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LA Law Institute

A four-year Juris Doctor program
built for the life you have.

A REGISTERED, UNACCREDITED CORRESPONDENCE LAW SCHOOL
Registered with the Committee of Bar Examiners
of the State Bar of California

$5,020	4 Years	100%
PER YEAR, ALL IN	TO YOUR JURIS DOCTOR	ONLINE, NO LSAT REQUIRED

WHO WE ARE

A real path to becoming a California lawyer.

LA Law Institute is a registered, unaccredited correspondence law school with the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California. We offer a four-year Juris Doctor program that prepares students to sit for the California Bar Examination — the same exam every Stanford, Harvard, and UCLA graduate must pass to practice law in California.

We exist for the people who have been priced out, locked out, or shut out of traditional law school. Working adults. Career changers. Parents. Paralegals. People in rural areas. Anyone who is ready to study law on their own schedule, from anywhere, without taking on six-figure debt.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

Officially Registered

Registered with the State Bar of California's Committee of Bar Examiners. Our graduates qualify to sit for the California Bar Examination upon meeting all program and State Bar requirements.

Affordable by Design

$5,020 per year — including tuition, materials, LMS access, and LexisNexis. Approximately $20,080 for the entire four-year J.D. program. Payment plans available with no interest.

Built for Real Lives

100% online correspondence program. No LSAT. No campus visits. Approximately 18 hours of study per week — designed to fit around your job, family, and life.

THE PROGRAM

Four years. One Juris Doctor.

The State Bar requires 864 hours of study per year for correspondence law students. LALI requires 900 — because the bar exam will not grade on the minimum.

CURRICULUM

Year One (1L)

Contracts
Torts
Criminal Law
Legal Writing & Research

Year Two (2L)

Business Associations
Remedies
Real Property
Criminal Procedure

Year Three (3L)

Constitutional Law
Civil Procedure
Professional Responsibility
Evidence

Year Four (4L)

Administrative Law
Community Property
Wills & Trusts
Professional Skills

Years 3 and 4 are coming soon, pending State Bar approval. Year 4 lists a single Professional Skills course. The course may include Legal Drafting, Trial Advocacy, Negotiation, or Advanced Legal Writing; content to be determined.

WHAT YOU'LL DO EVERY YEAR

Case briefing · Legal writing & memoranda · Definitions assignments · CALI interactive lessons · LexisNexis legal research training · Physical research with case reporters & codes · Quizzes (multiple choice, retakeable), essay midterms and essay final examinations (no retakes) · Digital flashcards · Proprietary FYLSX & California Bar Exam preparation · Certified study log tracking

THE FYLSX (BABY BAR)

After Year One, the State Bar requires you to take and pass the First-Year Law Students' Examination — the FYLSX, often called the "Baby Bar." This requirement applies to every student at every unaccredited law school in California. October is the first available sitting after Year One. You have three opportunities to pass: October, then June, then the following October. Once you are eligible under the School's and the State Bar's rules, each available administration counts as one attempt, whether or not you sit for it. Once you pass, you continue through the remaining years to your J.D. Qualified first-year students awaiting results may petition for provisional second-year enrollment. The Academic Dean reviews the petition, and a faculty committee approves it (Guideline 5.19).

START DATE

One cohort. July 1.

LA Law Institute currently has one cohort, which begins July 1. On July 1, 2027, new students enter Year 1 and advancing and transfer students enter Year 2. Years 3 and 4 are not yet offered. The academic year runs July 1 to June 30.

YEAR / LEVEL	START DATE	WHO ENTERS
Year 1 (1L) Entry-level	**July 1** Cohort start	**New students** Enter Year 1
Year 2 (2L) Advancing / Transfer	**July 1** Cohort start	**Advancing & transfer** Enter Year 2
Years 3 & 4 (3L, 4L)	**Coming soon** Pending State Bar approval	—

MORE START DATES TO COME

We're working with the State Bar to add more cohorts and start dates, and Years 3 and 4. New offerings need State Bar approval, so we're expanding step by step to get each one right.

ROLLING APPLICATIONS

We accept applications on a rolling basis and review them as they are received. If you apply or enroll late (up to 21 days after the Term Start Date), you are held to the same due dates as the rest of the cohort. For example, official transcripts are due within 45 days after the term begins, so someone who enrolls late may have as few as 24 days.

PERSONAL BY DESIGN

You will know your professors and they will know you — no anonymity, no "large lecture hall" experience.

INVESTMENT

A real path. A real price.

Tuition that reflects what legal education should cost — without compromising the rigor of what you receive.

ALL-IN, PER YEAR

$5,020

Tuition, materials, technology, and LexisNexis access — all included.

Total program cost: **approximately $20,080** for a complete four-year Juris Doctor degree.

Application fee: $50 (non-refundable, due with application).

BREAKDOWN

Tuition	$4,000
Course Materials	$650
LMS / Technology	$150
LexisNexis Access	$220
Annual Total	**$5,020**

PAYMENT PLAN

$600 initial payment ($500 toward tuition and fees plus the $100 Payment Plan Administrative Fee), then 10 monthly payments of $452. Total: $5,120 per year. **No interest. No finance charges.**

THE AVERAGE ABA LAW DEGREE

Over $150,000

LA LAW INSTITUTE

Under $21,000

Same California Bar Examination. Same license. Different price tag.

LEADERSHIP

The team behind the program.

Three professionals who have walked the path themselves — as students, as practitioners, and now as educators.

DEAN

Brandi McAlexander

J.D., Esq. — Co-Founder & Academic Dean

J.D. with honors, Purdue Global Law School (Concord). B.S. magna cum laude, University of Phoenix.

Admitted to the Navajo Nation Bar. Vice Chair of the ABA Civil Rights and Social Justice Education Committee. Adjunct Law Professor at Navajo Technical University. Sits on the Navajo Nation Bar Association Training Committee.

Co-founded LALI and built its legal curricula from the ground up. Featured in Mashable for her work supporting women in business.

FOUNDER

Jon Bourgault

J.D., MBA — Founder & Program Manager

J.D., Northwestern California University School of Law. MBA, University of the People. HarvardX coursework in Contract Law.

Eight-plus years in legal education program design. California-licensed Managing Broker. Built LALI's full technical infrastructure — LMS, SIS, bar prep software, and compliance systems — from scratch.

Previously delivered corporate training for Warner Bros., Disney, Paramount Pictures, and Nickelodeon. LexisNexis Certified. Member, Harvard Business Review Advisory Council.

FACULTY

Jill Nunley

J.D. — Interim Instructor

J.D., Abraham Lincoln School of Law (graduated November 2022). B.S. in Business, University of Redlands (2014).

Passed the 2024 California Bar; sworn in 2025. Adjunct Professor, Navajo Technical University, Navajo Legal Advocacy Program (2025–present).

Law Clerk, Los Angeles Public Defender's Office — Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk, and Compton Juvenile courts (2018–2020): legal research, trial preparation, and motions including motions in limine, Pitchess, 995, and 991 motions.

Office manager, Blue Wave Media (2010–2016). Instructional aide for students with special needs, Long Beach Unified School District (2011–2018).

FAQ

Honest answers. No fine print.

Everything you should ask before you apply.

Are you a real law school?

Yes. LA Law Institute is registered with the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California as an unaccredited correspondence law school. Our graduates who complete the four-year J.D. program and meet all State Bar requirements — including passing the FYLSX — are eligible to sit for the California Bar Examination.

How much does it cost?

$5,020 per year, all in. Total program cost approximately $20,080. Payment plans available: $600 initial payment ($500 toward tuition and fees plus the $100 Payment Plan Administrative Fee) plus 10 monthly payments of $452. Application fee: $50.

What if I don't have a bachelor's degree?

You may still be eligible. We admit Regular Students (bachelor's degree or 60+ semester units) and Special Students (who have passed the CLEP examination as required by California Business and Professions Code §6060(c)(2)). Special Student admission is limited.

How long is the program?

Four years. Years 1 and 2 are offered starting July 1, 2027; Years 3 and 4 are coming soon, pending State Bar approval. After Year One, the State Bar requires you to pass the FYLSX ("Baby Bar"); students who have passed every first-year course with no failing grade, have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5, are registered for the next FYLSX administration and owe nothing for the first year may petition for provisional second-year enrollment while waiting for results. The Academic Dean reviews the petition, and a faculty committee approves it.

Can I work while in the program?

Yes. Our program is designed for working adults. Approximately 18 hours of study per week — most students manage this alongside full-time employment and family responsibilities.

Is this a real Juris Doctor degree?

Yes. Upon completion of our four-year program, you will be awarded a Juris Doctor (J.D.) — the standard professional law degree required to qualify for the California Bar Examination. Under the State Bar's own guidelines, degrees such as "Executive Juris Doctor" do not qualify recipients to take the bar. Our J.D. does.

Do I need the LSAT?

No. We do not require the LSAT or any standardized admissions test.

Is it all online?

Yes. 100% correspondence-based, delivered online. No in-person attendance requirements.

How many cohorts do you run?

One. It begins July 1. New students enter Year 1; advancing and transfer students enter Year 2. We're working with the State Bar to add more cohorts and start dates. See the Start Date page.

What are the Writing Lab and Head Start?

The Legal Writing Lab is a free, optional, self-paced writing program of 10 modules (about 10 weeks) with no deadline and no credit; it opens the day you pay and stays available throughout your studies, to be revisited, not rushed. Head Start is a separate, free, optional 10-week orientation to law school that begins April 1, at about two to three hours a week; its lectures are recorded. It opens April 1 if you have paid by then, or when you pay if you pay later. It is not J.D. or law study and carries no credit.

Can I practice law in other states?

Our program qualifies you to sit for the California Bar Examination. For other states, contact that state's bar admissions authority for their specific requirements.

HOW TO APPLY

Now enrolling.

Five steps from interest to the first day of your J.D. program.

01 **Apply**
Complete the online application and include unofficial transcripts from all schools attended.

02 **Pay the $50 fee**
Application fee is non-refundable and due at submission.

03 **Receive your decision**
Admissions reviews each application individually. You will be notified of acceptance or rejection.

04 **Sign and pay**
Upon acceptance, an enrollment agreement is sent for electronic signature. Once signed, a tuition payment link is provided. After you are accepted, you may pay any time from that day until school starts. Pay in full or set up a payment plan.

05 **Get enrolled**
Once payment is received, you are placed in your cohort and emailed your login. The Writing Lab opens the day you pay. Head Start begins April 1. Your class becomes available in the LMS approximately one week before July 1.

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