

## UCI School of Law University of California - Irvine, CA

**Austin Services**  
Planning  
Architecture  
Interior Design  
Engineering  
Construction Support

**Location**  
Irvine, CA

**Facts & Data**  
110,000 SF



The Austin Company was awarded the project for the re-purposing of Berkeley Place (North & South wings) at the University of California's School of Law in Irvine, California. The project consists of multiple design and construction phases, which will result in the renovation of most of the 110,000 SF complex.

The Austin Company's first assignments included development of premises for the Dean and his staff, administration, admissions and associated senior staff. Following directly was the preliminary design of a two-story "book lite and internet-heavy" Law Library, accommodating up to 50,000 volumes; media, group and individual study areas; interactive spaces and a computer lab. Total seating capacity in the library is 300.

Austin's planning and design work also included: a suite of faculty offices, seminar and lecture rooms, a Moot Courtroom, student common areas, additional offices and related supporting spaces. Project assignments included participation in the School of Law detailed Project Plan/Master Plan.

All re-purposing included replacement of building standard finishes, replacement of existing lighting with indirect fixtures and extensive use of interior glazing to foster interaction among various stakeholders and students.

The University of California, Irvine has a strong commitment to sustainability. In support of these goals, energy-saving and environmentally-friendly features are incorporated in all areas and include: sensor-controlled lighting in day-lit areas, optimization of HVAC zoning and controls, re-use of existing construction where possible, and low or no-VOC adhesives, coatings and surfacing materials.



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