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Abstract: This collection comprises the records of the University of California, Irvine School of Law. The records include documentation about the planning and founding of the School of Law, including preliminary reports and plans from the early 1990s from University of California committees, as well as later materials documenting accreditation, evaluations, and memberships, information about the Korea Law Center, building and expansion plans, degree program proposals, events, and publicity.

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Acquisition Information

Existence and Location of Originals
External media received, digital object numbers AS162_DIG001-AS162_DIG003. More digital media found while processing, digital object numbers AS162_DIG004-AS162_DIG008.

Accruals
Accruals are expected.

Processing History

Historical Background
The University of California, Irvine School of Law was founded in August 2009 and became the first new California public law school in nearly fifty years. Since the inception of UC Irvine, a law school was envisioned as part of the plan to become a full-service, interdisciplinary research institution.

After earlier efforts to start a new law school in Irvine in the 1990s and early 2000s, the UC Board of Regents approved a plan for UC Irvine School of Law in November 2006. A gift of $20 million in August 2007 from business leader and philanthropist Donald Bren provided the financial wherewithal to help quickly bring to fruition UC Irvine’s goal of creating a top-tier law school.

In fall 2007, nationally renowned professor of constitutional law and federal civil procedure, Erwin Chemerinsky, was named founding dean, effective July 1, 2008. Most of the 18 founding faculty and senior administrators arrived in the summer of 2008, giving the school a full year to plan a curriculum and develop policies before the school opened to students.
school opened its doors to its first class of 60 law students on August 24, 2009.

1961  UC President Clark Kerr creates an Advisory Committee on Law School Planning to study California state needs for legal education.

Mid-1960s  UCI Founding Chancellor Dan Aldrich proposes a plan for professional schools at UCI, including law.

1991  Andrew Guilford, then a practicing attorney and president of the Orange County Bar Association, begins a series of discussions with lawyers, judges and faculty about a law school at UCI.

1999  A group of prominent local lawyers, including former California State Senator Joseph Dunn, now Hon. Andrew Guilford, Thomas Malcolm, Mark P. Robinson Jr. and Gary Singer launch a renewed effort for a law school at UCI. The group later becomes known as the “Founders of the Law School.”

2000  UCI’s fourth Chancellor, Ralph Cicerone, and Executive Vice Chancellor, Michael R. Gottfredson, prioritize the establishment of a Law School at UCI.

2005  Michael V. Drake, M.D. is appointed Chancellor of UCI. Chancellor Drake successfully moves the proposal for a law school through the UC system.

2006  The UC Office of the President recommends to UC Regents the establishment of a Law School at UCI. Within the month, UC Regents approve the proposal.

2007  The Irvine family makes a gift of $1 million to the Law School for scholarships and the Law Library. The Donald Bren Foundation donates $20 million to the Law School to support endowed Chancellor’s professors. Efforts in the community (since 1999) by the “Founders of the Law School” group draw more donors and supporters to UCI Law.

2008  Erwin Chemerinsky is named Founding Dean of UC Irvine School of Law, effective July 1, 2008.

2009  Founding Faculty and Administration arrive.

2011  The American Bar Association grants UCI Law Provisional Accreditation.

2012  The Inaugural UC Irvine Law Review is published.

Collection Scope and Content Summary
These records document the University of California, Irvine School of Law, from its early inception and opening in 2009. The collection comprises mostly paper records, with some artifacts and digital media. Materials include planning documents such as reports, proposals, correspondence and preliminary reports and plans from the early 1990s from University of California committees. The records also contain later materials documenting administrative functions such as budget requests; accreditation, evaluations, and memberships of the School of Law by the American Bar Association, Association of American Law Schools, and Law School Survey of Student Engagement; memorandum of understanding and agreements related to the Korea Law Center; building and expansion plans; degree program proposals; events and publicity.

Collection Arrangement
This collection is organized in 7 series:

1. Planning and early history, 1961-2012. 9.5 linear feet
2. Administration, 2015-2017. 0.1 linear feet
3. Accreditation, evaluations, and memberships, 2007-2017. 2 linear feet
6. Degree programs, 2014-2017. 0.1 linear feet
7. Events and publicity, 2013-2014. 3.55 linear feet

Appraisal Note
During processing in 2017 the collection was reduced from 13 linear feet to 12.5 linear feet by discarding duplicate materials, personnel records, and unrelated books.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
University of California, Irvine. School of Law
Planning and early history  Series 1. 1961-2012

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of records of the planning and early history of the School of Law and includes correspondence with the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC); research and information about other law schools; early and final proposals for the School of Law with comments; the vertical file of Dr. Michael Clark with material related to the establishment of the School of Law and hiring of Erwin Chemerinsky; documentation of discussions and forums with senior administrators, public constituents, and policy makers; correspondence, including a letter from Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist, and letters of support; reports; fundraising information; media coverage; documentation about the founding of the law library; Ralph Cicerone files relating to the School of Law; and histories of the School of Law from its early inception to its founding. There are 6 CDs, 1 DVD, and 1 flash drive in the series - 2 CDs with photographs from 2008, 2 CDs related to a Criminal Litigation class by Burl Estes, 1 CD related to law school curriculum development, 1 CD consisting of an interview with Erwin Chemerinsky on AirTalk KPCC (2007), 1 welcome/admissions DVD, and 1 flash drive with photographs from the opening of the law school.

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Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of administrative records created by the School of Law.
Series Arrangement
The series is arranged in chronological order.

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Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries consists of budget and financial information related to the School of Law after it opened.

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Accreditation, evaluations, and memberships Series 3. 2007-2017

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of self-studies, site evaluation questionnaires, and annual questionnaires required by the American Bar Association (ABA) for the accreditation of law schools, as well as the ABA's Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools (2007-2016); applications, questionnaires, reports and correspondence related to membership of the Association of American Law Schools; and a report from the Law School Study of Student Engagement, an external provider of research products and services centered on the study of the law student experience.
Series Arrangement
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Centers & Institutes Series 4. 2013-2017

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series contains documentation related to the centers and institutes at UC Irvine School of Law, which provide in-depth focus and programs in specific areas of law. The centers forge partnerships in Asia as well as locally in Southern California to share ideas and sponsor further research.

**Series Arrangement**

The series is arranged in chronological order.

Korea Law Center Subseries 4.1 2013-2017

**Subseries Scope and Content Summary**

This subseries consists of agreements and memorandums of understanding related to the Korea Law Center, which studies and promotes solutions to issues arising at the intersection of U.S. and Korean Law. The Korea Law Center was established in 2009 to serve as a platform for the knowledge transfer, exchange and collaborations between students, legal scholars, judges, prosecutors, policy makers and lawyers from South Korea and the United States.

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**Series Scope and Content Summary**

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**Series Arrangement**

The series is arranged in chronological order.
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Steinberg: Law School building estimate 2015
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Degree programs Series 6. 2014-2017

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of documentation related to degree programs offered or proposed by the School of Law, including planning documents, proposals, and applications to the American Bar Association for acquiescence of the programs.

Series Arrangement
The series is arranged in chronological order.

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Events and publicity Series 7. 2008-2019

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of material related to events hosted by the School of Law, publicity and articles about the School of Law, and awards received.

Series Arrangement
The series is arranged in chronological order.

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