

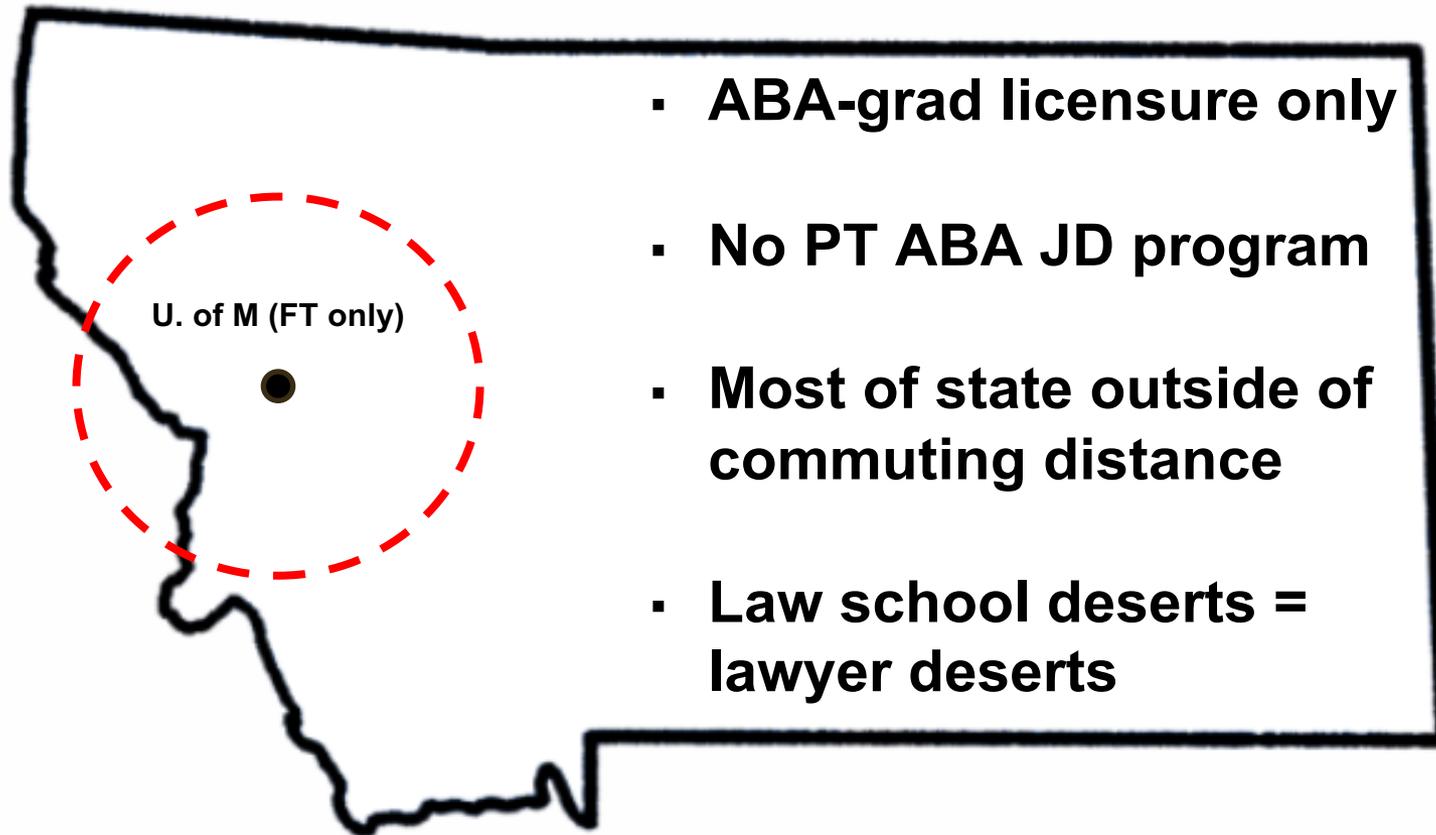
Online Law School and Access to Justice

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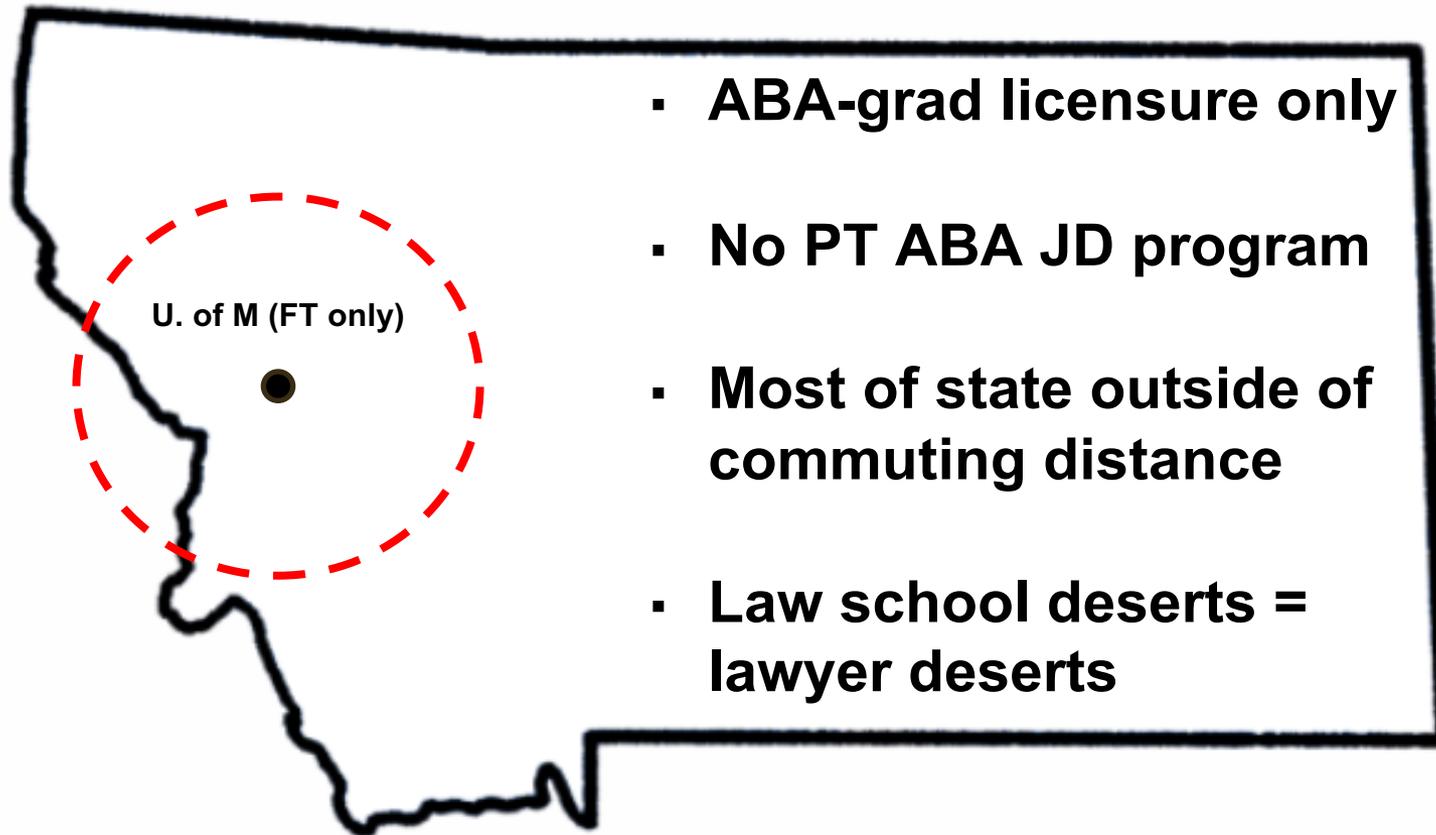
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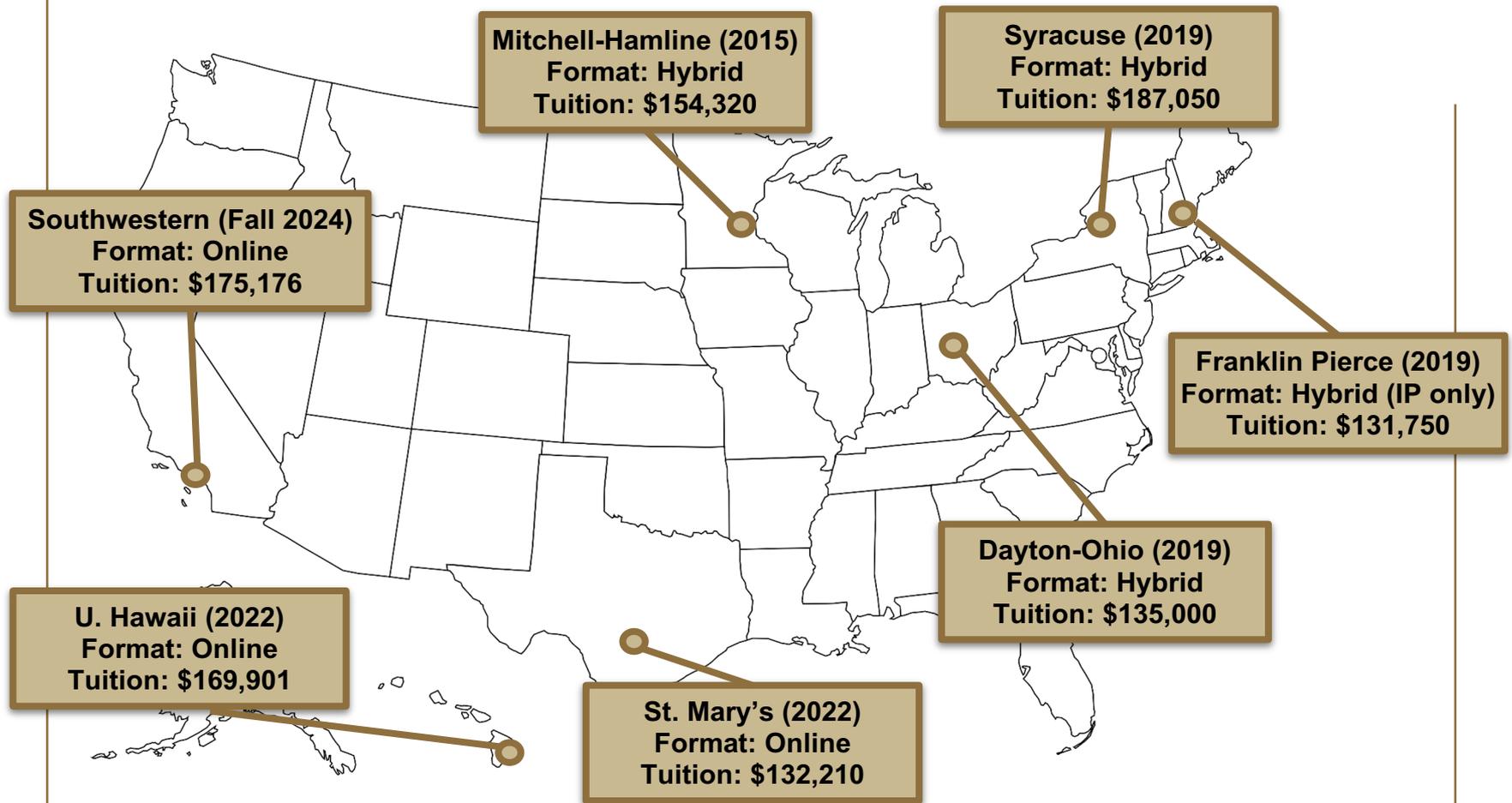


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ABA will not approve a fully online law school

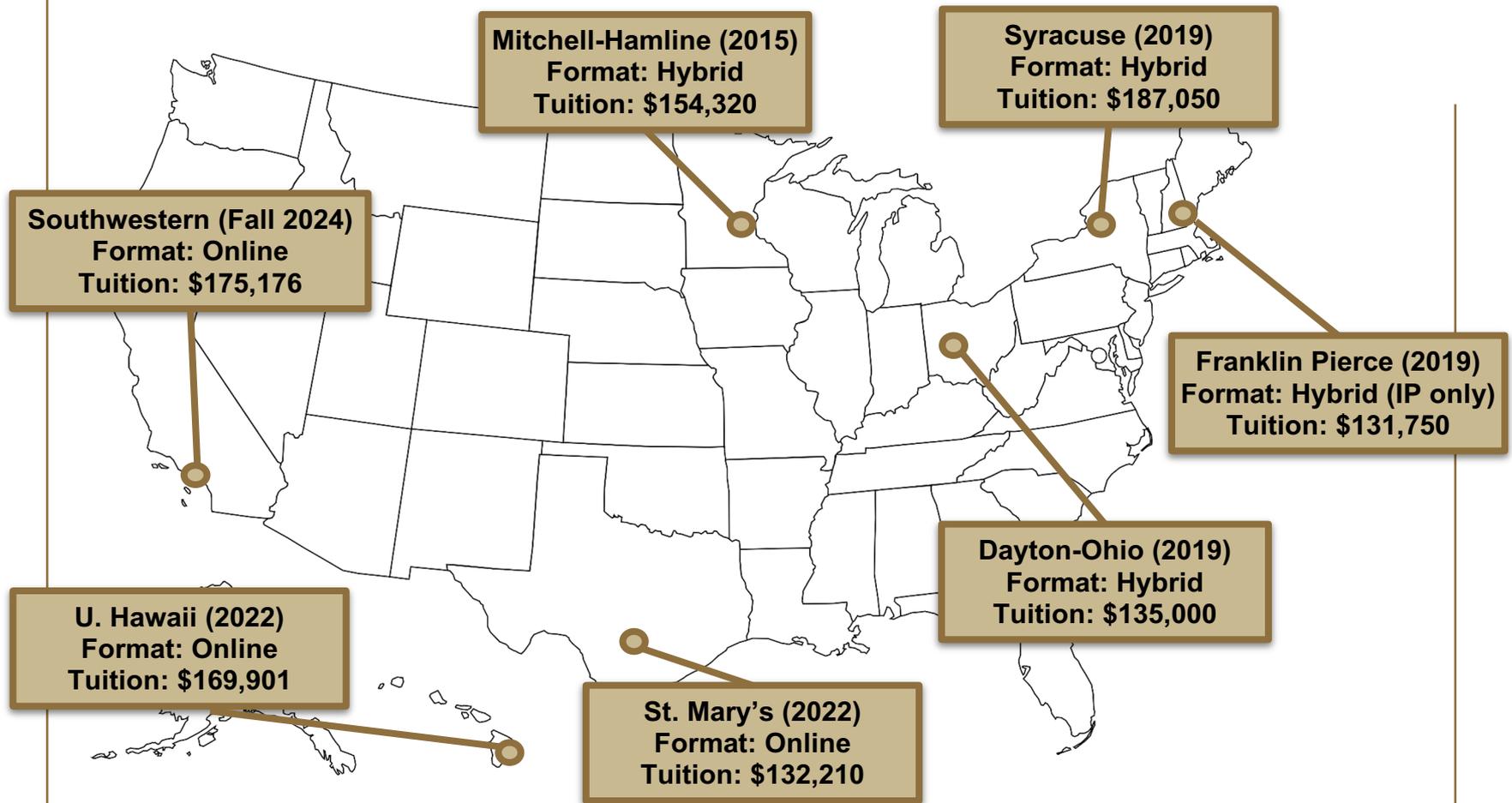
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AVG. PROGRAM TUITION
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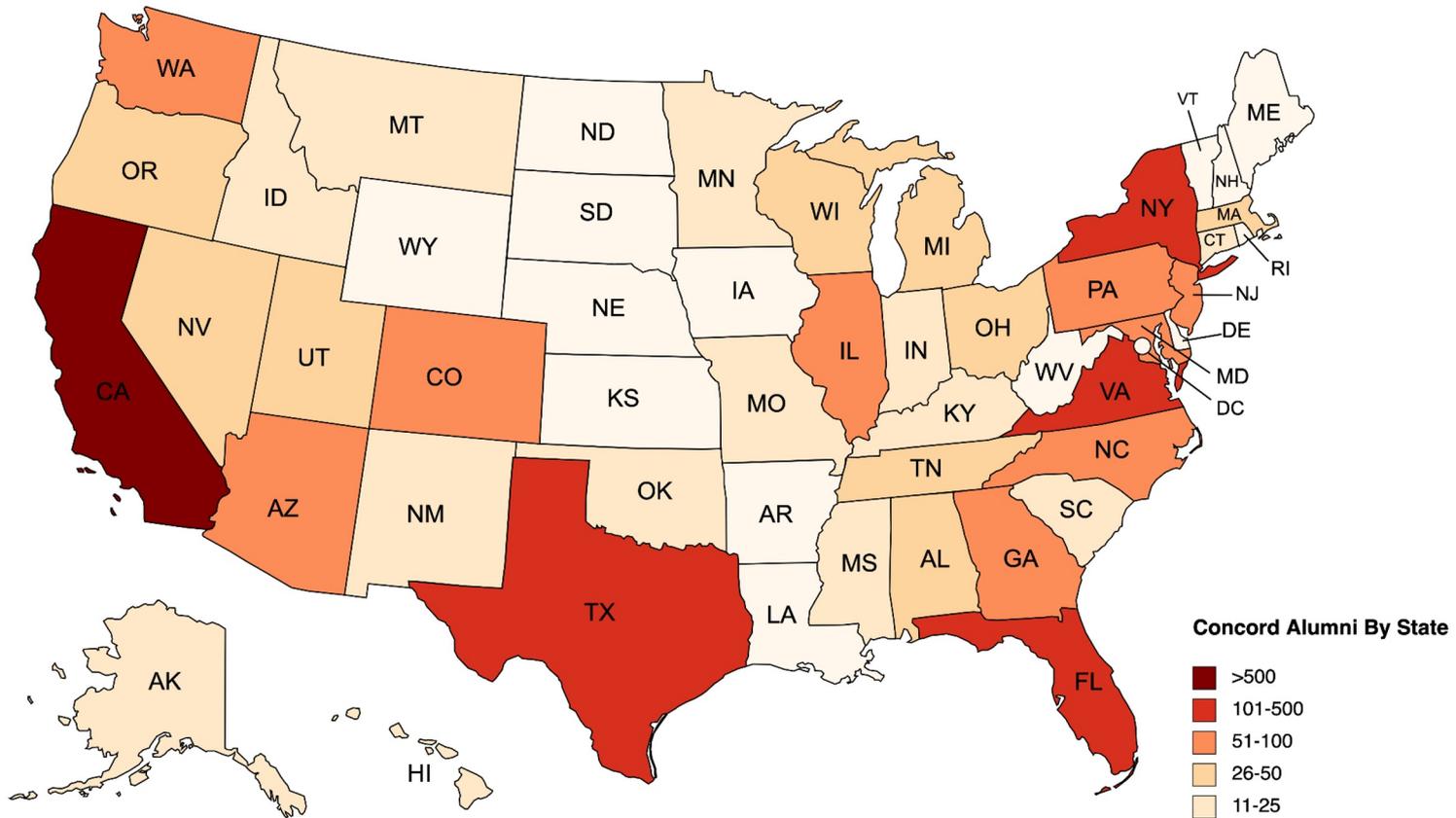


AVG. PROGRAM TUITION
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PGLS PROGRAM TUITION
\$49,680

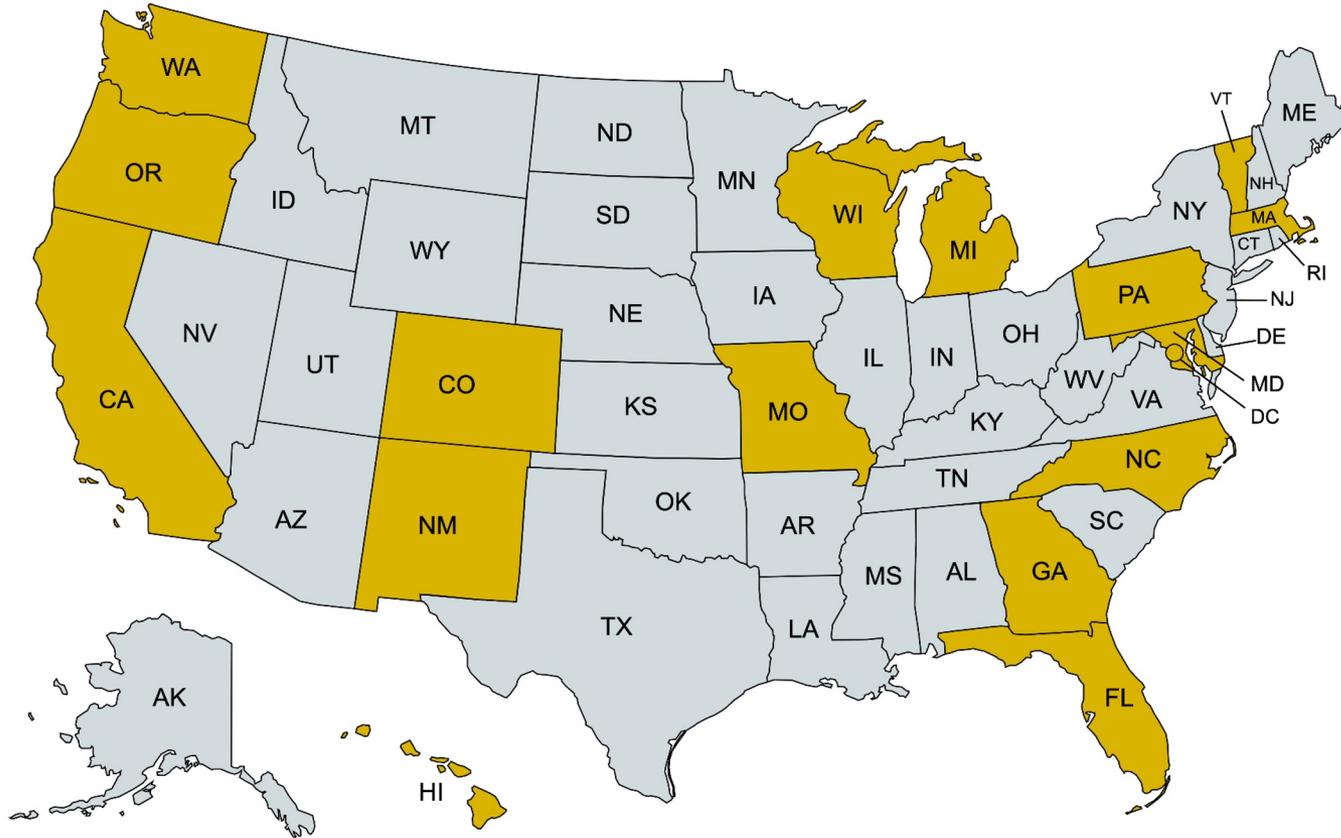
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PGLS Alumni By State



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PGLS Alumni Bar Licensure



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Opportunities Without Bar Licensure

Federal Practice

- Courts of appeals
- 40% of district / bankruptcy courts

Specialty Courts

- Immigration court
- Tax Court

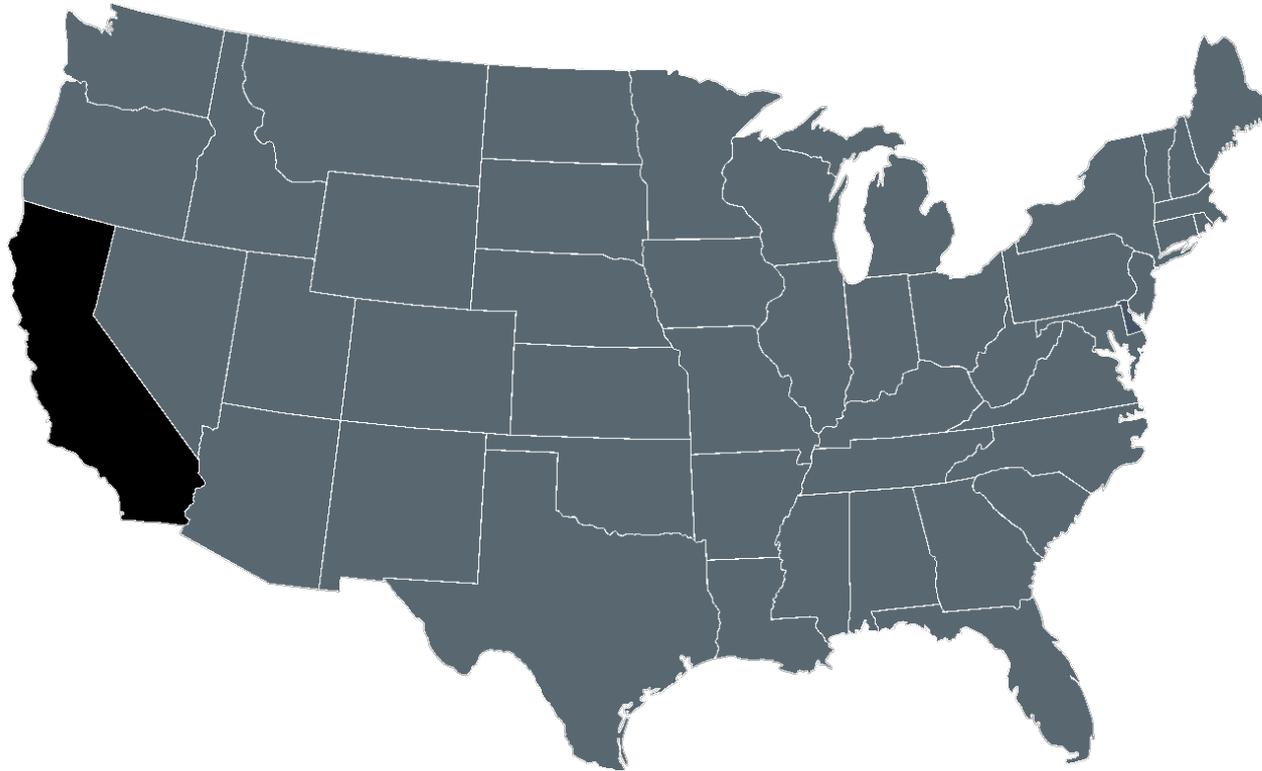
In-House Counsel

Virtual Practice

Patent Agent

Tribal Courts

PGLS and Rural Access



CA overall rural population: 3.0%

CA attorney rural population: 1.5%

CA PGLS alumni rural population: 4.5%

PGLS Student Demographics

- **Average Age: 45**
- **Non-white: 59%**
- **Female: 55%**
- **First-Generation: 42%**
- **Military-affiliated: 19%**

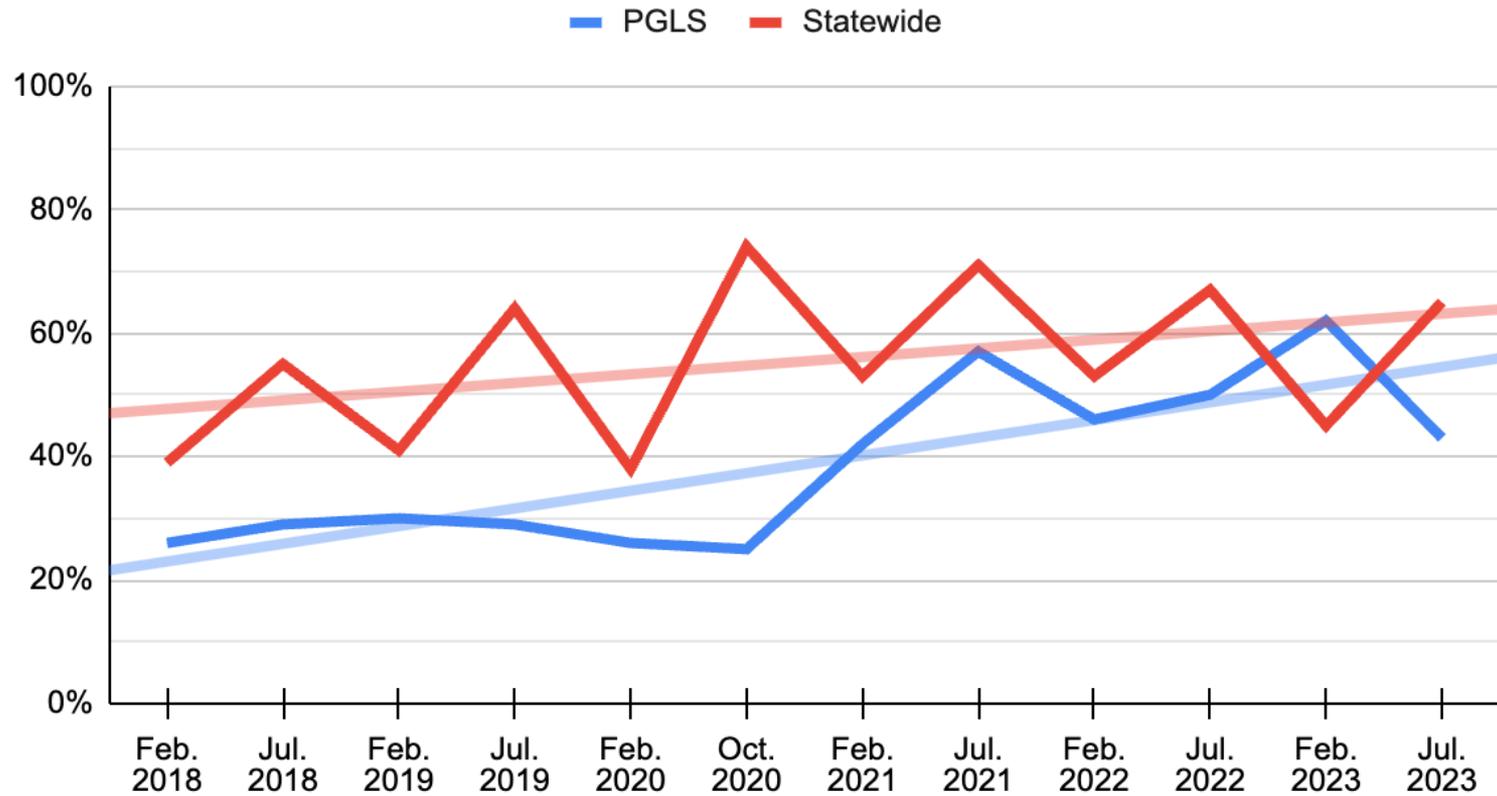


PGLS vs. ABA

- 92 credits (vs. 83 min. for ABA)
- 18 required experiential credits (vs. 6 min. for ABA)
- 1380 hrs. active engagement (vs. 1038 min. for ABA)
- Employment: 93.8%, \$104,220 vs. 94.7%, \$109,732

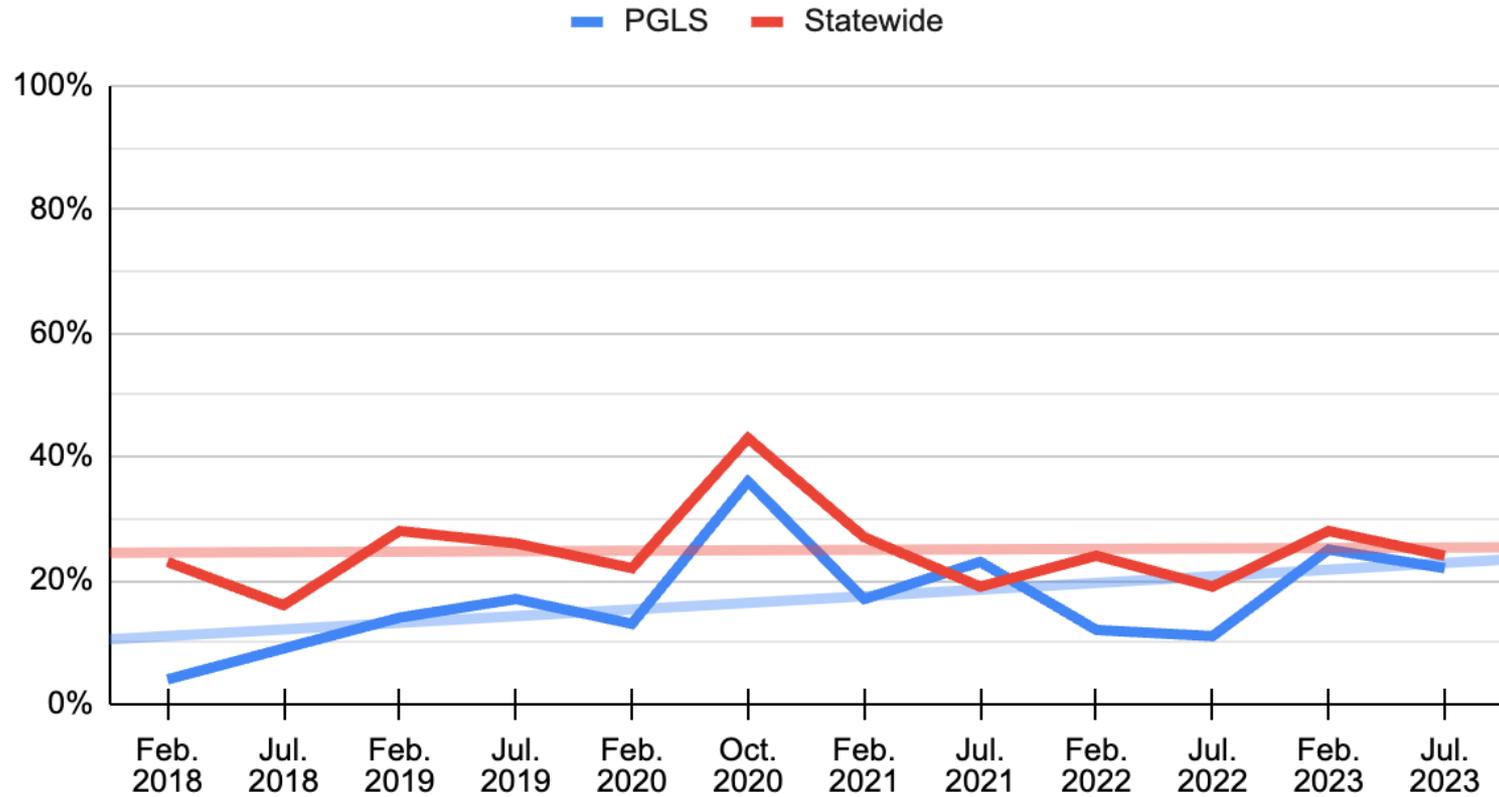
Bar Exam Pass Rates - California

PGLS and Statewide First-Time CBX Pass Rates (w/Trendlines)



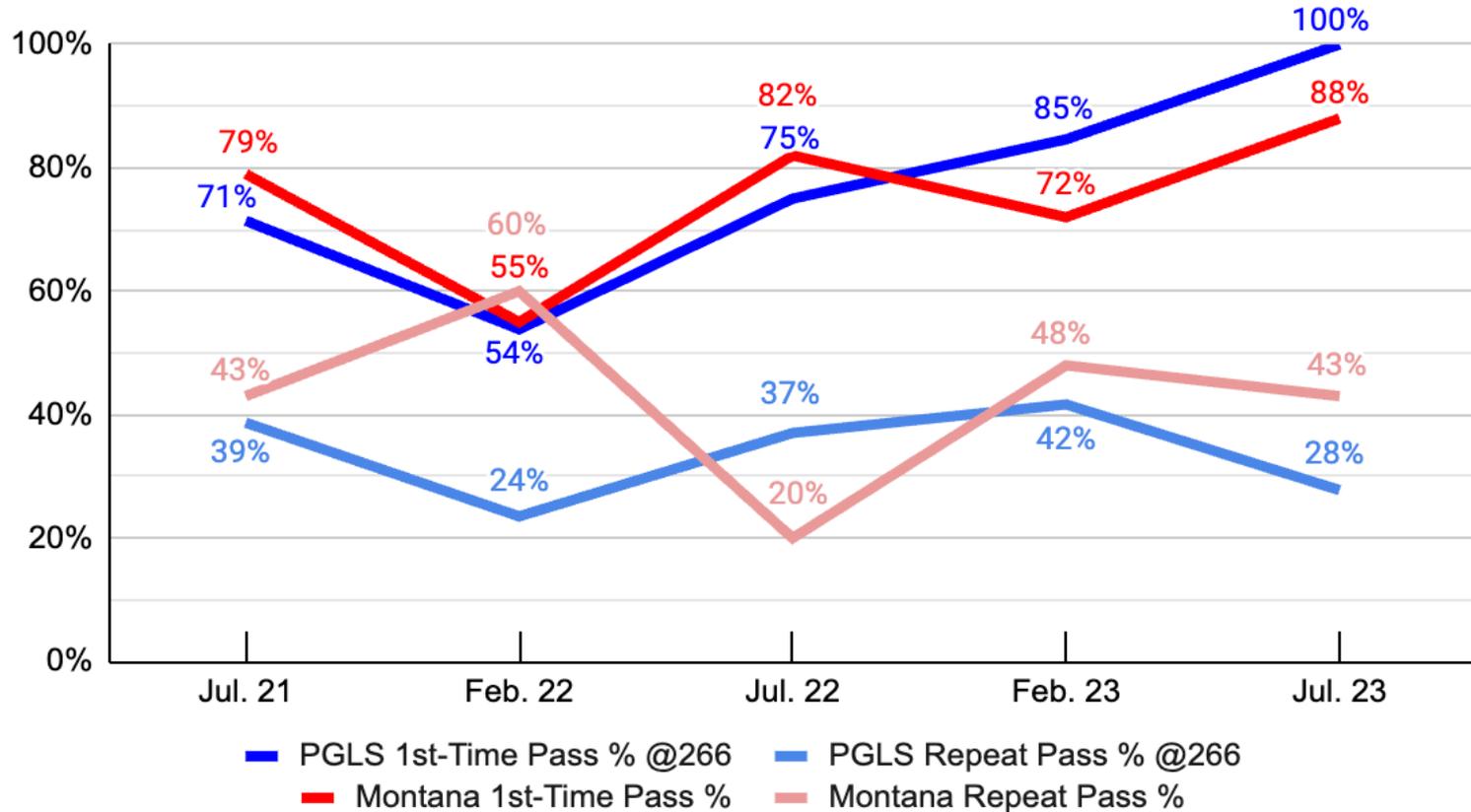
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PGLS and Statewide Repeater CBX Pass Rates (w/Trendlines)



Bar Exam Pass Rates – Montana (Imputed)

PGLS Imputed Pass Rates (at 266) vs. Montana



PGLS Student Satisfaction v. ABA

LSSSE CATEGORY	PGLS	ALL RESPONDENTS
My law school experience prepared me to think critically and analytically.	3.55	3.34
My law school experience prepared me to write clearly and effectively.	3.49	3.15
My law school experience helped me develop legal research skills.	3.60	3.17
My education prepared me to solve complex real-world problems.	3.03	2.67
My law school experience prepared me to speak clearly and effectively.	3.10	2.86
I often asked questions and contributed to class discussions.	3.28	2.82
I was satisfied with the quality of my relationships with faculty members.	5.76 (7-point scale)	5.27 (7-point scale)
I often received prompt feedback (written or oral) from faculty on my academic performance.	3.17	2.49
The law school provided the support I needed to help me succeed academically.	3.22	2.76
I was satisfied with academic advising and planning during my law school experience.	3.13	2.64
I was satisfied with my entire educational experience at my law school.	3.48	3.04
If I could start over, I would attend the same law school.	3.42	3.20

Support Services



● Academic Support

● Bar Support

● Library & Career
Services

● Everyday Support

Student Community



Awards and Accolades

- **Leading Edge Prize for Innovation in Legal Education (2018)**
- **Princeton Review Best Online JD Programs (2021-2024)**
- **Moot Court Competition Awards**
- **ABA Brown Select Award for Legal Access (2019)**



Conclusion

- Online legal education is viable
- Can address rural access, lower debt
- States need not defer to ABA
- State-accreditation/approval provides benchmark

Questions?

