

## **UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA**

UC Legal - Office of the General Counsel

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### **University of California 2025-27 Health Affairs, Privacy & Data Protection (HAPDP) Preferred Provider Panel RFP**

We are pleased to announce that UC Legal is conducting a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a limited number of preferred outside law firms to assist the University in health affairs and research, privacy, and cybersecurity matters. Firms may offer to represent the University in one or more areas that include but are not limited to: health transactions; investigations related to health care, health sciences education, research, privacy, or data protection; reimbursement and regulatory advice; cybersecurity incident response (for the University and/or the health system); academic affairs and graduate medical education; medical staff governance; healthcare operations; research and clinical trials; and information privacy. The preferred provider panel will cover a three-year period including calendar years 2025, 2026, and 2027.

UC Legal's HAPDP team supports the largest public academic health system in the nation. It includes six academic health centers, 20 health sciences schools educating the next generation of health professionals, a Global Health Institute, and systemwide services for the University's employees and students. The University's research discoveries prevent and cure diseases and create new technologies to diagnose and treat illnesses. This work happens through data-driven investigations powered by the UC Health Data Warehouse and thousands of clinical trials across the system. The University received \$2.6 billion in grant funding from the National Institutes of Health last year – more than any other institution in the country. The HAPDP team also advises clients on privacy, data protection, and cybersecurity across the University and its health enterprise.

The University of California serves one of the world's most diverse communities and draws its student body, faculty, and employees from a wide array of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. Providing effective legal representation and advice requires that the University's legal representatives can understand and communicate with individuals from many backgrounds. Diversity of ideas, backgrounds, and experiences also promotes creativity in analyzing and solving legal problems. By establishing a diverse workplace and fostering a culture of equity and inclusion that respects individual differences, retained counsel can promote the qualities necessary to provide excellent legal service to a diverse community. If accepted, firms will be asked to participate in reporting and other activities related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. For example, in prior panels, panel firms have been asked to complete a UC Legal Report Card on Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Report Card) to assess how firms address diversity

and inclusion through hiring, promotion within the firm, assignment of case responsibility, promotion into leadership positions, and promotion of diversity within the profession. The Report Card assessed a firm's demographics. Once these activities are finalized, the University will provide further information to accepted panel firms.

Firms interested in serving the University in the above areas are encouraged to apply. The University is particularly interested in firms that have significant expertise in the matter types they intend to handle, provide excellent legal service, offer reasonable and/or flexible rates, and demonstrate commitment to supporting and promoting diversity.

Firms currently on the UC HAPDP panel should re-apply for consideration to remain on the panel.

**TO APPLY:**

Application materials will be available in October 2024, at: <https://www.ucop.edu/uc-legal/hatl-rfp.html>. Applications must be uploaded via the Smartsheet link on the website and **received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024.**

If your firm has a question during this process, please send it to [Michael.Gormley@ucop.edu](mailto:Michael.Gormley@ucop.edu) . All such questions or requests must be received by close of business on November 15, 2024.

Questions or requests received after this date may be answered in UC Legal's sole discretion. Please do not contact any other University employee concerning this RFP or the University may disqualify your proposal.

Please forward this communication to anyone who may have an interest in applying to the University of California 2025-27 HAPDP panel.