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*Please consider the following in recognition of the genocide of
Indigenous peoples who once called this land their home.*

The San Francisco Peninsula is the ancestral home of the Ramaytush Ohlone people, with many more Ohlone tribes throughout the greater Bay Area.² After Mission Dolores was constructed in 1776, disease and forced linguistic assimilation decimated the Ohlone people and their culture.³ In 1925, after over 100 years of genocide, the Ohlone were declared extinct and their federal recognition and land rights were stripped.⁴ However, the land continues to be a sacred ancestral home to descendants of the Ohlone.⁵

The University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco (UC Law SF) was built on Ohlone land.⁶ The school was originally named after Serranus Hastings, a man who organized and financed the genocide of the Yuki and other Native Californian peoples in the Eden and Round Valleys.⁷ This institution of higher learning⁸ was founded upon and funded by the death, displacement, and destruction of Native peoples who once flourished amongst these rolling, foggy hills.

UCLEJ acknowledges the importance of Indigenous land practices to ecological restoration and protection. UCLEJ recognizes both the terrible history of the land that UC Law SF occupies and the Ohlone, Yuki, and other Native peoples, both past and present.⁹

1. Authored by Niranand Raum, Executive Management Editor, on behalf of UCLEJ.

2. *Ramaytush*, WIKIPEDIA, <https://perma.cc/VS2R-SW4F>.

3. *Id.*

4. *Id.*

5. ASS'N OF RAMAYTUSH OHLONE, <https://perma.cc/2Q7K-Z8EK>.

6. *Ohlone Land*, CTRS. FOR EDUC. JUST. & CMTY. ENGAGEMENT, UC BERKELEY, <https://perma.cc/QM6F-7D6R>.

7. Thomas Fuller, *He Unleashed a California Massacre. Should This School Be Named for Him?*, N.Y. TIMES, <https://perma.cc/F8HX-LF3U>.

8. U.C.L.S.F., <https://perma.cc/XHC9-TPD9> (“The law school is now known as University of California College of the Law, San Francisco or UC Law SF for short, after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1936, which revised the California Education Code, striking the name “Hastings” from the school.”).

9. See Liz Lindqwister & Olivia Cruz Mayeda, *5 Things You Should Know About San Francisco's Indigenous Past & Present*, S.F. STANDARD, <https://perma.cc/RE2H-ETVM>.
