

THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW
ONLINE JD PROGRAM – DISCONTINUATION POLICY

If the Law School determined it needed to discontinue its online JD program, it would provide its continuing students with the following options for a path to completion of their JD degree with as little interruption as possible:

Option 1- Allow Transfer to the Law School’s Residential JD Program

To the extent a continuing online JD student was able to take residential classes in San Diego, the online JD students would be welcome to transfer to the Law School’s ongoing residential JD program. This would not affect their ability to receive financial aid or other student support. There is ample space at the Law School’s residential facility to absorb these additional students and the program of study would continue uninterrupted as they worked towards completion of their degree. The Law School would already have their student records so no additional action on the student’s part would be required.

Option 2- Facilitate Transfer of Visiting to Approved Online JD Programs

Below is a list of law schools with online JD programs where students could reasonably complete their programs of study should the Law School need to discontinue its online JD program. Each of these schools has been reviewed for comparable program content, structure, scheduling, accreditation, and stability to ensure students could successfully complete their degrees. This includes reviewing the schools’ websites (including review of course offerings), learning outcomes, and accreditations. Should it become necessary to discontinue the online JD program, the Law School would reach out to these schools to facilitate a streamlined transfer agreement for students.

The Law School will make necessary student records available and will use multiple communication methods to ensure that students will have uninterrupted access to necessary records. Students will be notified of how to obtain records by various means of communication, including e-mail and social media platforms if necessary.

To the extent the students are eligible to be visiting students in these programs instead of transfer students, the Law School would administer financial aid to the visiting institutions.

The Law School will train staff to assist with supporting students transitioning to other institutions. In addition, the Law School will work with the partner institutions to ensure clear and easy transitional plans for the students to achieve their degrees.

List of Law Schools with Approved Online JD Programs by the California State Bar’s Committee of Bar Examiners:

Concord Law School at Purdue Global
John F. Kennedy School of Law at National University
Northwestern California University School of Law
St. Francis School of Law