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TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

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SUBJECT: Administrative Updates from Accredited and Unaccredited Law Schools

Accredited law school John F. Kennedy School of Law at Northcentral University has named Nicole Mills as Interim Dean of the Law School while Dean Lisa Hutton takes on the role of Interim Provost of Northcentral University. Interim Dean Mills previously served as an Associate Dean at the law school.

Accredited law school Monterey College of Law has administratively opened its new branch Campus, Empire College of Law, in Santa Rosa, California. The branch will begin enrolling students in preparatory courses in spring 2023 and its JD program will commence with the fall 2023 term beginning in July 2023. This change was approved by the Committee of Bar Examiners in April 2022. ([Item O-405, Committee of Bar Examiners' Meeting, Apr. 22, 2022](#)). This law school now has four campuses, a main campus in Seaside, Kern County College of Law in Bakersfield, San Luis Obispo College of Law in San Luis Obispo, and Empire College of Law in Santa Rosa. The State Bar website's [law school list](#) has been updated to reflect these changes.

Accredited law school Trinity Law School's Interim Dean, Katelin Tooma, has completed her term. Interim Dean Eric Halvorson was appointed effective July 2022. The search for a permanent dean continues.

Unaccredited law school Irvine College of Law has launched both this new name of the law school and the law school's change from fixed-facility to distance category. These changes were previously approved by the Committee. The State Bar website's [law school list](#) has been updated to reflect these changes.