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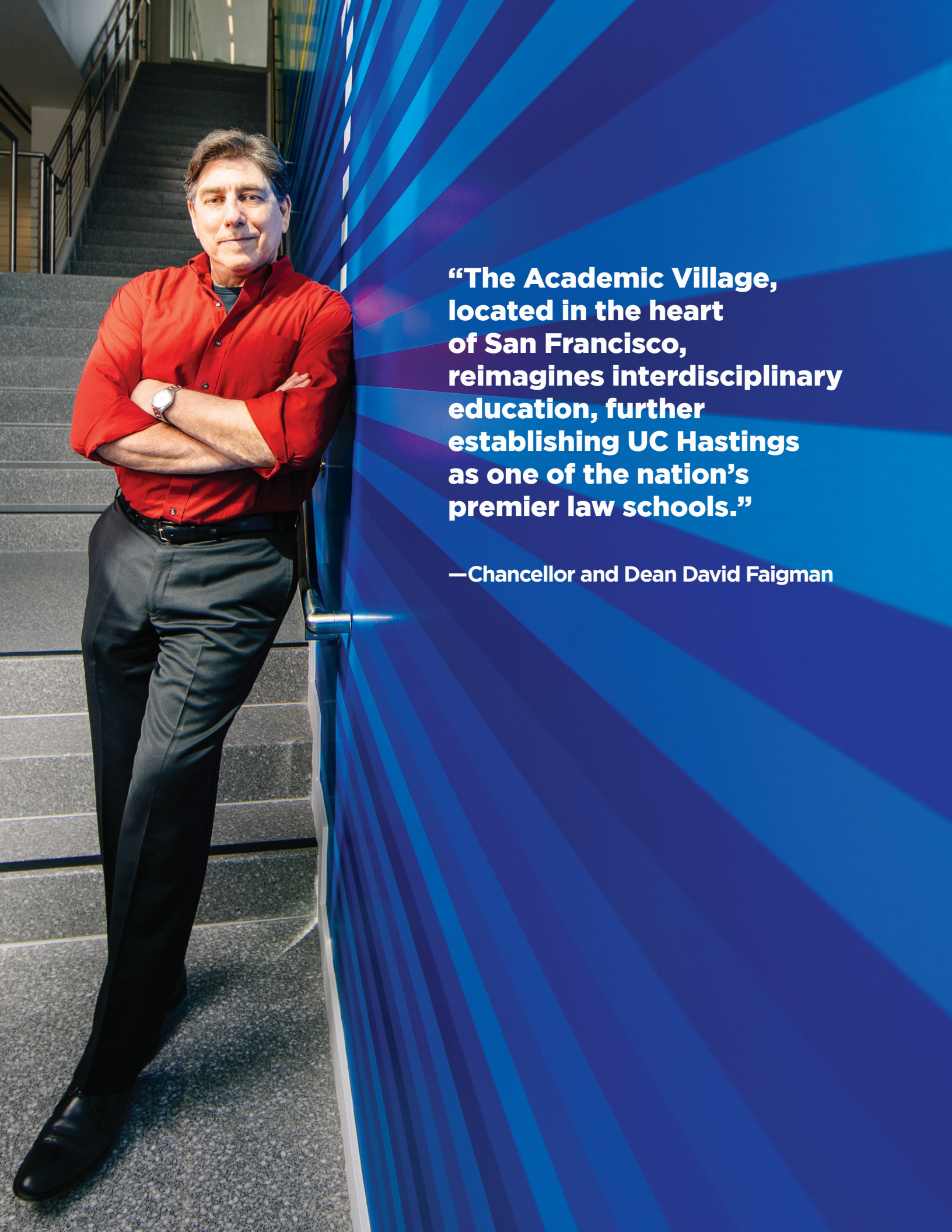




UC HASTINGS COTCHETT LAW CENTER

**UC HASTINGS  
ACADEMIC  
VILLAGE:  
COLLABORATION  
CROSSROADS**





**“The Academic Village,  
located in the heart  
of San Francisco,  
reimagines interdisciplinary  
education, further  
establishing UC Hastings  
as one of the nation’s  
premier law schools.”**

**—Chancellor and Dean David Faigman**

**“Form ever follows function,”** wrote Chicago architect Louis Sullivan, widely considered the inventor of the skyscraper. But a century earlier, Thomas Jefferson had a bolder vision: Form could *create* function; could catalyze creativity.

Jefferson designed the University of Virginia as an “academical village”: an orchestrated arrangement of classrooms, dormitories, and faculty lodgings connected by colonnades and converging at the library. The place was purpose-built to spark creative interactions and intellectual energy.

Today, a 21st-century embodiment of that Jeffersonian ideal is rising rapidly in the heart of one of the world’s great cities: the UC Hastings Academic Village, a billion-dollar transformation of the UC Hastings campus and neighboring properties.

Far more than a slate of construction projects, it is a forward-looking investment in the potential of proximity and partnership. Located at a major civic, technological, and legal crossroads, the Academic Village will demonstrate what a great urban law school can be and do.

Three blocks from our campus are San Francisco’s City Hall, the California Supreme Court, California’s Court of Appeal for the First District, San Francisco Superior Court, and the federal District Court. Four blocks another direction is the vast edifice of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. And just south of the city is the white-hot economic engine of Silicon Valley.

On our own two blocks—at the nexus of the Civic Center, Tenderloin, and Mid-Market neighborhoods—the school’s momentum is palpable. The most obvious changes are physical, with one state-of-the-art building completed in March 2020 and a second begun six months later.



Less tangible but increasingly apparent to our community members, peers, and partners is surging vitality, fed by clear vision and mounting evidence of success.

- Our curriculum is nimbly adapting to the changing face of legal practice, with four degree programs and innovative courses exploring the intersections of law with technology, health, intellectual property, tax, compliance, privacy, race, and social justice.



A Sky Deck tops the new Cotchett Law Center at 333 Golden Gate Avenue.

- Our research faculty influence national understanding of public health, employment law, immigration, legal technology, educational effectiveness, and other vital issues. Recognized experts, they counsel leading organizations and testify in state legislatures and the U.S. Congress.
- UC Hastings' flagship centers are powerhouses of cross-disciplinary research and action-oriented engagement. Among them: centers for

Innovation, WorkLife Law, Gender and Refugee Studies, and Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, as well as the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy. Since 2019, we have added six more, focused on business, tax, technology, racial and economic justice, Indigenous law, and litigation.

- Our students excel in the toughest competitive arenas. Our moot court team finished the 2020-21 season #1 in the country. Our negotiation and dispute resolution team won two prominent national competitions. And our trial team has won national competitions three of the past five years.
- UC Hastings has long recruited and nurtured students from disadvantaged backgrounds through its Legal Education Opportunity Program. In 2019, we established the California Scholars Program, offering full tuition plus stipend to Californians who graduate from historically Black colleges and universities. And in Fall 2020, we welcomed one of the most racially and ethnically diverse incoming classes in the school's history.

- Our 2019 and 2020 graduates posted UC Hastings' highest pass rates in recent decades on the notoriously difficult California Bar Exam. Most recently, 87% of our 2020 graduates passed on their first try. Our two-year, 26-point gain affirms the school's multi-faceted strategy to raise scores and speed graduates' admission to the bar.

Multiple metrics make it clear: UC Hastings is moving up in every arena of activity, including its skyline.



Our new Quad connects the Cotchett Law Center with Mary Kay Kane Hall at 200 McAllister Street.





Our 15-floor building at 198 McAllister Street—with 12 floors of student housing—is slated for completion in June 2023.

### Academic Village Rises

From the sidewalks of McAllister Street and Golden Gate Avenue, passersby can't help but notice the major construction activity. Invisible to most, though, is the bigger picture. What's actually under way is a series of linked projects, driven by a strategy to transform UC Hastings into a multi-institution community that supports its surrounding neighborhood.

First to rise was the Cotchett Law Center at 333 Golden Gate Avenue—UC Hastings' first new academic building in 40 years. Certified LEED Platinum, the six-story structure houses smart classrooms, conference spaces, faculty offices, and a rooftop deck. Named for distinguished alumnus Joe Cotchett ('64), it was completed in March 2020. Stand-out features include a Sky Deck with dramatic views of City Hall, a landscaped Quad for outdoor gatherings, and a Sky Bridge linking to our main administration building, the fully renovated Kane Hall, at 200 McAllister Street.

In September 2020, we broke ground on a second new building, at 198 McAllister Street, targeted to achieve LEED Gold certification. Slated for completion in June 2023, this 15-story mixed-use structure will address a longstanding, pressing need for affordable campus housing. Its 656 apartments will rent at below-market rates to UC Hastings students plus more than 200 graduate students and trainees from UC San Francisco and other partner institutions. It will also include courtrooms, meeting spaces, a café, and other street-level retail space.

Next in line is a sidewalk-to-rooftop renovation of our historic Tower at 100 McAllister Street. Built in 1929 as a church-hotel combination, the Tower currently provides the school's only student housing. In 2023, we will begin a two-year project to renovate the building. Top priorities will be a seismic upgrade and modernization of 252 apartments for students and faculty of UC Hastings and partner institutions. We will also refurbish the Sky Room, our panoramic 24th-floor event space. Another goal of this renovation is to convert the former cathedral space into a spectacular Great Hall for hosting conferences, events, and performances.

Also on the drawing board is a fourth project, a mixed-use structure of approximately 15 stories to replace four low-rise buildings at 201-247 Golden Gate Avenue. In partnership with the property's owner, Unite Here/Local 2, this project would expand our footprint by a quarter of a city block; anchor the northeast corner of our campus; and offer long-term room to grow for UC Hastings, partner institutions, and neighborhood organizations. Development partners are being recruited.

Academic Village projects are being designed to the highest green-building standards, aligned with the school's goal of becoming the nation's greenest urban campus by 2025. When all are finished, some 1,300 students will live on campus—five times as many as today—without displacing a single member of our adjacent communities.

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# ACADEMIC VILLAGE RISES

*UC Hastings rejuvenates its campus in the heart of San Francisco*



## Cotchett Law Center

The Cotchett Law Center at 333 Golden Gate Avenue opened in March 2020 with smart classrooms, conference spaces, faculty offices, and a rooftop deck.



## Mary Kay Kane Hall

Our administration building at 200 McAllister Street has been fully renovated. Features include six new classrooms and ground-floor suites for Admissions and Financial Aid offices.



## 198 McAllister

When completed in 2023, this building will offer 656 apartments to students at below-market rates plus courtrooms, meeting spaces, a café, and other retail space.



## McAllister Street Tower

Between 2023 and 2025, our Tower at 100 McAllister Street will be totally renovated, including 252 apartments for students and faculty of UC Hastings and partner schools.



## 201-247 Golden Gate

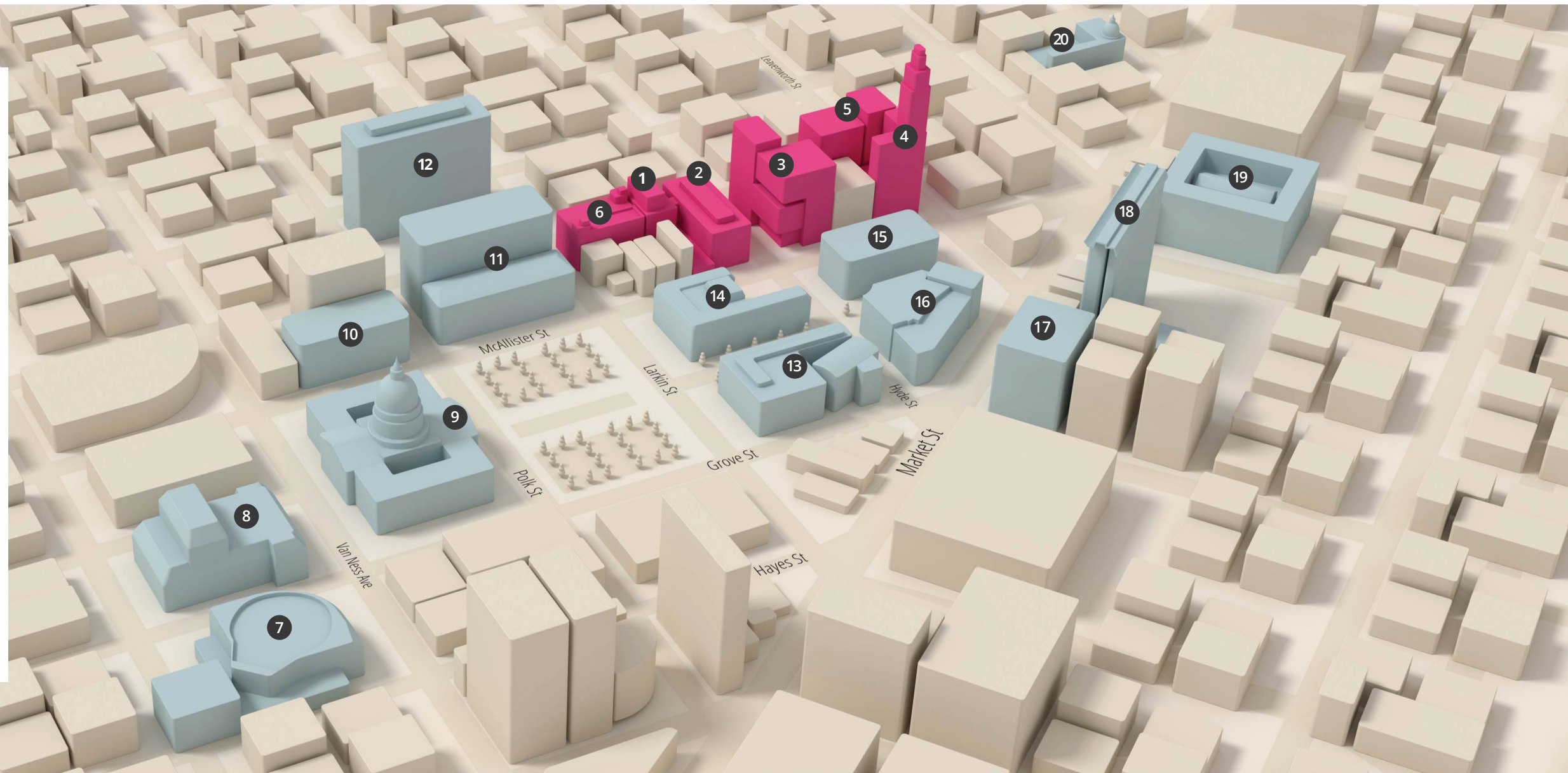
Development partners are being sought for a mixed-use structure offering high-quality space for property owners Unite Here/Local 2 and for UC Hastings and partner institutions.

## UC Hastings: Crossroads Campus

1. Cotchett Law Center, 333 Golden Gate Avenue
2. Mary Kay Kane Hall, 200 McAllister Street
3. 198 McAllister Street
4. 100 McAllister Street Tower
5. 201-247 Golden Gate Avenue
6. 376 Larkin Street Parking Garage
7. Davies Symphony Hall
8. War Memorial Opera House
9. San Francisco City Hall
10. San Francisco Superior Court
11. California Supreme Court and California Court of Appeal for the First District
12. Phillip Burton Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
13. San Francisco Public Library
14. Asian Art Museum
15. 50 United Nations Plaza
16. Orpheum Theatre
17. Whole Foods
18. San Francisco Federal Building
19. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
20. Golden Gate Theatre

● UC Hastings Academic Village

● Nearby Landmarks





### Collaboration at the Core

Our goal is ambitious but pragmatic: to create an intellectual hub that spurs interaction and innovation, leading problem-solvers in new directions.

We already collaborate to offer high-impact complementary programs. We co-lead the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy and conduct core classes for the joint UCSF/UC Hastings online master's degree program in Health Policy and Law. We partner with



UC Berkeley Haas School of Business, UC Davis Graduate School of Management, and Presidio Graduate School so our students can earn JD and MBA degrees concurrently. With UC Santa Cruz, we offer the opportunity to earn a JD and a master's degree in applied economics and finance at the same time. We host classes for UC Davis' business

analytics master's degree program. And in 2020 we inked an agreement with Spelman College to conduct a "3+3" program that enables students to earn a bachelor's degree and a JD in six years instead of seven.

Now, as the Academic Village takes shape, we are exploring new ways to integrate legal education into fields as diverse as medicine, business, engineering, and public policy.

Also central to the Academic Village initiative is our commitment to be a force for positive change beyond the borders of our campus. UC Hastings students, staff, and faculty routinely help people in the Tenderloin and across the city by providing free services through our legal clinics and by volunteering with local organizations. Over time, as we open new facilities and attract more visitors to campus, we will contribute even more powerfully to the renewal of our broader community.

The Academic Village also will create a vibrant destination for another vital component of our community: UC Hastings alumni. With dramatic venues for symposia, reunions, and informal get-togethers, our campus will offer welcoming gathering places for graduates who are returning as speakers, employers, mentors, and members of the UC Hastings family.



**"I believe the law is a powerful tool for breaking barriers, achieving justice, and creating opportunities and I am grateful for my experience at UC Hastings, which provided the legal foundation for my career."**

—Vice President Kamala Harris ('89)



**"As an alumna of Hastings and a member of Congress, I'm proud to see Hastings embrace and promote the concept of the Academic Village in the heart of San Francisco. It's 21st century thinking for a 21st century institution of learning."**

—U.S. Representative Jackie Speier ('76), 14th Congressional District



**"UC Hastings is on a strong upward trajectory, with a broadening curriculum, newly constructed and renovated buildings, and burgeoning relationships with major universities. It is a true powerhouse."**

—Judge Edward Davila ('79), U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California



**"The campus transformation will increase UC Hastings' reach immeasurably. But the school's core mission remains constant: to train exceptional lawyers to serve their clients fully and the public good honorably."**

—Associate Justice Paula Nakayama ('78), Hawaii Supreme Court





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Academic Village