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Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire  
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Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas  
State Capitol  
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Re: Annual Report on Name Change and Restorative Justice Initiatives

Dear Senate President pro Tempore McGuire and Assembly Speaker Rivas:

Pursuant to Chapter 478, Statutes of 2022 (AB 1936) and EDC 92200 et seq. of the California Education Code, enclosed is the report of UC College of the Law, San Francisco to the Legislature and Assembly Select Committee on Native American Affairs on the progress of effectuating AB 1936, including the College's name change and the various initiatives outlined in the bill.

If you have any questions, Jenny Kwon, Assistant Chancellor & Dean/Chief of Staff, would be pleased to speak with you. Jenny can be reached by telephone at (415) 565-4627, or by email at [kwonjenny@uclawsf.edu](mailto:kwonjenny@uclawsf.edu).

Best regards,

David L. Faigman  
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Enclosure

cc: Assembly Member James Ramos, Chair, Select Committee on Native American Affairs  
Assembly Budget Committee, Chair, Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel  
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, Chair, Senator Scott Weiner  
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #1, Chair, Senator John Laird  
Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3, Chair, Assembly Member David Alvarez  
Governor's Tribal Affairs Secretary Christina Snider-Ashtari  
Governor's Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretary Ben Chida  
Senate Judiciary Committee, Chair, Senator Tom Umberg  
Ms. Linda Sacks, Senior Consultant to the California Native American Caucus  
Ms. Sue Parker, Chief Clerk, Office of the Chief Clerk of the Assembly  
Ms. Erika Contreras, Secretary of the Senate  
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Mr. Ian Klein, Legislative Analyst Office  
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2025 California Annual Report  
Assembly Bill 1936  
August 20, 2025

I. Introduction and Background

In 2017, Chancellor & Dean David Faigman convened a committee to study the actions of its founder, Serranus Hastings, and his involvement in mass killings of Native Americans, particularly of the Round Valley Indian Tribes (RVIT) and Yuki People (also known as the Witukomno'm People of Eden Valley and Powe' N'om). As a result of this study and after several hearings with affected Indigenous People, alumni, students, staff, and faculty, in the fall of 2021, the College's Board of Directors voted to rename the school. In July 2022, the Board unanimously chose University of California College of the Law, San Francisco as its new name. This was followed by a vote by the state Legislature that overwhelmingly approved [Assembly Bill 1936](#), authored by Assembly Member James C. Ramos (D-San Bernadino), that changed the state Education Code to adopt the College's new name. On September 23, 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 1936 into law. AB 1936 became effective on January 1, 2023, as Chapter 478, Statutes of 2022.

II. Progress on Name Change

As of July 2025, the College is fully rebranded as UC Law San Francisco. The College implemented additional communications strategies in FY25 to ensure that awareness of the name change reached all audiences relevant to the College, including institutions of higher education, government offices, judges, and potential employers nationwide.

III. Progress on Restorative Justice Initiatives

The College continues to commit time and resources to various restorative justice initiatives wherever applicable and appropriate. Chancellor & Dean Faigman's [Restorative Justice Advisory Board](#) continues to meet regularly on the status of initiatives where forward progress is possible. In June 2025, College leaders met in person with the new sitting President, Joseph Parker, members of the Tribal Council, and Tribal Business Administrator, Jim Russ (also former RVIT President, and President during the time of the College's initial outreach many years ago and through the signing of AB 1936) at the Round Valley Indian Tribes administrative building in Covelo, CA. The College is discussing hosting a meeting of the Tribal Council in San Francisco in Fall 2025.

The College remains committed to proceeding with initiatives where there is mutual interest and engagement.

Highlights of this year's key accomplishments are outlined below:

- The College continued to successfully fund summer law fellows to offer pro bono legal support to California tribes. The College funded two 2025 Summer Fellows, and funding for up to four 2026 Summer Fellows is in progress. Summer fellows work full-time with various legal organizations and judges in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties, offering pro bono legal support to members of California tribes, with prioritization wherever possible for any cases involving RVIT members. Summer 2025 placements included the following:
  - Legal Services of Northern California, Ukiah
  - Chambers of Judge Joseph Wiseman (Tribal Judge for RVIT)
- In 2023, the College connected with attorneys at McDermott Will & Emery LLP through an alum. As of May 2025, RVIT continues to consider their pro bono offer.

- The College continues to offer the Native American Opportunity Plan, a \$13,000 scholarship to any incoming student who has established California residency and is also a member of a federally recognized Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native tribe. The amount of the scholarship matches a similar award offered by the UC and is equivalent to the cost of UC tuition and fees. The College welcomes applicants to UC Law SF from RVIT. The admissions team is actively reviewing any existing applications who may qualify, and is prepared to discuss questions with eligible applicants.
- Led by Director and Professor Jo Carrillo, the College's Indigenous Law Center continues to be active in its programming and scholarly efforts. This year, Professor Carrillo served on a master thesis committee at the invitation of the Cal Poly Humboldt Natural Resources Department; pursuant to a Tribal Data Sovereignty Agreement, the student researcher (Alyssa Suarez) collected and analyzed data for the Yurok Tribe but under the direction of her thesis committee. Professor Carrillo and Professor Jennifer Marlow, of Cal Poly Humboldt and a member of the master's thesis committee, are now producing a data analysis report for the Yurok Tribe.
- This year, the College connected with Superintendent of the Round Valley Unified School District Stephanie Steffano-Davis and Principal Amanda Derby of Round Valley High School to discuss and establish a scholarship to support graduates of Round Valley High School in attaining their educational goals. The College successfully established a quasi-endowment with a capitalization of \$250,000, with the intention of spending 4% annually (\$10,000) towards scholarship awards. An MOU establishing the parameters for the scholarship was signed at Round Valley High School on June 18, 2025. Round Valley Unified School District will establish an awards committee that will manage the selection of awardee(s) starting in spring 2026. Awards can go towards any qualified postsecondary institution.
- The College and Round Valley High School are continuing to discuss establishing a Moot Court Program between Round Valley students and UC Law SF students. The College would need funding for such a program, but would help fundraise where possible.
- The College has maintained relationships with Yuki members of RVIT over the years. Although no members of the tribe have been admitted to the College since the initial outreach in 2017, College leadership has advised individual members on educational attainment wherever possible. In particular, the Medel family has remained in close contact with College leadership since first meeting in 2019, introducing them to the many generations of their family members. One of their family members, a rising junior at UC Irvine, has had an interest in law school since high school. For the summer of 2025, the College was able to arrange for her to join two other undergraduate summer interns to support various College efforts, including the Communications Office and the California Institute on Law, Neuroscience and Education. Another family member has shown interest in our Master of Legal Studies (MLS) program, attending an info session for the program.

#### IV. Name Change Costs to Date

The Budget Act of 2022 included a one-time appropriation of \$885,000 for costs associated with the new name of the College. A total of about \$3,620,000 has been allocated for the name change thus far. Below is a summary of expenses for FY25 to effectuate the name change.

<b>FY25</b>					
<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Encumbrances</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Balance</b>
CONTRACT-OTHER	278,760	253,654	-	253,654	25,106
LEGAL SERVICES	8,483	586	-	586	7,897
<b>FY 25 TOTAL</b>	<b>287,243</b>	<b>254,240</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>254,240</b>	<b>33,003</b>

In 2023 several of Serranus Hastings' descendants and a small group of alumni filed a lawsuit challenging the name change. The College moved from fee-based representation to pro bono representation in Fall 2023, thus capping its litigation costs for the time being. On February 6, 2024, the Superior Court of California granted the College's and the State's demurrers on all counts. The plaintiffs appealed, and arguments have been heard by the California Court of Appeal, but it has not issued a decision yet.

#### V. Restorative Justice Initiatives Allocations for FY25

The following funding was allocated in FY25 for the work of the Indigenous Law Center.

<b>FY25</b>					
<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Encumbrances</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Balance</b>
ILC Faculty and Scholars: Regular Faculty Salaries	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.01	\$ -	\$ 25,000.01	\$ (0.01)
ILC Faculty and Scholars: Benefits	\$ 600.00	\$ 599.97	\$ -	\$ 599.97	\$ 0.03
Student Employees	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
Travel	\$ 6,712.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,712.00
Events, Entertainment Meetings	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Stipends	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.04	\$ -	\$ 20,000.04	\$ (0.04)
Benefit Provision	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,399.96	\$ -	\$ 6,399.96	\$ 0.04
Contracted Temporary Help Wages	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Consultant	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Books, Periodicals	\$ 500.00	\$ 454.05	\$ -	\$ 454.05	\$ 45.95
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 972.40	\$ -	\$ 972.40	\$ (972.40)
<b>FY25 Total:</b>	<b>\$ 84,212.00</b>	<b>\$ 53,426.43</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 53,426.43</b>	<b>\$ 30,785.57</b>

Additionally, the following funding was allocated in FY25 for restorative justice efforts via the College's fundraising efforts:

<b><u>FY25 Allocations</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Restorative Justice Summer Fellowships	\$24,000
RVIT meetings and travel expenses	\$3,000
UC Law SF Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)	250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$277,000</b>

#### VI. Plans for Ongoing Efforts

The College remains committed to a long-term relationship with RVIT and their Yuki Committee and looks forward to mutual engagement on various initiatives.