



The State Bar *of California*

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM FEBRUARY, 2019 COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS ITEM O-401

DATE: January 18, 2019

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Natalie Leonard, Principal Program Analyst

SUBJECT: Monterey College of Law – Major Change Request:
Relocation of Santa Cruz Campus

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Monterey College of Law has submitted a Request for Major Change seeking approval for its relocation of the school's Santa Cruz satellite campus to a new location in Santa Cruz approximately one mile from the prior location. (Attachment A) Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND

Monterey College of Law is based in Seaside, California and also has branches in Kern County and San Luis Obispo. Monterey College of Law's campus in Santa Cruz received approval in May 2018 to elevate from two-year satellite status to full branch status. The school is preparing to begin operating the campus as a branch starting in Fall 2019. In the meantime, it relocated its Santa Cruz facility to a location closer to downtown.

An accredited law school must request and obtain the approval of the Committee of Bar Examiners (Committee) in order to make a major change, such as "changing the . . . location of a branch campus or satellite campus." Rule 4.165(B).

Therefore, Monterey College of Law sent notice of a proposed move on November 20, 2018 and filed this Request for Major Change in January 2019.

DISCUSSION

Monterey College of Law's new Santa Cruz campus location is located in the main downtown area of Santa Cruz. The size and facilities are similar to the prior location and the location is already fully

operational since January 2, 2019. The Dean's law office and the county library are now just under one mile away. The Dean is available to talk with students or to travel to the school in the evening for classes on a regular basis. The library will continue to provide extended hours access passes to MCL students.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that this move be ratified because the facilities are similar and more conveniently located, and the students retain access to needed facilities and services.

If the Committee agrees with the recommendation, the following motion is suggested:

Move that the Committee of Bar Examiners approve Monterey College of Law's Request to relocate its satellite campus to a new downtown location at 1205 Pacific Street, Suite 206, Santa Cruz, California effective retroactive to January 2, 2019.

ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

- A.** Monterey College of Law Request for Major Change – Relocation of Santa Cruz Campus



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January 2, 2019

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 The State Bar of California
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Re: Request for Approval of Major Change – Change of Satellite Campus Location

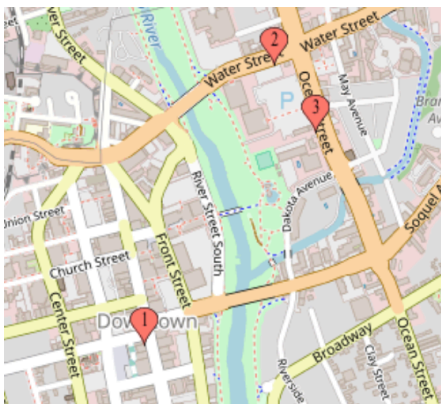
Dear Ms. Leonard:

Pursuant to Rule 4.165 (B), Monterey College of Law is seeking approval to change the location of the Monterey College of Law satellite campus in Santa Cruz.

The following notice was provided to your office by e-mail to you on November 20, 2018, but the following is a hard copy for your files.

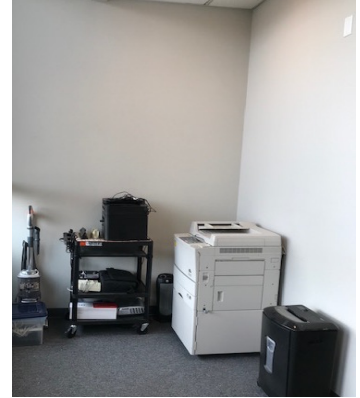
Monterey College of Law has entered into a proposed lease to move our Santa Cruz Satellite location from its previous location at 303 Water Street, Santa Cruz to 1205 Pacific Street, Suite 206 Santa Cruz. We anticipate using the new classroom for Spring Semester starting January 2, 2019.

The new classroom is fully ADA accessible, has seating for 12 students, two large erasable whiteboards, a big-screen TV, internet access, copier, and has a break area that provides coffee service, a microwave, water cooler, and small refrigerator. The classroom also has access to an outdoor patio area. Lighted, adjacent parking is available to students and faculty at \$.50 per hour until 8:00 p.m. and is free after that time. This means that the maximum parking fee will be \$1.00 per evening.



The new downtown Santa Cruz location (Point 1) is a short distance from our existing location (Point 2) and remains in proximity to the Santa Cruz Superior Court and County Law Library (Point 3). Our Campus Dean Steve LaBerge will continue to office at the 303 Water Street location (Point 2), where he will be available for student and faculty meetings during regular business hours and by special appointment. Students will continue to have access to the Santa Cruz Law Library 24/7 by requesting special access cards purchased by the law school from the law library.

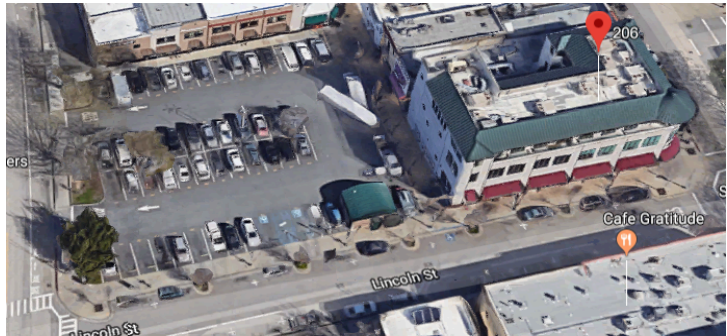
Classroom photos



Second
Floor
Classroom



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Parking



Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mitchel L. Winick".

Mitchel L. Winick
President and Dean