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TO: Interested Law Firms and Attorney
FROM: Rhonda Goldstein, Deputy General Counsel, Litigation
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RE: Participation on UC General Liability Program Defense
Panel for Southern CA

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The University of California is a public corporation established under Article IX, Section 9 of the California Constitution and governed by The Regents of the University of California (see <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu>). The General Counsel and Senior Vice President – Legal Affairs is a Principal Officer of The Regents and Chief Legal Officer of the University, responsible for all legal matters pertaining to the Corporation and the University.

The Office of the General Counsel in partnership with the Office of Risk Services oversees outside counsel and legal services required by the University's General Liability Program, providing for defense of the University and employees in general liability matters, which include claims for personal injury and property damage.

The General Liability Program is seeking applications from interested law firms to participate on our defense panel in Southern California for UC Los Angeles, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, and UCLA and Santa Monica Health Centers, UCI Health, and UCSD Health. The purpose is to secure high-quality, cost-effective legal services from qualified law firms and attorneys who would be available for retention and assignment for individual claims and legal actions and other matters.

Application materials are available online at

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019779cd0421728587564ceb70a39beb>.

All applications must be submitted via the above link on or before July 31, 2025. Should you have any questions about the submission of your applications, please contact Robert Chang at Robert.chang@ucop.edu.

Only qualified firms located within the Southern California area should apply. Applications must document a firm's expertise and experience in general liability matters in California. Other important considerations for our selection process include a demonstrated commitment to diversity, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness.

Finalists will be invited to be interviewed in Oakland in Fall 2025. Successful applicants will be provided the opportunity to participate on the General Liability Program Defense Panel, an approved list of firms and attorneys.

Questions

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