

Dear Students:

As we come to the conclusion of the school year, I am delighted to announce that we are in the process of formulating plans to move to our new location in West Los Angeles at the end of the year. The transition to our new location marks the end and the beginning of a new era in the history of UWLA. As you know, the cornerstone of the mission of UWLA is the premise to provide access and affordable education, in particular to those that might not otherwise have the opportunity. The move to our new location will serve to help further realize the achievement of this goal.

A word about accessibility. We will continue to place emphasis on accessibility while at the same time recognizing the importance of educational standards that comport with the success of our students. Our standards are not used so much to exclude, as they are to promote the opportunity for meaningful participation and achievement by our students of their desired goals. Our outstanding faculty is in the process of designing and implementing an academic support program for the upcoming year that will highly enhance the prospect for success of those students that avail themselves and utilize it.

Rising cost and tuition is a perennial problem for a private institution. I truly respect the outstanding faculty and administration that we have and I believe that they should be fairly rewarded for their services. They and their families should not bear the brunt of sacrifice in pay in order to enable our students to attend UWLA with reduced tuition. We are over 90% tuition dependent. What that means is that the conventional university typically derives 60-85% of their tuition revenues and the remainder from fundraising. That formula does not work for our university for a number of reasons. First we are a graduate school. The loyalty of most of our alumni has already been gained at this point by their undergraduate alma mater. Because the majority of our students are older and further along in their lives, the other priorities of family, home and the payment of student loans leaves very little afterward for our alumni to give back to UWLA. Unfortunately, although I have consistently heard our students proclaim that they will give back upon graduation, the reality is that we receive only about 7% per year of our income comes from fundraising. That means that the bulk of our revenue source must come from tuition.

I sit on the board of a university in Pasadena that primarily trains teachers and their tuition is higher than ours. When you compare our tuition to that of many of our competition, it pales by comparison. So although no one likes to increase the cost of education, bear in mind that UWLA really is quite a bargain, especially when you take into consideration that it leads to such a high income earning profession. To fully consider the issue, just think what we would do if UWLA no longer exists!

Having said that however, please know that I am very sensitive to the burden that high tuition imposes on our students and my administration and I will do everything possible to balance the resource needs and cost of tuition of our institution with sensitivity to its impact on our students. We are also looking for more scholarship opportunities for our students to help in some way to reduce the force of increased tuition.

Finally I am equally pleased to announce the opening of the Hugh and Hazel Darling writing center on campus. I encourage you to stop in and take advantage of the resources and expertise in the center.

Good luck on your finals.

President Robert Brown
April 6, 2004

LAW SCHOOL	July 2003 Bar Exam						CA Accredited Tuition Comparisons	
	FIRST TIME TAKERS			REPEATERS			Tuition Dec. '03	Semester Equiv.*
	TOOK	PASS	%PASS	TOOK	PASS	%PASS		
Cal Northern School of Law 1395 Ridgewood Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA 95973-7802, (530) 891-6900, www.calnorthern.edu	11	4	36	10	1	10	\$330/semester unit	\$28,050
Empire College 3035 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95403-2122, (707) 546-4000, www.empcol.com	15	5	33	12	2	17	\$339/semester unit	\$28,815
Glendale University 220 North Glendale Ave., Glendale, CA 91206-4454, (818) 247-0770, www.glendalelaw.edu	8	2	25	10	0	0	\$285/quarter unit	\$32,775
Humphreys College of Law 6650 Inglewood Ave., Stockton, CA 95207-3861, (209) 478-0800, www.humphreys.edu/law	10	2	20	4	0	0	\$273/quarter unit	\$31,395
John F. Kennedy University 100 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-4817, (925) 969-3550, www.jfku.edu/law	28	3	11	52	3	6	\$576/semester unit	\$48,960
Lincoln Law School of Sacramento 3140 "J" St., Sacramento, CA 95816-4403, (916) 446-1275, www.lincolnlaw.edu	34	10	29	26	3	12	\$330/semester unit	\$28,050
Lincoln Law School of San Jose One North First St., San Jose, CA 95113-1227, (408) 977-7227, www.lincolnlawsj.edu	23	3	13	29	1	3	\$474/semester unit	\$40,290
Monterey College of Law 404 West Franklin St., Monterey, CA 93940-2303, (831) 373-3301, www.montereylaw.edu	13	4	31	14	1	7	\$400/semester unit	\$34,000
New College of California 50 Fell St., San Francisco, CA 94102-5206, (415) 241-1325, www.newcollege.edu	21	7	33	21	0	0	\$372/semester unit	\$31,288
San Fernando Valley College of Law 21300 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367-5058, (818) 883-0529, www.sfvlaw.edu	9	3	33	26	3	12	\$585/semester unit	\$48,140
San Francisco Law School 20 Haight St., San Francisco, CA 94102-5802, (415) 626-5550, www.sfls.edu	15	1	7	24	3	13	\$335/semester unit	\$25,460
San Joaquin College of Law 901 5th St., Clovis, CA 93612-1312, (559) 323-2100 or (800) 522-0994 (California only), www.sjcl.edu	28	8	29	20	4	20	\$500/semester unit	\$42,000
Santa Barbara College of Law 20 E. Victoria St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2606, (805) 966-0010, www.santabarbaralaw.edu	4	1	25	22	5	23	\$280/semester unit	\$23,520
Southern California Institute of Law 1525 State St., Suite 202, Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2500, (805) 963-4654, www.lawdegree.com	2	2	100	4	0	0	\$250/semester unit	\$21,000
Trinity Law School 2200 North Grand Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705-7016, (714)836-7500, www.tiu.edu	15	2	13	45	1	2	\$540/semester unit	\$45,360
University of La Verne 320 East "D" St., Ontario, CA 91764-4128, (909) 460-2000, law.ulv.edu	10	5	50	35	6	17	\$685/semester unit	\$57,600
University of West Los Angeles 1155 West Arbor Vitae St., Inglewood, CA 90301-2902, (310) 342-5200, www.uwla.edu	26	9	35	102	7	7	\$585/semester unit	\$49,140
Ventura College of Law 4475 Market St., Ventura, CA 93003-7774, (805) 658-0511, www.venturalaw.edu	3	0	0	19	5	26	\$250/semester unit	\$21,000

* Quarter unit equivalents are based upon \$ per unit x 115 (unit program) divided by 4 (year program at average) 21 (units per semester year).
Yearly cost divided by 4 (year program at average) 21 (units per semester year).