

# Jordin M. Wilcher

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## EDUCATION

**University of California, Irvine School of Law**, Irvine, CA

Juris Doctor expected May 2021

Activities: Admissions Ambassador  
Intellectual Property Law Society, *Financial Director*  
Student Bar Association, *Vice-Chair for Internal Relations, 1L Class Representative*  
Women's Law Society  
Women in Tech Law

Pro Bono: Bet Tzedek Legal Services  
Public Law Center, *Citizenship and Naturalization Clinic, Youth Sports Program*  
Saturday Academy of Law

Honors: Pro Bono Achievement Award (for completing over 20 hours of pro bono work)

**West Virginia University**, Morgantown, WV

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, May 2018

Honors: Dean's Honors List  
Promise Scholar  
Rhododendron Scholar

Activities: Beta Eta Chapter of Alpha Omega Epsilon, *Greek Relations & International Conference Delegate*  
Biochemistry Club  
Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources & Design, *Biochemistry Ambassador*  
Panhellenic Council, *Vice President of Programming*  
Freshman Leadership Program, *Peer Advising for Leadership*  
Phi Sigma Theta  
Student Government Association, *Co-Executive Director of Legislative Affairs & Communications Team*  
Theta Omicron Chapter of Order of Omega, *Secretary*

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**University of California, Irvine School of Law**, Irvine, CA August 2019 – Present  
*Research Fellow to Professor Alison Mikkor.* Worked closely with professor to provide guidance to law students in first-year legal research and writing course. Assisted students in developing effective writing skills. Provided assessments to students regarding analysis, citations, and writing style.

**Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP**, San Francisco, CA June 2019 – July 2019  
*Summer Associate.* Research and draft memoranda in the area of patent licensing. Participate in mock negotiation regarding acquisition of companies. Investigate case filings for information pertinent to breach of contract. Drafted section of reply brief pertaining to pending pro bono asylum case.

**Uber**, San Francisco, CA May 2019 – June 2019  
*Legal Intern.* Conducted global competition and product analysis for Intellectual Property Team and created an interactive tracking tool to assist with patent and trademark portfolio filings. Analyzed and conducted due diligence on contracts for Emerging Technologies Legal Team and provided summary reports for team leadership. Researched city code regulation for rideshare and prepared memorandum analyzing risk.

## EMPLOYMENT

**West Virginia University Office of Admissions**, Morgantown, WV April 2016 – August 2018  
*Program Assistant, Admissions Ambassador, Orientation Leader, Team Lead.* Supervised peers while they assisted incoming students and their families. Created, edited and reviewed applications for future employees. Administered phone calls answering questions and communicating WVU policies with current and future students and their families. Managed peers within a Student Communication Center. Lead activities with incoming students. Delivered speeches to 600+ students and their families. Educated potential new students and guests on the history and facts of WVU.

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Avid Disneyland visitor, coffee enthusiast, and college football and basketball fan.

Hello everyone! My name is Jordin Wilcher and I am running for Delegate of Programming for the American Bar Association (“ABA”) Law Student Division. I am a second year student at the University of California, Irvine School of Law.

A West Virginia native, I graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor’s in Biochemistry. During this time, I served as the Co-Executive Director of Legislative Affairs for the Student Government Association. As Co-Executive Director I had to advocate on behalf of WVU’s students, as well as plan a trip for students to go to the West Virginia State Capitol for WVU Day so they could advocate on behalf of themselves and the school. Doing this prepared me to advocate on behalf of law school students to the Association House of Delegates and the Division. I also served as Vice-President of Programming for the Panhellenic Association. As Vice-President of Programming, I planned and organized events for the entirety of WVU’s Greek Life. At UCI Law, I have served as Vice-Chair of Internal Relations for our Student Bar Association. As Vice-Chair, I helped organize events for our students, heard complaints about what events and programming students want to see, and evaluated methods to better address concerns they have. I feel as though these positions have prepared me, and qualify me for this position.

I believe that I have experience that will bring a unique perspective to the position. Further, my platform focuses on four main goals: increasing mental health awareness in law schools, providing better financial literacy to incoming and current law students, facilitating better communication between the ABA Law Student Division Board and the ABA Representatives and Presidents of Student Bar Associations around the country, and creating better law school policies for expecting mothers.

My first platform goal deals with mental health and law students. I want to continue the great work that the previous boards have started, and incorporate more ways to help students through this stressful experience. Mental health should not only be thought of on National Mental Health Day, and during Mental Health Awareness Month in May. We need to have an open communication in our day-to-day lives about mental health. While there are great resources provided to us by the ABA, and through some of our schools, we need more buy-in from school administrators and their student body. I hope to accomplish this by reaching out to schools, seeing what their biggest struggle is with implementing more resources towards mental health awareness, and trying to implement strategies to overcome those struggles.

Further, I would like to include a mandatory mental health session within the annual conference, where the ABA representatives and SBA Presidents can solicit information on how to better serve students, including ideas for mental health awareness events, and policies they can ask their schools to implement. This may take the form of encouraging dry events, or family-friendly events. As Vice-Chair of Internal Relations at UCI Law, we have worked to incorporate family-friendly events like an outing to a baseball game, a movie screening at a local movie theatre, trick-or-treating in our courtyard, and a week of gratitude for our students. I would also like to work with the Delegate of Communication to create a monthly newsletter focused on mental health initiatives that schools around the country are doing, to give students and representatives ideas of what they can be doing at their own schools.

Second, I want to focus on improving financial literacy for both incoming and current law students. For many students, law school requires taking out a significant amount of loans, even with scholarships. One of the programs I would want to implement includes a financial literacy presentation, that would be available on the ABA Law Student Division website, focusing on how to prepare students to pay for law school, living expenses, and different loan repayment plans students may be eligible for.

Further, I would work the rest of the board to draft policies to help implement rural assistance loan forgiveness for students who want to work in rural areas that are experiencing droughts in legal representation. In many rural areas in the country, there is an inadequate supply of legal representation for counties. By implementing a loan forgiveness program, students would be able to work in these rural areas without having to wonder how they are going to pay their loans back. As someone who grew up in rural Appalachia, I want to see that everyone who needs representation is able to find adequate legal assistance without having to trek across the state.

For students with subsidized loans, I would also want to work with my colleagues to draft policies to try to increase the interest-free repayment from six-months post-graduation to two years post-graduation. While people would be able to start paying them off earlier than the two year mark, it gives students who may not have the financial means post-graduation and post-bar to begin paying off their student loans extra time to get their finances in order.

Third, I want to work with the Delegate of Communication to create a better line of communication between the Law Student Division Board and the students we represent. This could be done by virtual office hours by each member once a month, an anonymous form for students to fill out their complaints or concerns, and/or by creating groups to better serve our community. Further, at Association conferences, I would work to organize small groups based on geographic area so that schools can get to know their nearby schools, and communicate with those around them. In some cases, your schools may experience similar struggles and it could be beneficial to have someone who gets it nearby. While not every school has a close geographic neighbor, it could still be beneficial to have contacts from neighboring states.

Lastly, I want to work with my colleagues to focus on creating policies to encourage more schools to create progressive parental policies for their students. While the Young Lawyers Division works to encourage paid parental leave for firms and legal organizations, we need to ensure that our students are being adequately cared for as well. I would advocate for a policy that allows women who may be unable to physically attend class to attend virtually, through skype or zoom, so they are still able to interact with the class. A woman should not be forced to take a leave because she is pregnant. Further, we should advocate for support for the parents, post-birth. It takes a village to raise a child, and we should support the parents in any way we can.

I want to be the delegate of programming as I believe that the Law Student Division should be there for every law student in America. I have the distinct honor of being chosen to attend the ABA TechShow in February for UCI Law, and I want all schools to be able to send a representative to these types of conferences. As delegate for programming I would advocate for mental health initiatives, financial literacy, communication between the board and students around the country, and creating better law school policies for expecting mothers.