

SEVENTH ANNUAL PATHWAY TO LAW SUMMIT 2022



FEBRUARY 18-19, 2022 | 9:00AM-4:30PM PST

**Overcoming Invisible Barriers to Success
and Empowerment Through Law**

Note: Click the panelist name for headshot photos and bio.

OVERCOMING INVISIBLE BARRIERS TO SUCCESS



DAY 1



Friday, February 18, 2022



WELCOME

9:05AM - 9:15AM

[W. Davis Smith](#), Chair, California LAW



OPENING KEYNOTE: THE BARRIERS I OVERCAME

9:15AM - 9:50AM

[Associate Justice Martin J. Jenkins](#), California Supreme Court
Introduction by [Rodney O. Fong](#), California LAW & Associate Dean,
University of Illinois Chicago School of Law



PLENARY: THE INVISIBLE BARRIERS TO SUCCESS

10:00AM - 11:15AM

Learn from experts in psychology and education about the effects of two barriers to learning, Imposter Syndrome and Lack of Belonging. These barriers are present in most learners and can have physiological and neurological effects, which can adversely impact student performance.

Moderated by: [Thuy T. Nguyen](#), California LAW

Panelists:

- [Dr. Elizabeth Bodamer](#), Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy & Research Analyst and Senior Program Manager at Law School Admission Council
- [Prof. John E. Coumbe-Lilley](#), Ph.D., Clinical Professor, Kinesiology and Nutrition, University of Illinois Chicago
- [Dr. Anita Kim](#), Research Director at Mindsets in Legal Education (MILE), Bloomington, Indiana

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS FOR PATHWAY PARTNERS AND STUDENTS

11:20AM - 12:00PM

Session A: For Students

Panelists:

- [Megan Kreminski](#), Professor, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law
- [Michael Loch](#), Professor, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law

Session B: For Educators

Panelists:

- [Marques Rice](#), Professor, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law
- [Ravinder Sahota](#), Professor, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law

LUNCH BREAK 12:00PM - 12:30PM



PLENARY: HOW TO OVERCOME THE INVISIBLE BARRIERS

12:30PM - 1:45PM

Learn proven strategies and techniques for students and faculty to overcome these barriers and more importantly, to turn this knowledge into an advantage.

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DECIPHERING PRELAW RESOURCES – A TOUR OF THE CALIFORNIA LAW WEBSITE

2:00PM – 2:30PM

[Emily Quinlan](#), California LAW & Professor, Saddleback Community College

Discover dozens of tools and resources on the California LAW website that focus on prelaw students and their path to law school.



SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD RECEPTION

2:45PM – 4:30PM

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University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law
California State University, Bakersfield
California State University, San Bernardino

CALIFORNIA LAW AWARDS

Statewide Education Pipeline Award – College of the Canyons

Diversity Pathway Champions

High School Law Academy – Elizabeth G. Macias High School Law Academy
Community College – Santa Ana Community College
Law School – Southern California Law School Collective:
University of California, Irvine School of Law
University of Southern California Gould School of Law
Loyola Law School
Organization/Law Firm – California State Senator Richard Roth

RUTHE CATOLICO ASHLEY SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

[Michelle Reyes](#) – Santa Ana Elizabeth G. Macias Legal Studies Academy
[Prescilla Rodriguez](#) – East Los Angeles College
[Ronishlla Devika L. Maharaj](#) – Richmond High School Law Academy
[Allea Nojadera](#) – San Diego Mesa College *Sponsored by LSAC*
[Zofia Trexler](#) – Fresno City College *Sponsored by Fastcase*

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DAY 2



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WELCOME

9:05AM - 9:15AM

[W. Davis Smith](#), Chair, California LAW

Introduction of [Pamela Enslen](#), Executive Director of Cal LAW



KEYNOTE: LAWYERS AS AMBASSADORS OF CHANGE

9:10AM - 9:50AM

[Attorney John L. Burris](#), Law Offices of John L. Burris

Introduced by [Hon. Judy Johnson \(Ret.\)](#), Judge, Contra Costa County Superior Court.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS ON VARIOUS PRACTICE AREAS

10:00AM-10:50AM

Session A: Immigration Practices

Moderated by: [Alonso Garcia](#), Staff, Foundation for California Community Colleges

Panelists:

- [Bill Ong Hing](#), Professor of Law & Director of the Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic, University of San Francisco School of Law
- [Eliana Kaimowitz](#), Chief of the Immigrant Integration Branch, Department of Social Services

Session B: Health Equity

Moderated by: [Joyce L. T. Chang](#), Associate, Hanson, Bridgett LLP

Panelists:

- [Mike Moyer](#), General Counsel (retired), Alameda Health System
- [Stephanie D. Willis](#), Senior Counsel, Provider Operations Practice Group, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals / Health Plan
- [Annie Hsu Shieh](#), Senior Director of Compliance and California Compliance Officer, Bright Health

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS ON VARIOUS PRACTICE AREAS: PART 2

11:00AM-12:00PM

Session C: Voting Rights

Moderated by [Mona Tawatao](#), Legal Director, Equal Justice Society

Panelists:

- [Barbara Arnwine](#), President & Founder, Transformative Justice Coalition
- [Julia Marks](#), Staff Attorney and Program Manager, Voting Rights, Asian Americans Advancing Justice -- Asian Law Caucus
- [John Trasviña](#), Immediate Past President, Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund

Session D: Sports & Entertainment

Moderated by [A.J. Howell-Williams](#), California LAW & Undergraduate Admissions, Senior Associate Director and Transfer Director, Santa Clara University

Panelists:

- [Michael A. Aczon](#), Sole Practitioner, Entertainment Law
- [Jeremy Evans](#), Founder & Managing Attorney, California Sports Lawyer
- [Rhean Fajardo](#), Associate, General Counsel, Oakland Athletics

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ALUMNI PANEL

12:30PM - 1:30PM

Hear from students who have travelled the pathway to law school.

Moderated by [Ruthe Ashley](#), California LAW Board & Executive Director Emeritus

Panelists:

- [Arabella Compton](#), UC Santa Barbara Class of 2022
- [Michael Reyes](#), Sheriff's Deputy, Alameda County
- [Allea Nojadera](#), San Diego Mesa College
- [Zofia Trexler](#), Fresno City College



PLENARY - PATHWAY UPDATES AND SHARING SESSION ADDRESSING IMPLICIT BIAS THROUGH INSTITUTIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL STRATEGIES

1:40PM - 2:20PM

An open discussion on how we can strengthen relationships through open and candid dialogue about interactions that surface as a result of implicit bias and how to mitigate implicit bias through institutional and individual strategies. We will explore different areas to begin planning for follow-up discussions to assist and support our pathway students and partners.

Facilitated by [Carol Ross-Burnett](#), California LAW & CRB Global LLC & [Patricia Lee](#), California LAW & Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Public Education



CLOSING

2:20PM - 2:30PM

[W. Davis Smith](#), Cal LAW Board Chair

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