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Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón
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Re: Annual Report on Name Change and Restorative Justice Initiatives

Dear Senate President pro Tempore Limón 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.

Best regards,

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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 Subcommittee #1, Chair, Senator John Laird
Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3, Chair, Assembly Member David Alvarez
Governor's Tribal Affairs Secretary Christina Snider-Ashtari
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2026 California Annual Report
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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. As of July 2025, the College is fully rebranded as UC Law San Francisco.

II. 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 remains in communication with RVIT Tribal leaders, as well as their Yuki Committee Liaison Jeremy Gravier on ongoing meetings and efforts.

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:

- In Spring 2026, the College engaged with Abigail Blue, an experienced grant-writing consultant to research and help facilitate grant opportunities that would benefit the RVIT community. Her initial grant recommendations have been shared with tribal leaders.
- College representatives were present in Covelo for the Round Valley High School Senior Brunch on June 11, 2026, where the first two recipients of the Ka Mees Tatk UC Law San Francisco Scholarship were announced and celebrated. One recipient will be starting at UC Berkeley, and the second will be starting at UC Davis. The funds will support graduates of Round Valley High School in attaining their postsecondary educational goals. The scholarship comes after a year of collaboration with Superintendent of the Round Valley Unified School District Stephanie Steffano-Davis and Principal Amanda Derby of Round Valley High School, and after 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.
- The College continued to successfully fund summer law fellows to offer pro bono legal support to California tribes. The College funded two 2026 Summer Fellows, and funding for up to four

2027 Summer Fellows is in progress. Each summer, fellows receive a \$6,000 stipend for their work. 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 placement options include, but are not limited to:

- Legal Services of Northern California, Ukiah
 - Chambers of Judge Joseph Wiseman (Tribal Judge for RVIT)
 - California Tribal Families Coalition
 - Superior Court of Mendocino County's Self-Help Center
- In 2023, the College connected with attorneys at McDermott Will & Emery LLP through an alum. As of May 2026, 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 (ILC) continues to be active in its programming and scholarly efforts. Professor Carrillo is building a curriculum on previous seminars that she co-taught with RVIT lawyer Curtis Berkey on the topic of increasing access to land for Indigenous Peoples. In Fall 2025, Professor Carrillo prepared a curriculum for the first ever California-specific seminar on Land Back. To link research and practice, she invited Alma Soongi Beck, a partner at Latham GPM, to join in the seminar discussion on a weekly basis. She continues to make connections across the state in an effort to link research and practice. She served as an expert witness on a California Racial Justice Act case involving a Native American criminal defendant. She continues to work with academic researchers in fields related to the academic mission of the ILC. For example, she convened a Family Law Works-in-Progress Conference that brought together law professors who write in the field of family law and who have worked in or expressed an interest in the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Professor Carrillo continues her partnership with Cal Poly Humboldt Professor and attorney Jennifer Marlow on research related to Indigenous sovereignty over and care of California coastal areas. She, Professor Marlow, and Alyssa Suarez (who work in land use) offered a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) session to the Santa Clara Environmental Bar Association on the topic of offshore wind development and Tribal sovereignty. Professor Carrillo organized a group of historians to present a panel the history on California Indian Country at the 2026 Western History Association Conference. Finally, Professor Carrillo helped organize and continues her involvement with establishing a legal think tank to discuss issues of concern to California Indigenous Peoples. This group, which currently is comprised of academics, Tribal leaders, lawyers, law students, and graduate students, convenes on a weekly basis to discuss current issues on California Indian Law.
- 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 continues to meet with and discuss various efforts with Round Valley Indian Tribes Yuki Liaison Jeremy Gravier. We are appreciative of his ongoing efforts to engage with the school and discuss productive ways of partnership together.

- 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. The College also helped her attain a summer internship for the summer of 2026. Another Medel family member has shown interest in our Master of Legal Studies (MLS) program, attending an info session for the program.

III. Restorative Justice Initiatives Allocations for FY26

The following funding was allocated for FY26 for the work of the Indigenous Law Center.

FY26					
Description	Budget	Actuals	Encumbrances	Total Cost	Balance
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
Stipends	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,333.37	\$ -	\$ 18,333.37	\$ 1,666.63
Benefits Provision	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 5,866.63	\$ -	\$ 5,866.63	\$ 533.37
Consultants	\$ 247.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 247.00
Contracted Temporary Help Wages	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00
Travel	\$ 7,965.00	\$ 1,252.06	\$ -	\$ 1,252.06	\$ 0.94
Events, Entertainment Meetings	\$ 25,625.00	\$ 1,245.16	\$ -	\$ 1,245.16	\$ 2,379.84
FY26 Total:	\$ 87,837.00	\$ 52,297.20	\$ -	\$ 52,297.20	\$ 6,827.80

Additionally, the following funding was allocated for FY26 for other restorative justice efforts:

<u>FY26 Allocations</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Restorative Justice Summer Fellowships	\$24,000
RVIT meetings and travel expenses	\$2,000
UC Law SF Ka Mees Tatk Scholarship Fund expected endowment payout	10,000
Grant Consultant	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$51,000

IV. 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.