

LINCOLN LAW SCHOOL OF SAN JOSE'S DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – Summer 2023

(pursuant to Rule 4.241 of the Unaccredited Law School Rules and Business and Professions Code §6061)

1. Lincoln Law School of San Jose (“LINCOLN”) is not accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California (“COMMITTEE”).
2. LINCOLN has not applied for accreditation with the COMMITTEE in the previous five years. The COMMITTEE placed LINCOLN on probation in 2021, due to reporting five-year cumulative bar exam pass rate (MPR) of 30.9 percent for 2020, when a minimum of 40 percent is required under Rule 4.160(N) of the Accredited Law School Rules. The COMMITTEE terminated LINCOLN’S accreditation effective December 31, 2022 under Rule 4.173(A)(1) of the Accredited Law School Rules which states: “[t]he Committee may terminate...accreditation if it finds...(1) the law school has failed, during a period of probation, to demonstrate...compliance...with one or more of the rules or to meet the terms of its probation.” On August 19, 2022, the COMMITTEE approved LINCOLN’S request for Registration as an Unaccredited, Fixed-Facility Law School, with a confirming inspection set for 2023.
3. To ensure prospective students of, applicants to, and students of a law school’s J.D. degree program are fully informed about the requirements and possible limitations associated with attending and graduating from an unaccredited law school, LINCOLN is required to make the following disclosure of information:

The method of instruction at this law school for the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree program is principally in physical classroom facilities.

Students enrolled in the J.D. degree program at this law school who successfully complete the first year of law study must pass the First-Year Law Students’ Examination required by Business and Professions Code § 6060(h) and Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 1 Rule 4.3(l) of the of the Rules of the State Bar of California as part of the requirements to qualify to take the California Bar Examination. A student who passes the First-Year Law Students’ Examination within three (3) administrations of the examination after first becoming eligible to take it will receive credit for all legal studies completed to the time the examination is passed. A student who does not pass the examination within three (3) administrations of the examination after first becoming eligible to take it must be promptly disqualified from the law school’s J.D. degree program. If the dismissed student subsequently passes the examination, the student is eligible for re-enrollment in this law school’s J.D. degree program, but will receive credit for only one year of legal study.

Study at, or graduation from, this law school may not qualify a student to take the bar examination or to satisfy the requirements for admission to practice in jurisdictions other than California. A student intending to seek admission to practice law in a jurisdiction other than California should contact the admitting authority in that jurisdiction for information regarding the legal education requirements in that jurisdiction for admission to the practice of law.

4. LINCOLN’S pass rates for the California First-Year Law Students’ Examination and the California Bar Examination for the past five years are as follows:

<i>CA First Year Law Student’s Exam Year</i>	<i>Number of JD Students Who Took the Exam at Least Once</i>	<i>Number of JD Students Who Passed the Exam</i>	<i>Pass Rate (%)</i>
Jan. 1, 2022-Dec. 31, 2022	0	0	N/A
Jan. 1, 2021-Dec. 31, 2021	1	1	100%
Jan. 1, 2020-Dec. 31, 2020	1	1	100%
Jan. 1, 2019-Dec. 31, 2019	1	0	0%
Jan. 1, 2018-Dec. 31, 2018	0	0	N/A
<i>CA Bar Examination Year</i>	<i>Number of JD Graduates Who Took the Exam at Least Once</i>	<i>Number of JD Graduates Who Passed the Exam</i>	<i>Pass Rate (%)</i>
Jan. 1, 2022-Dec. 31, 2022	27	7	26%
Jan. 1, 2021-Dec. 31, 2021	41	9	22%
Jan. 1, 2020-Dec. 31, 2020	45	8	18%
Jan. 1, 2019-Dec. 31, 2019	35	2	6%
Jan. 1, 2018-Dec. 31, 2018	38	3	8%

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5. The number of legal volumes in the physical library at LINCOLN is approximately 3,000.
6. The names of administrators at LINCOLN who are licensees of the State Bar of California or who are admitted in another jurisdiction are as follows:

<i>Name</i>	Michele Pacheco, Associate Dean of Academics and Faculty
<i>CA Licensee</i>	Yes
<i>Admitted in Another Jurisdiction</i>	U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
<i>Educational Background, Qualifications, and Experience</i>	Golden Gate University School of Law, J.D., Dean's List San Jose State University, B.A. Behavioral Science, Dean's List Experienced Education Law Practitioner, including under IDEA and ADA 9+ Years Attorney Licensed in CA; 2+ Years Litigation Experience 20+ Years Professional Experience in Education, with an Emphasis in Differentiated Instruction School Administrative Experience: Director of Bar Services; Bar Preparation Curriculum Development; k-12 Curriculum Development; k-12 WASC Accreditation Compliance; Activities Programming Board; Student Housing Legal Education Courses Taught: Legal Reasoning, Advanced Legal Research, Advanced Legal Writing, Legal Skills 301, Bar Review Witkin Award for Academic Excellence, Legal Writing & Research II Witkin Award for Academic Excellence, Legal Writing & Research I Production Editor, Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law Student Editor, Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy

7. The educational background, qualifications, and experience of the faculty at LINCOLN for the 2022-2023 Academic School Year and the names of any faculty who are licensees of the State Bar of California or who are admitted in another jurisdiction are as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>CA Licensee</i>	<i>Admitted in Another Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Educational Background, Qualifications, and Experience</i>
Brunson, Michelle	Yes	U.S. District Court, Northern District of CA	Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D. San Diego State, B.A., Political Science and Government Courses Taught: Remedies Areas of Practice: Estate Planning; Contracts Currently: Associate Attorney, McManis Faulkner
Dadlani, Jai	Yes		Lincoln Law School of San Jose, J.D. University of California at Davis, B.S., Electrical Engineer Courses Taught: Contracts; Legal Writing & Research Areas of Practice: Employment Law; Immigration Law; Bankruptcy Currently: Senior Commercial Counsel, Zscaler
Dal Porto, Steve	Yes		University of San Francisco School of Law, J.D. Santa Clara University, B.A. Courses Taught: Trial Practice Areas of Practice: Criminal Prosecution Currently: Deputy District Attorney, Santa Clara Co.
DeMartino, Danielle	Yes		Lincoln Law School of San Jose, J.D. UC Santa Cruz, B.S., Politics Areas of Practice: Business Law; Employment Law; Real Property; Personal Injury; Civil Litigation Currently: Attorney, Brereton, Mohamed & Terrazas, LLP

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Dick, Steve	Yes		Loyola Law School, J.D. Northwestern University, B.A., History and Political Science Courses Taught: Basics of Legal Writing Areas of Practice: Criminal Prosecution Currently: Supervising Deputy District Attorney, Santa Clara Co.
Dong, Kathleen	Yes		Kyung Hee University, B.A., Korean Lit. and English Lit. Lincoln Law School of San Jose, J.D. Courses Taught: Community Property Areas of Practice: Family Law Currently: Law Offices of Kathleen Dong
Fish, Kirsten	Yes		Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D. UC Davis, B.S., Chemistry Courses Taught: Legal Writing and Research Areas of Practice: Personal Injury; Wrongful Death Currently: Partner, Needham Kepner and Fish, LLP
Givens, Christopher	Yes		University of San Francisco School of Law, J.D. Saint Mary's College, B.A., English and History Courses Taught: Evidence; Criminal Procedure Areas of Practice: Criminal Defense Currently: Supervising Deputy Alternate Defender, Santa Clara County Alternate Defender Office
Hammon, Patrick	Yes	U.S. District Court, Northern District of CA; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of CA	University of California Los Angeles School of Law, J.D. UC Berkeley, B.S., Political Science Courses Taught: Torts; Law Practice Management Areas of Practice: Complex Civil Litigation; Criminal Defense Currently: Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP
Hayashi, Roberta	Yes		University of California Davis School of Law, J.D. Stanford University, B.A., Department of Communication Courses Taught: Employment Law; Professional Responsibility Areas of Practice: Employment Law Litigation Currently: Judge, Santa Clara County Superior Court
Herczog, Leo	No	New York U.S. District Court, Southern District of NY; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of NY	Hofstra Law School; J.D. Touro College, B.A., Political Science
Jentes, Kevin	Yes		Golden Gate University School of Law, J.D. University of San Francisco, B.S., Business Administration Courses Taught: Wills & Trusts; Moot Court Areas of Practice: Estate Planning; Trust Administration; Probate; Trusts and Estates Litigation Currently: Associate Attorney, WealthPLAN
Johnson, Erik	Yes	U.S. District Court, Northern District of CA	Santa Clara University School of Law J.D Saint Mary's College, B.A., Political Theory Courses Taught: Civil Procedure Areas of Practice: Unlawful Detainer; Civil Harassment; Small Claims, Criminal Defense; Family Law; Appellate Work Currently: Commissioner, Santa Clara County Superior Court
Justo, Andrea	Yes		Lincoln Law School of San Jose, J.D. Santa Clara University, B.S., Political Science Courses Taught: Torts Areas of Practice: Family Law Currently: Senior Associate Attorney, Hoover Krepelka, LLP

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Kilmer, Donald	Yes	U.S. District Court, Northern District of CA; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of CA; US District Court, Central District of CA; Ninth Circuit District Court of Appeals	Lincoln Law School of San Jose J.D. San Jose State University, B.A., Political Science Courses Taught: Constitutional Law; Firearms Law; Supreme Court Sagas Areas of Practice: Family Law; Civil Rights; Criminal Law Currently: Law Office of Donald Kilmer
Kirchick, Stuart	Yes		Santa Clara University School of Law J.D. Courses Taught: Trial Practice Areas of Practice: Criminal Defense Currently: Private Practice
Lee, Michael	Yes	District of Columbia	Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D. University of California San Diego, B.A., Political Science Courses Taught: Bankruptcy; Estate Planning Practicum Areas of Practice: Estate Planning; Taxation; International Business Transactions; Wealth Management Currently: General Partner, Rui Attorneys
Mahan, Michael	Yes		University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law J.D. Kansas State University, B.S., Political Science Courses Taught: Legal Skills 401 Areas of Practice: Criminal Prosecution of Sex Crimes, Homicides, and Violent Felonies Currently: Assistant District Attorney, Santa Cruz County
Nishigaya, Daniel	Yes		Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D. Amherst College, B.A. Courses Taught: Criminal Law Areas of Practice: Criminal Misdemeanors, Felonies, Sexually Violent Predators, Mental Health, and Juvenile Dependency Currently: Judge, Superior Court of Santa Clara County
Pacheco, Michele	Yes	U.S. District Court, Northern District of CA	Golden Gate University School of Law, J.D. San Jose State University, B.A., Behavioral Science Courses Taught: Legal Reasoning, Advanced Legal Research, Advanced Legal Writing, Legal Skills 301, Bar Review Areas of Practice: Education Law; Civil Litigation; Trust and Probate Litigation; Mediation; Estate Planning; Trust Administration; Real Estate, Bankruptcy Currently: Associate Dean of Academics and Faculty, Lincoln Law School of San Jose
Palazzolo, Laura	Yes	U.S. District Court, Northern District of CA	San Jose State University, B.A., Communications Lincoln Law School of San Jose, J.D. Areas of Practice: Bankruptcy, Litigation
Pardo de Zela, Julian	Yes	New York U.S. Virgin Islands	George Washington University Law School, J.D. Tufts University, B.A., International Relations & Political Science Fordham University, M.A., International Political Economy Courses Taught: Introduction to Law Areas of Practice: Employment Law; Administrative Law; Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution; Civil Litigation; Malpractice; Criminal Law Currently: Litigation Attorney, SV Employment Law Firm, PC

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Pedersen, Richard	Yes		Southwestern University School of Law, J.D. California State University at Long Beach, B.S., Marketing Courses Taught: Moot Court; Negotiation & Mediation Practice Areas: Products Liability; Medical Malpractice; Negotiation and Mediation; Personal Injury; Real Estate; Third Party Liability for Criminal Acts; Premise Liability; Intellectual Property
Purdy, William	Yes	U.S. Federal District Court U.S. Tax Court	New York University, LLM, Taxation Stanford University School of Law, J.D. Oregon State University, B.S., Political Science Courses Taught: Personal Property; Federal Taxation Areas of Practice: Collection Matters Involving IRS, FTB, EDD, and SBE; Employment Tax; Lien and Levy; Residential Lending; Taxation; Negotiation and Settlement Currently: Partner, Law Office of Simmons & Purdy
Schwartz, Allan	Yes		University California San Francisco, College of Law, J.D. UC Riverside, B.A., History and Political Science Courses Taught: Real Property Areas of Practice: Intellectual Property; Real Estate; Contracts; Business and Entertainment Law Currently: Law Offices of Allan Schwartz
Singh, Carlos	No	Pennsylvania	Georgetown University Law Center, J.D. UC Los Angeles, B.A., Political Science Courses Taught: Evidence; Criminal Procedure
Smyth-Mendoza, Shannon	Yes	U.S. District Court, Northern District of CA; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals	Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D. San Jose State University, B.A., Political Science Teaching Experience: Torts Courses Taught: Government; Civil Litigation Currently: Deputy General Counsel, VTA
Stewart, Andy	Yes		Stanford University School of Law, J.D. University of California Berkeley, B.A., History Courses Taught: Law Practice Management Areas of Practice: Corporate Counsel Currently: Senior Legal Counsel, Pilot.com, Inc.
Weddell, Hilary	Yes	U.S. District Court, Northern District of CA; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals	San Jose State University, B.S., Business Administration Boston College Law School, J.D. Courses Taught: Remedies Areas of Practice: Litigation, IP, Employment, Civil Right

8. The ratio of faculty to students in the J.D. Program at LINCOLN for the previous five years is as follows:

Academic Year	Total Raw Number of Part-time Faculty to Total Number of J.D. Students	Full-time Faculty Equivalent to Total Number of J.D. Students*
2022-2023	29:66	7:66
2021-2022	34:75	8:75
2020-2021	33:76	7:76
2019-2020	37:69	7:69
2018-2019	34:78	7:78

*Full-time faculty teach 12 units or more per semester. Currently, all faculty members at LINCOLN are part-time, meaning they each teach less than 12 units per semester.

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9. The education and degree provided by LINCOLN may not satisfy the requirements of jurisdictions other than California for the practice of law. Applicants should contact the jurisdiction in which they may want to practice for that jurisdiction's requirements.

10. LINCOLN was issued a Notice of Noncompliance by the COMMITTEE in August 2020 regarding Rule 4.106(N) and Guideline 12.1 of the Accredited Law School Rules, under which all accredited law schools are required to maintain a Minimum, Cumulative Five-Year California Bar Examination Passage Rate (MPR) of 40%.

11. The attrition rates of students who are enrolled in the J.D. Degree Program at LINCOLN and do not matriculate into subsequent years of study, for the past five years, are as follows:

Academic Year (Fall Cohorts)	Attrition Rate	Number of Students Who Repeated a Year
2021-2022	22%	5
2020-2021	14%	1
2019-2020	19%	1
2018-2019	14%	1
2017-2018	11%	1