Civic Learning
  - b. College Success Course (I unit)
- Establish Student Education Plan
- Participate in Pathway Activities

### **Support for the Students**

- Pre-law activities
  - Mentoring
  - Debate competitions
  - Statewide Law Day conference
  - Legal writing competition
  - Pre-law club

- Law school visits
- Advisement from law schools
- Internships
- LSAT prep
- Assistance in the law school admission process
- Exposure to legal profession
- Waive application fee to participating law schools
- Service learning
- Additional related law school activities

Please visit the following websites for additional information:

- Twitter #Pathway2Law
- [DiscoverLaw.org](http://DiscoverLaw.org)
- <https://sites.google.com/site/calbardream/>

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## Paralegal Studies Program

Los Angeles  
Mission College



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

I understand in order to be considered as a Council of Access and Fairness (COAF) Scholar by the participating colleges, Loyola Marymount University and Loyola Law School; Santa Clara University and Santa Clara University School of Law; University of San Francisco and University of San Francisco, School of Law; University of Southern California and University of Southern California Gould School of Law; and Twenty-four (24) selected community colleges in California, I must participate in required activities.

I also understand that by participating in this program, I will not have guaranteed admission to the universities or the law schools mentioned.

However, I will be entering into a special agreement designed to prepare students for admissions into the aforementioned law schools.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your application to Prof. David Jordan, Esq.