

## ANTI-HAZING COMPLIANCE

The State of California and the University of California have expressly and repeatedly asserted their opposition to hazing and pre-initiation activities which do not contribute to the positive development and welfare of the individuals involved.

In February 2006, the Education Code of the State of California was repealed and amended to codify within the Penal Code a new definition of hazing. In accordance with the revised Education Code and Penal Code, students are advised of the following:

### Education Code 32052

Any person who participates in the hazing of another, or any corporation or association which knowingly permits hazing to be conducted by its members or by others subject to its direction or control, shall forfeit any entitlement to State funds, scholarships, or awards which are enjoyed by him, by her, or by it, and shall be deprived of any sanction or approval granted by any public educational institution or agency.

### Penal Code 245.6

Section 245.6 of the Penal Code reads:

- a. It shall be unlawful to engage in hazing, as defined in this section.
- b. "Hazing" means any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or student body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university, or other educational institution in this state. The term "hazing" does not include customary athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
- c. A violation of this section that does not result in serious bodily injury is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or both.
- d. Any person who personally engages in hazing that results in death or serious bodily injury as defined in paragraph (4) of subdivision (f) of Section 243 of the Penal Code, is guilty of either a misdemeanor or a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment in county jail not exceeding one year, or by imprisonment in the state prison.

e. The person against whom the hazing is directed may commence a civil action for injury or damages. The action may be brought against any participants in the hazing, or any organization to which the student is seeking membership whose agents, directors, trustees, managers, or officers authorized, requested, commanded, participated in, or ratified the hazing.

f. Prosecution under this section shall not prohibit prosecution under any other provision of law.