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## Quick Facts of Far-West ABA approved schools

I have done a project that consisted on defining the types and concentrations of law programs with in each of the 8 regions of the Far-west ABA-approved Law Schools based in California, Nevada, and Hawaii. Basically I will research the location (region/county), tuition, schools population for fulltime/part-time enrollment, and J.D. program concentrations. I will gather my information from school websites, ABA-LSAC Official guide to Law School (2004 edition).

California:

1. Orange- Population 128,821

Chapman-enrollment 265/107 resident: \$24,300

\***Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Law:** Offering a flexible array of classes, this certificate program gives students a way to enhance their education by focusing in-depth on subjects related to dispute resolution, small practice management and pre-trial preparation.

\***Environmental, Land use, and Real Estate Law:** provides the perfect backdrop for the study of environmental, land use, and real estate law. Offering a personalized approach to the study and resolution of natural resource problems, this program goes beyond teaching legal doctrine to explore public policy issues, develop skills in writing, client counseling, structuring transactions, navigating regulatory systems and dispute resolution.

2. Fullerton- pop. 126,003

Western State- 258/248 resident: \$23,678 nonresident: \$23,678

\***Criminal Law:** program brings together in the law school legal scholars, judges, practicing criminal defense attorneys, prosecutors, legislators, law enforcement officers, and community leaders who contribute a tremendous amount of experience and diversity of perspectives to the educational experience of students. By weaving contemporary societal issues into the criminal law curriculum and providing a forum to examine those issues, the Center exposes students to the many facets of the criminal justice system.

3. Los Angeles-pop. 3,694,820

UCLA- 970/0 resident: \$12,248 non-resident: \$23,380

\***Corporate Law:** The foundational courses— Accounting for Lawyers, Financial Analysis, Business Associations, and Introduction to Federal Income Taxation explore the forces underlying the world of business transactions. Accounting for Lawyers and Financial Analysis explain the rudiments of the accounting and microeconomic conventions that underlie contemporary analysis of market transactions.

\* **Entertainment Law and Intellectual Property Law:** students interested in a career in entertainment, sports or intellectual property law can take a variety of courses. Examples

of these courses are Entertainment Law, Trademark and Unfair Competition, Communications Law, Copyright Law, Patent Law, Intellectual Property, and Cyberspace Law. The courses emphasize the variety of legal problems encountered in representing performers, writers, producers, and directors and the companies with which they deal with.

Loyola- 1,007/344 resident: \$26,806 non-resident: \$26,806

\* **Loyola's curriculum:** has tremendous breadth and depth. From Constitutional Law to Entertainment Law, from Legal Philosophy to Trial Practice, students at Loyola enjoy an exciting and stimulating range of course offerings.

Pepperdine- 662/0 resident: \$27,260 non-resident: \$27,260

\***Institute of Law, Ethics, & Religion:** The Institute was created to explore the nexus between law, religion, and ethics, with particular emphasis on religion and the practice of law. While affirming Pepperdine University's Christian identity, the Institute draws from the largest possible pool of religious voices, seeking dialogue and common ground with other faith traditions.

\***Dispute Resolution Law:** Law began its innovative graduate work in dispute resolution that now includes more programs than any other American law school. Providing the most comprehensive and utilitarian reconciliation strategies in the nation, the Straus Institute offers its students two tracks of educational pursuit.

USC- 636//0 resident: \$32,145 non-resident: \$32,145

\* **Study of Law and Politics:** enables scholars to produce empirical and quantitative analyses of democratic institutions. The CSLP is a unique network of inter-connected scholars, drawn from diverse disciplines such as law, political science, economics, public administration, psychology, and communications.

\* **Study of Law and Economics:** Interdisciplinary study is nothing new to the USC Law School. For years, the school has confronted the study of law not as an independent academic discipline but rather as the embodiment of the ideas, expectations and policies that are developed within and informed by a range of other disciplines, a research that will work to improve our understanding of how economics, law and organizations interact.

South Western- 666/288 resident: \$26,200 non-resident \$26,200

\***Entertainment and Media Law:** Southwestern has established the first Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree in Entertainment and Media Law at an American law school. This exciting new program will prepare the next generation of effective and talented entertainment, media and intellectual property lawyers.

4.Sacramento- pop. 407,018

UC Davis- 551/0: resident- \$11,502 nonresident- \$22,634

\***The Public Service Law Program:** provides services and support to students seeking public interest or public sector careers, including individualized academic and career counseling, speakers, and special events.

\* **Trial Advocacy:** These programs include appellate advocacy, the various moot court competitions, the trial practice classes and the trial practice competition.

\* **International Law program:** offers quality legal and educational programs that combine a theoretical and practical approach to U.S. and international law.

*McGeorge University: -686/321:* resident- \$26,070 nonresident- \$26,070

\***The Government and Public Policy Programs:** provides a unique curriculum that gives students professional experience while earning either a J.D. with a Certificate in Governmental Affairs or an LL.M. in Government and Public Policy.

\***International Legal Studies:** distinctive because the curriculum has equal strength in public international law (relations between states) and private international law (transnational business). This affords students a decided advantage, because intersections between public and private law are increasing as economic development spawns cross-border disputes over natural resources.

5.San Diego pop.1,223,400

*California Western-* 836/137 resident- \$24,850 nonresident- \$24,850

\***Family, Child, &Elder Law:** a rich academic program in this area of law ranges from basic survey courses to specialized seminars and practicums. Courses include: Aging, Law, and Public Policy; Child Advocacy; Domestic Violence; Estate Planning; Mental Health Law; Social and Legal Problem Solving.

\* **The Creative Problem Solving:** an area of concentration is designed to help you acquire the needed skills that demand broader and deeper understanding of people, their problems, and the consequences of confronting those problems only in narrow, legalistic ways. Lawyers of the future need training on how to think more broadly, flexibly, relationally, and preventively.

San Diego University-pop. 752/238 resident- \$26,120 nonresident- \$26,120

\***Law and Philosophy:** The primary mission of the Institute, in furtherance of the mission of the law school and its parent university, is to advance knowledge on legal topics of philosophical significance, particularly those legal topics that implicate moral, political, and religious philosophical issues.

\* **The Clinical Programs:** provides students with the opportunity to learn lawyering skills and apply their knowledge by representing clients in actual cases in the areas of consumer, housing, family, administrative, mental health, environmental, immigration, criminal, juvenile and tax law.

Thomas Jefferson- 494/191 resident- \$23,600 nonresident- \$23,600

**Business Law:** Agency and Partnership, Antitrust Law, Bankruptcy, Business Planning  
**Constitutional and Civil Rights Law:** Bioethics, Civil Rights Law, Constitutional Litigation, Employment Discrimination, Federal Indian Law, International Human Rights Law.

6.San Francisco pop.-776,733

*Berkeley-*909/0 tuition: resident-\$11,027 nonresident- 22,731

\* **The Program in Business, Law and Economics:** is not a separate degree program, but rather an interest area for graduate students who are pursuing degrees in several different disciplines. At Boalt Hall, students may study law and economics while pursuing a J.D. degree or obtaining a combined degree, including the JD/Ph.D. in economics.

\***Comparative Legal Studies:** Comparative law addresses both the needs of lawyers to gain a better knowledge of foreign legal systems and the attempts of states to develop adequate legislation to meet the requirements of the international market economy, as well as the changing political world order.

\***Environmental Law:** environmental law today focuses on the practical aspects of developing sound regulatory programs and experimenting with various policy tools to achieve environmental goals without undermining other social objectives.

UC Hastings-1,232/2 resident- \$11,616 nonresident-\$21,623

\* **Concentrated studies certificates are available in four areas: Civil Litigation, International Law, Public Interest Law, and Taxation.**

Golden Gate-441/184 resident- \$24,714 nonresident- \$24,714

\* **Environmental Law Program:** Golden Gate ranked 3rd in a survey that examined every law school in the country with an environmental law program. Golden Gate University School of Law offers a variety of environmental law courses, including advanced seminars and activities that combine environmental law with other specialties.

\***Public Interest:** Golden Gate University School of Law ranked the highest among schools in the western United States in its commitment to public interest law. Of 167 law schools surveyed, Golden Gate ranked 10. There are a number of public interest programs at Golden Gate through which we continue to demonstrate that commitment to public interest law

USF-547/123 resident- \$26,323 nonresident- \$26,323

\***Intellectual Property and Technology Cyber Law:** The technology revolution has made intellectual property, cyber law and other high tech-related issues the hottest topics at American law schools. Almost every law school offers courses in the area, and many claim some sort of concentration. The critical difference, however, is that USF's faculty and students have been involved in this field for decades.

Stanford-545/0 resident- \$31,230 nonresident- \$31,230

\***Environmental Law:** focuses on helping students develop sound professional judgment and strong written and oral advocacy skills, with a particular emphasis on the use of scientific information in the legal and policymaking arenas.

\* **Business and Commercial Law:** covers a broad range of materials ranging from the design and operation of modern financial markets through mandatory disclosure systems and complex securities fraud litigation.

\* **Civil Procedure and Litigation:** covers a wide range of fundamental topics in civil procedure, including joinder of claims and parties, class actions and other aggregative litigation techniques, procedural problems of federalism (state-federal and state-state

choice of law), appeals and other post-verdict practice, remedies, alternatives to adjudication, and selected topics of current interest.

7. Santa Clara-pop. 102, 361

Santa Clara-720/210: resident- \$27,360 nonresident- \$25,336

\* **Taxation, Business/Corporation Law:** In addition to basic courses in Federal Personal Income Taxation, Business Organizations, Commercial Law, and Secured Transactions, Santa Clara offers courses that focus on the unique type of corporate, business, and tax issues that face the high tech industry: Technology Licensing, Problems of Start Up Businesses, Venture Capital, Antitrust in High Tech Industry.

\***Labor and Employment Law, Including Sports and Entertainment Law:** labor law would take two basic courses: Labor Law, and Employment Discrimination. Sports Law and Entertainment Law cover employment and other issues relevant to those industries.

\***Constitutional, Civil Rights, and Criminal Law:** Students focus on civil rights and the rights of the accused. A partial list of advanced courses includes: Advanced Criminal Litigation, Advanced Criminal Procedure, Comparative Criminal Law, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Civil Rights and Public Law Remedies, Constitutional Law Seminar, Contemporary Legal Theory.

8. Costa Mesa pop.-108,724

Whittier-419/327 resident-\$25,264 non-resident\$25,264

\***Family Law:** includes clinics designed to serve children seeking special education services, families facing domestic violence, grandparents seeking guardianship of a minor, and ill children trying to obtain health care services.

9. Hawaii pop.-371,657

Hawaii-260/0 resident: \$10,322 non-resident:\$17,594

\***Environmental Law:** Recognizing the challenges that Hawaii faces in developing an environmentally sustainable economy, the School of Law has developed a vibrant and diverse program of environmental law studies. Since its inception in 1988, the program has become a significant part of the curriculum at the School of Law and is a fundamental component of the school's mission. In Spring 2002, the School of Law's Environmental Law Program was ranked in the "Top 20" by *U.S. News and World Report*

10. Las Vegas pop. 478,434

Nevada University-266/188 resident:\$7,294 non-resident:14,294

\***Criminal Law and Environmental Law:** Through our Introduction to Law, Lawyering Process, and Community Service programs, the Boyd School of Law seeks to introduce students to the notions of the lawyer as professional and community servant and to the variety of roles that lawyers play in our society.