

# Accreditation

The Colleges of Law is regionally accredited by the [Western Association of Schools & Colleges Senior College and University Commission](#) (WSCUC). [Learn more about our accreditation achievement.](#)

For more than 30 years, our Juris Doctor program has also been accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the [State Bar of California](#). The law school is accredited as a single institution with two campuses, in Santa Barbara and Ventura. COL's degree-granting authority, in connection with its JD students' qualifications to take the California Bar Examination and obtain admission to practice law in California, is based upon its accreditation by the Committee of Bar Examiners.

In keeping with its mission to offer legal education that emphasizes both academic excellence and accessibility, The Colleges of Law has not sought accreditation from the American Bar Association. See below for important information on admission to law practice. Students who attend the Colleges of Law, other than J.D. students admitted in the category of "[special students](#)," are not required by the State Bar to sit for the First Year Law Students' Examination.

## Admission to Practice Law

### Admission to practice law in California

Juris Doctor graduates of the Colleges of Law are academically qualified to sit for the California Bar Examination. Admission to practice law within California is governed by the Office of Admissions of the State Bar. All J.D. students must register with that office; forms are available at the State Bar [website](#). In addition to meeting the academic requirements to sit for the California bar, students must also comply with the "Rules Regulating Admission to Practice Law in California;" copies may be obtained from the [State Bar](#). Additional information about State Bar requirements is contained in the Colleges' [General Catalog](#).

### Admission to practice law outside California

Juris Doctor applicants who wish to practice law in states other than California should be aware that most states require graduation from a law school approved or accredited by the American Bar Association or approved or accredited by the state supreme court or examining committee as a prerequisite to taking the bar examination in that state.

Study at, or graduation from, this law school may not qualify a student to take the bar examination or be admitted to practice in jurisdictions other than California. A student who intends to seek admission to practice outside of California should contact the admitting authority in that jurisdiction for information regarding its education and admission requirements.

## California Bar Exam

At the Colleges of Law, our J.D. graduates are academically qualified to sit for the California Bar Examination. But more than that, our students have completed a J.D. program specifically designed to enable them to develop what the Bar Examination demands - a solid grasp of legal fundamentals, strong writing ability, and excellent time-management skills.

Our required curriculum covers all subjects tested on the California Bar Examination, from Torts, Contracts and Criminal Law in First Year through Criminal Procedure in Fourth Year. We build writing

skills with a series of courses that cover both predictive and persuasive writing, including Legal Analysis, Legal Writing, and Advanced Legal Writing. During Fourth Year, students take Bar Studies, an innovative course that helps each student to create an effective, individualized approach for Bar Exam study. Then, we offer a customized, extended program of Bar Exam preparation in conjunction with the premier bar review provider, BARBRI.

Information about the California Bar Examination pass rates of graduates of this law school and others can be found on the State Bar website "[Statistics](#)" page. Graduates of the Colleges of Law J.D. program frequently outperform the average bar pass rate for graduates of California-accredited law schools.

## Colleges of Law Website Privacy Statement

This statement describes the privacy policy of Colleges of Law ("Colleges of Law") for its website located at [www.collegesoflaw.edu](http://www.collegesoflaw.edu) ("collegesoflaw.edu"). "You" in this policy means you personally. This policy applies only to [www.collegesoflaw.edu](http://www.collegesoflaw.edu). Please note:

1. This privacy policy does not apply to (1) Colleges of Law's practices for collecting information offline or from sites other than collegesoflaw.edu or (2) Colleges of Law's use or dissemination of information gathered offline or from sites other than collegesoflaw.edu (even if that information is identical to the information gathered on collegesoflaw.edu).
2. If you visit other Colleges of Law sites or other sites linked to collegesoflaw.edu the privacy policy of collegesoflaw.edu will not control the practices for gathering information on those other sites.
3. Also, Colleges of Law reserves the right to update this policy at any time without notice, so we suggest that you regularly review it.

### **What information is collected on collegesoflaw.edu?**

#### *Personal Information*

When you visit collegesoflaw.edu, we may ask you to provide personal information in connection with various opportunities and activities available at collegesoflaw.edu. By "personal information," we mean information that is (a) collected in the course of your use of collegesoflaw.edu and (b) identifiable to you or that allows you to be identified. Personal information requested might include, for example, your name, email address, telephone number or, where identifiable to you, other information such as your zip code, fax number, employer, place of employment or title. If you desire to review or correct the personal information that you provide, please contact us at the email address provided below. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, please note that ideas, proposals, inventions, product and/or service modifications, methodologies, suggestions or similar communications are not treated as private or confidential under this Privacy Statement.

#### **Automatic or Navigational Information**

When you visit collegesoflaw.edu, we may capture certain information automatically (even if you do not voluntarily provide us with personal information, or in addition to personal information that you do provide), including your Internet protocol address, browser type, time and date of access and pages

accessed, linking information, click stream, page visits, page views, web site log files. If such navigational information becomes identifiable to you, it will be deemed personal information. We reserve the right to match navigational information with personal information and thereby to transform such navigational information into personal information. Navigational information that is transformed into personal information will be used for the purposes identified in this policy.

### **How does Colleges of Law use information collected on collegesoflaw.edu?**

We generally use personal information collected on collegesoflaw.edu for the following purposes: to advise you of opportunities available on our site or elsewhere, to respond to requests for information about events or opportunities, to provide information about the proper use or misuse of collegesoflaw.edu; to provide you with an opportunity to register for certain services, programs, events and associations; to provide you with an opportunity to apply for certain jobs; to process technical or administrative issues or to communicate regarding those issues; to conduct research and surveys; to provide other information that might be of interest to you; to improve or otherwise adjust our services; and to provide to third parties anonymous information regarding our educational services and community generally.

### **What about cookies?**

A cookie is a small text file that a website places on your computer's hard drive that allows the website's server to keep track of and facilitate certain activities on the site. You may be able to program your browser to reject cookies or to notify you when they are going to be placed on your computer. Cookies help provide information to us about how users are using collegesoflaw.edu. Among other purposes, we may use cookies to collect information about how visitors use collegesoflaw.edu and what pages and features visitors find more or less interesting, to make it easier for you as a user to log in, or to make visits to collegesoflaw.edu otherwise more efficient. We use information that we obtain by cookies in accordance with the terms of this policy.

### **Under what circumstances does Colleges of Law disclose or transfer personal information to others?**

We transfer to third parties and/or release to the public certain aggregate information (for example about the visiting habits of our visitors generally or of groups of our visitors), but that information will not contain information that identifies you and therefore is not personal information. There are circumstances where we will transfer and/or disclose to third parties personal information. Those circumstances are as follows, except as may be limited by applicable law:

*Subsidiaries and Affiliates.* Colleges of Law will transfer personal information to any subsidiaries and corporate affiliates.

*Colleges of Law Consultants and Service Providers.* Colleges of Law may disclose personal information to third party consultants and service providers (such as providers of hosting and support services) to the extent that they require access to our databases, or the information contained in our databases, to service Colleges of Law and collegesoflaw.edu.

*Colleges of Law's Security.* Colleges of Law reserves the right to release personal information when we believe that the law requires us to do so or when we believe it is necessary to protect and/or enforce the rights, property interests, or safety of Colleges of Law, our users collegesoflaw.edu or others.

*Reorganization or Sale of Colleges of Law.* In the event that Colleges of Law is merged with or becomes part of another organization, or in the event that Colleges of Law is sold or it sells all or substantially all of its assets, the information you provide will be one of the transferred assets.

*Modification of Privacy Policy.* We may also transfer information to third parties if we amend our privacy policy in accordance with the provisions below and disclose to whom and how we intend to make such a disclosure.

*As Otherwise Allowed by Law.* We may transfer personal information to third parties where, notwithstanding this policy, we are expressly authorized by applicable law to do so.

*Third Party Advertising.* We partner with third-party advertising companies to deliver offers that are relevant to your interests based on what you've viewed on our site. We do not provide any personally identifiable customer information to these advertisers. These companies may utilize certain technologies including cookies, Javascript, Pixel Tags and other technologies to deliver advertisements and marketing messages and to collect anonymous information about your visits to our site and other sites. If you would like more information about this practice or to opt out of having this information used by companies that are part of the Network Advertising Initiative

visit:[http://www.networkadvertising.org/managing/opt\\_out.asp](http://www.networkadvertising.org/managing/opt_out.asp). If you choose to opt out, you will still see ads from us but those ads may not be relevant to your interests.

### **How do you keep my information secure?**

Although we cannot guarantee impenetrability of our servers, we have attempted to establish and implement reasonable physical, electronic, and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the information we collect online. In the event that our security system is breached, we will attempt to notify you as soon as possible.

### **Changes and Updates to the Privacy Policy**

Changes to this Privacy Policy will be posted on collegesoflaw.edu. Please check the policy periodically for changes. At the end of the policy we indicate the date of an update to the Privacy Policy. It is your obligation to review the Website periodically to review those changes.

### **Who do I contact if I have questions?**

If you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding this Privacy Statement or Colleges of Law's privacy practices at collegesoflaw.edu, please contact the [Service Desk](#) at 800-747-8367 or 312-467-8600.

## Terms and Conditions of Use

### PLEASE READ THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THIS SITE.

1. Introduction and Agreement to Be Bound. This website is operated by Colleges of Law ("Colleges of Law"). These Terms and Conditions govern collegesoflaw.com (the "Website") and you agree to the Terms and Conditions by using the Website
2. Modification of Terms. Colleges of Law reserves the right to modify these Terms and Conditions at any time. You will be responsible for reviewing and complying with these Terms and Conditions periodically in the event that they are modified.
3. Privacy Policy. By using this site and agreeing to the Terms and Conditions, you also consent to the collection, use and disclosure of information as set forth in Colleges of Law Website Privacy Statement, which you understand may be modified from time to time.
4. License. Colleges of Law grants you a limited, revocable, non-exclusive license (i) to access the Website, and (ii) while accessing the Website, to view Materials displayed on the Website for your personal internal business use, and for no other purpose. You are also granted a limited non-exclusive license to print a copy of any portion of the contents of the Website for your personal internal use and no other purpose. Before making copies of downloadable items, you will destroy existing copies of such items in your possession or control. For purposes of these User Terms, "Materials" means any text, data compilations, photographs, software, data instruction packets, graphics, illustrations, artwork, video, music, sound, and any other contents of the Website.
5. Intellectual Property.

*Copyright.* Colleges of Law retains all right, title and interest on behalf of itself and (where applicable) its third party suppliers and/or business partners to Materials. You acknowledge and agree that ownership of Materials resides in Colleges of Law, and agree not to challenge, directly or indirectly, Colleges of Law's ownership (or that of its suppliers and/or business partners) in and to the Materials. You agree to indemnify and hold Colleges of Law harmless from any unauthorized use of the Materials by you or caused by you. The Materials are protected by copyright and/or other laws in both the United States and elsewhere.

*Trademarks.* You acknowledge and agree that any name, logo, trademark, or servicemark contained on this Website is owned or licensed by Colleges of Law or our suppliers and/or business partners and may not be used by you without prior written approval. Nothing contained on this Website should be construed as granting, by implication, estoppel, or otherwise, any license or right to use any trademark displayed on this Website without the written permission of Colleges of Law or such third party that may own the Trademark displayed on this Website. Your use of any of these materials is prohibited unless specifically

provided for on this Website. Any unauthorized use of these materials may subject you to penalties or damages, including but not limited to those related to violation of trademarks, copyrights, privacy, and publicity rights.

6. Prohibited Conduct. Except as permitted under the Terms and Conditions or where a prohibition is contrary to applicable law, copying, storing, displaying, reproducing, distributing, marketing, selling, licensing, sublicensing, publishing or creating derivative works of any Materials is expressly prohibited without the prior written permission from Colleges of Law or the copyright holder identified in the individual contents copyright notice. You agree that the Materials may not be reverse engineered, disassembled, decompiled, or retransmitted in any way through any medium or otherwise translated into any language or computer language. You will not use the Materials or collegesoflaw.com in any manner that violates the law or the rights of any other person. You agree that you will not use any robot, spider, or other such programmatic or automatic device, including but not limited to automated dial-in or inquiry devices, to obtain information from this Website or otherwise monitor or copy the Materials. You are expressly prohibited from framing or linking or otherwise using or displaying the Website in such a manner so that it appears to be part of your own or someone else's website. You shall not deep link to any page on the Website or otherwise link in a manner that bypasses the Website home page. You agree not to propose ideas, concepts, methods or techniques for new or proposed services or products through the Website. By doing so, you hereby grant to Company a perpetual, worldwide, irrevocable, unrestricted, non-exclusive, royalty free license to use the content of such communication in any manner whatsoever.

7. Submissions. Any ideas, copy, proposals, inventions, product and/or service modifications, methodologies, suggestions or similar communications you transmit to the Website by electronic mail or otherwise is, and will be treated as, nonconfidential and nonproprietary. Any such materials becomes the property of Colleges of Law and may be used for any purpose, including, but not limited to, reproduction, disclosure, transmission, publication, broadcast and posting. Furthermore, Colleges of Law is free to use any ideas, concepts, know-how, or techniques contained in any communication you send to the Site for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, developing, manufacturing and marketing products using such information.

8. Disclaimer. THE WEBSITE AND THE MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED TO YOU ON AN "AS IS" BASIS, WITH ALL FAULTS AND WITHOUT ANY WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED. Colleges of Law AND ITS SUPPLIERS, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WARRANTIES OF TITLE, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, MERCHANTABILITY AND NON-INFRINGEMENT OF PROPRIETARY OR THIRD PARTY RIGHTS. Colleges of Law AND ITS SUPPLIERS MAKE NO WARRANTIES TO YOU ABOUT OR FOR THE ACCURACY, RELIABILITY, COMPLETENESS, OR TIMELINESS OF THE WEBSITE OR THE MATERIALS OR ABOUT OR FOR THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS, SOFTWARE AND FUNCTIONS MADE ACCESSIBLE BY OR THROUGH THE WEBSITE OR THE MATERIALS, OR ABOUT OR FOR ANY SECURITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSMISSION OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION. Colleges of Law DOES NOT WARRANT TO YOU THAT THE WEBSITE OR THE MATERIALS WILL OPERATE ERROR-FREE, THAT LOSS OF DATA WILL NOT OCCUR, OR THAT THE MATERIALS OR THE WEBSITE SERVERS ARE FREE OF COMPUTER VIRUSES, CONTAMINANTS OR OTHER HARMFUL ITEMS. IF YOUR USE OF THE WEBSITE OR THE

MATERIALS RESULTS IN THE NEED FOR SERVICING OR REPLACING EQUIPMENT OR DATA, Colleges of Law IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE COSTS.

9. Limitation of Liability. YOUR USE OF THE WEBSITE AND THE MATERIALS IS AT YOUR OWN RISK. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, SHALL Colleges of Law AND/OR ITS SUPPLIERS BE LIABLE TO YOU FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGES WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOSS OR DAMAGES FOR WORK STOPPAGE OR INTERRUPTION, FOR LIABILITY OR INJURY TO THIRD PERSONS, OR FOR ECONOMIC, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY DAMAGES FOR ANY LOSS OF BUSINESS, DATA, GOODWILL, PROFITS, SAVINGS, OR SOFTWARE) RESULTING IN ANY WAY FROM YOUR OR ANY OTHER PERSON'S USE OR INABILITY TO USE THE WEBSITE OR THE MATERIALS, WHETHER BASED ON WARRANTY, CONTRACT, TORT, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL THEORY, AND WHETHER OR NOT Colleges of Law IS ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

10. Third Party Sites. THE WEBSITE MAY CONTAIN LINKS TO THIRD PARTY WEBSITES, BUT SUCH LINKS ARE PROVIDED SOLELY AS A CONVENIENCE TO YOU. Colleges of Law IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF LINKED THIRD-PARTY SITES AND DOES NOT ENDORSE, SUPPORT, OR MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING THE CONTENT OR ACCURACY OF MATERIALS ON SUCH THIRD-PARTY WEB SITES. IF YOU DECIDE TO ACCESS LINKED THIRD-PARTY WEBSITES, YOU DO SO AT YOUR OWN RISK.

11. Indemnification. You agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Colleges of Law, its parents, affiliates and subsidiaries and their officers, directors, employees and agents, from and against any claims, actions or demands, including without limitation reasonable legal and accounting fees, alleging or resulting from your negligence or from your breach of the Terms and Conditions.

12. Dispute Resolution. The Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Illinois without regard to the conflicts of laws principles thereof. In the event of litigation, the parties agree to submit irrevocably to the state and federal courts located in Cook County, Illinois and to raise no objections to the venue of such courts. The parties agree that in the event of any suit or proceeding brought by one party against the other, the party prevailing therein shall be entitled to payment from the other party hereto of its reasonable attorney's fees.

13. Severability. If any provision of the Terms and Conditions is found to be invalid by any court or tribunal having competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such provision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the Terms and Conditions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

14. Waiver. No waiver of any term of the Terms and Conditions shall be deemed a further or continuing waiver of such term or any other term.

15. Assignment. Colleges of Law may assign its rights and duties under the Terms and Conditions to any party at any time without notice to you. Your rights and duties under the Terms and Conditions are not assignable by you without consent of Colleges of Law.

16. Termination. Colleges of Law may terminate your use or rights to access to any or all portions of the Terms and Conditions and the Materials for any reason or no reason at all. Paragraphs 5-16 and any section which by its terms and nature are meant to survive termination of the Terms and Conditions, shall survive its termination.

(last changed/updated: October 26, 2011)