

WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW

Context: The School is positioned for a major re-shaping in the coming 2-3 years, and so now is a good time to discuss a strategic plan to guide future hiring. The recent low bar passing rate is a concern, as are the low enrollments in the LLM and SJD programs.

October 12, 2020 Presentation:

- [Law Presentation](#)
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Revised Recommendations (as of October 13, 2020)

- [Develop a strategy to recruit domestic students to the LLM program.](#)
- Stop-out admission to the SJD program.
- Monitor preparation for the bar, and passage rates.
- Develop a strategic hiring plan to address retirements of faculty and administrators.

Details

- The Mānoa Budget Team met with Dean Nelson, Spencer Kimura (Director of the LLM program), and Tae-Ung Baik (Director of the SJD program), on Thursday, October 8, 2020. Summaries of meetings with department faculty will be posted on the Planning for Post-Pandemic Hawai'i website.
- The team agrees that it would be premature to stop-out admission to the LLM program. We support the efforts to recruit domestic students to increase enrollment.
- Dean Nelson and Director Baik acknowledge that enrollment in the SJD program is unlikely to grow to 20 students as originally proposed when the program was approved. The program is further challenged by travel restrictions faced by international students. The team is also concerned about the advising load placed on faculty to support this program in addition to the JD. For these reasons, the team recommends a stop-out of admission for at least the next year. We recommend that the stop-out be revisited after the campus budget stabilizes and when travel restrictions for international students are lifted.