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Re: Annual Report on AB 1936 Name Change Process 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.

Best regards,

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Enclosure

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2024 California Annual Report
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I. Introduction

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 to Date on Name Change

In 2022, in preparation for a name change, the College established a Name Change Committee to assess every existing iteration of the old name, including in physical format, formal records, and virtual spaces. This work included assessing all internal and external signage, bank account records, property titles, the names of student organizations, email addresses, website content and URLs, all logos and branding marks, Department of Education information, accreditation data, USCIS visa information, admissions materials, and much more. As of May 2024, minus a couple final details in progress, all necessary items have been updated with the new name and/or new branded assets for UC Law San Francisco (see Appendix A attached for status of workflow as of May 2024 and select photos in Appendix B). The College continues to implement a communications strategy to ensure that awareness of the name change reaches all audiences relevant to the College, including institutions of higher education, government offices, judges, and potential employers nationwide.

III. Progress to Date on Restorative Justice Initiatives

The College continues to commit time and resources to various restorative justice initiatives wherever possible and appropriate. Chancellor & Dean Faigman's [Restorative Justice Advisory Board](#) continues to meet regularly about the status of initiatives where forward progress is possible. College leaders are in contact with the new sitting President, Lewis ("Bill") Whipple, and their 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). The College tracked the RVIT Tribal Council elections in November 2022, and then a recall and subsequent vote of a few new councilmembers in June 2023. The College reached out on hearing the results of a final vote and, in September 2023, had a Zoom meeting with its Tribal Council and their officers, including with the then newly hired RVIT Tribal Business Administrator Jim Russ. In that meeting, College leaders offered to discuss any of the content in the 2023 Annual Report of AB 1936, which was provided to them in advance. College leaders fielded several questions from the council about the initiatives and encouraged them to reach out for future meetings.

In April 2024, the College reached out to the Tribal Council President Bill Whipple and RVIT Tribal Business Administrator Jim Russ offering to schedule another meeting to check in on any interests of the Tribal Council. Tribal Council is determining a good date in Fall 2024 for a meeting.

The College remains committed to moving forward on whatever initiatives where there is mutual interest and engagement. See Appendix C for a status report on all of the 26 initiatives outlined in AB 1936.

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. Funding for four 2024 Summer Fellows has been secured, and funding for at least four 2025 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 2024 placements will include the following:
 - California Tribal Families Coalition
 - Chambers of Tribal Judge Joseph Wiseman
 - Legal Services of Northern California, Ukiah office
 - Superior Court of Mendocino County's Self-Help Center
- In 2023, the College connected with attorneys at McDermott Will & Emery LLP through an alum. The law firm agreed to offer pro bono legal support within the scope of their expertise to tribal communities partnering with the College. The College introduced the attorneys with the then new RVIT Tribal Business Administrator Jim Russ and the Ramaytush Ohlone President Dr. Jonathan Cordero. McDermott Will & Emery has since successfully represented the Ramaytush Ohlone Association on some legal matters. As of April 2024, the RVIT Tribal Business Administrator was again introduced to the law firm and the Tribal Council is now considering 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 a federally recognized Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native tribe. The amount of the scholarship matches a similar scholarship 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 reviewing any existing applicants who may qualify, and is ready to discuss questions with individual applicants.
- Led by Director and Professor Jo Carrillo, the College's Indigenous Law Center is extremely active in its programming and scholarly efforts. We were fortunate to have Benjamin Madley, Professor of History at UCLA, serve as the 2023-2024 Visiting Professor for the ILC. Professors Madley and Carrillo have enlisted the help of approximately twenty scholars, the majority of whom are members of California tribes, to produce an edited volume on legal and legal-historical issues of concern to California Indigenous governments and communities. Professor Carrillo produced an ILC video about Professor Madley's book, *An American Genocide: The United States and the California Indian Catastrophe, 1846-1873*; the video, called *A Conversation with Benjamin Madley*, will play in the 200 McAllister Lobby as well as on the ILC website. The ILC video acknowledges the historical traumas suffered by the Yuki people by teaching viewers about early California statehood history and the research methodologies that are used to understand and narrate the campaigns of violence that were directed against Indigenous peoples. Professor Carrillo was invited by the Yurok Tribal Council to present a paper at the Tribal Offshore Wind Summit Conference in January 2024. Her paper will be shared with both the Yurok Tribal Council and with Governor Newsom's Tribal Advisor. Professor Carrillo and Alma Soongi Beck will present a panel on Land Back at the Jerry A. Kasner Estate Planning Symposium, which is the West Coast venue for trusts and estates lawyers. The presentation will provide attendees MCLE credit to understand implicit bias in the field, and it will present practical advice to lawyers, trustees, and donors whose clients would like to make transfers of land to California tribal governments and Indigenous

nonprofit organizations. Professor Carrillo is working with scholars to advise graduate students at Cal Poly Humboldt on research related to the Tribal Offshore Wind issue. Finally, the ILC Law & Series included a Spring 2024 seminar on International and Comparative Indigenous Rights.

- The College has successfully connected with Principal Amanda Derby of Round Valley High School. We are scheduling meetings this summer to further the discussion around mutual interest in 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.

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. The College augmented this amount by \$1.9 million for legal and other related expenses for Fiscal Year 2023. The College additionally augmented the appropriation by \$550,000 for Fiscal Year 2024 for remaining signage, communications needs, and other expenses. A total of \$3,335,000 has been allocated for the name change thus far. Below is a summary of expenses for FY23 and FY24 as of May 20, 2024 to effectuate the name change, including across physical and virtual spaces. Costs are well above the \$885,000 appropriation.

FY 23

Description	Budget	Actuals	Encumbrances	Total Cost	Balance
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	-	24	-	24	(24)
CONTRACT-OTHER	1,085,000	807,481	254,594	1,062,074	22,926
PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	-	2,841	-	2,841	(2,841)
LEGAL SERVICES	1,700,000	1,171,425	529,021	1,700,446	(446)
EVENTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND MEETINGS	-	4,542	-	4,542	(4,542)
FY 23 TOTAL	2,785,000	1,986,312	783,615	2,769,927	15,073

FY24

Description	Budget	Actuals	Encumbrances	Total Cost	Balance
CONTRACT-OTHER	500,000	348,150	288,485	636,635	(136,635)
LEGAL SERVICES	50,000	28,841	8,483	37,324	12,676
FY 24 TOTAL	550,000	376,991	296,968	673,959	(123,959)

TOTAL FY23 & FY24 NAME CHANGE EXPENSES	3,335,000	2,363,303	1,080,583	3,443,886	(108,886)
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The vast majority of the legal costs were in FY 23, resulting from litigation filed by several of Serranus Hastings' descendants (not including the representative of the Hastings family sitting on the board until the expiration of his term) and a small group of alumni. FY 23 legal costs exceeded \$1.17 million. The College moved from fee-based representation pro bono representation in Fall 2023, thus likely capping its litigation costs. On February 6, 2024, the Superior Court of California granted the College's and the State's demurrers on all counts. The plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal, but that proceeding has not yet been calendared.

Given the cost of the litigation, the College prioritized initial spending of the \$885,000 appropriation on new branding logos/marks and email and website transitions. Crucial communications outreach remains, totaling about \$500,000. The College is in negotiations with its insurance carrier over the portion of its legal costs the insurer will cover.

V. Restorative Justice Initiatives Allocations to Date

The College did not receive any appropriations for the restorative justice efforts indicated in AB 1936. That said, since the start of the College's relationship in 2017, the College has supported RVIT in a variety of ways using internal staffing resources, fundraising efforts, grants, and networking connections.

The Indigenous Law Center was established in Fall 2020 and, as referenced above, continues to support the restorative justice efforts indicated in AB 1936 that fall under its scope and mission, including sponsoring visiting scholars and speakers in Indigenous law. The following funding has been allocated between FY21 and FY24 for the work of the Indigenous Law Center.

FY21						
Description	Budget	Actuals	Encumbrances	Total Cost	Balance	
Stipends	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0	
Benefit Provision	3,200	3,259	0	3,259	-59	
Student Employment	3,250	254	0	254	2,996	
Consultant	2,950	0	0	0	2,950	
Books, Periodicals	100	87	0	87	-13	
Awards/Honorarium/Gifts	1,200	1,200	0	1,200	0	
FY21 TOTAL	20,700	14,799	0	14,799	5,874	
FY22						
Description	Budget	Actuals	Encumbrances	Total Cost	Balance	
Stipends	25,000	20,000	0	20,000	5,000	
Benefit Provision	6,520	6,400	0	6,400	120	
Student Employment	2,000	258	0	258	1,742	
Consultant	0	0	0	0	0	
Books, Periodicals	380	454	0	454	74	
Awards/Honorarium/Gifts	0	0	0	0	0	
FY22 TOTAL	33,900	27,112	0	27,112	6,936	
FY23						
Description	Budget	Actuals	Encumbrances	Total Cost	Balance	
Stipends	22,500	20,000	0	20,000	2,500	
Benefit Provision	6,460	6,400	0	6,400	60	
Student Employment	616	400	0	400	216	
Consultant	0	750	0	750	-750	
Contracted Temp Help	1,716	0	0	0	1,716	
Contract - Other	0	1,000	0	1,000	-1,000	
Books, Periodicals	500	0	0	0	500	
Awards/Honorarium/Gifts	0	0	0	0	0	
FY23 TOTAL	31,792	28,550	0	28,550	3,242	
FY24						
Description	Budget	Actuals	Encumbrances	Total Cost	Balance	
Stipends	20,000	15,000	0	15,000	5,000	
Benefit Provision	6,462	4,996	0	4,996	1,466	
Temporary Help Wages	2,583	2,583	0	2,583	0	
Consultant	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0	
Books, Periodicals	500	0	0	0	500	
Supplies	0	1,116	0	1,116	-1,116	
Awards/Honorarium/Gifts	0	0	0	0	0	
FY24 TOTAL	31,045	25,195	0	25,195	5,850	
TOTAL FY21 - FY24	117,437	95,657	0	95,657	21,901	

Additionally, the following funding has been allocated for restorative justice efforts via the College's fundraising and grants efforts (sums rounded to the nearest \$1,000):

Fundraising/Grant Allocations (FY19-FY25)	Amount
Restorative Justice Summer Fellowships (16 fellowships funded thus far)	\$96,000
RVIT meetings and travel expenses	\$15,000
Consultants to support research on S.C. Hastings	\$6,000
Grant for recording historic narratives	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$142,000

Finally, as noted in Appendix C (Initiative #13), the College has been informing RVIT of grant opportunities that we become aware of, both state and federal. The College connected RVIT with leadership within the California Public Utilities Commission a few years ago, which led to a successful grant application in 2022 for technology/connectivity needs. The College also connected RVIT with [EnerTribe](#), a Native-owned consulting firm that, among other services, helps Native American tribes navigate various state and federal grant opportunities. As of 2023, EnerTribe had successfully helped RVIT acquire a multimillion-dollar federal grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), to support their internet connectivity improvements.

VI. Plans for Ongoing Efforts

The College will continue to make progress on the few remaining items needed to effectuate and communicate the name change, taking into consideration fiscal and resource constraints.

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