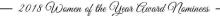
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## Song Richardson, Dean & Professor of Law

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine
Song Richardson is a shining example of someone who has
shattered the glass ceiling, both as a woman and a person
of color. She is the second dean in University of California,
Irvine School of Law's history, and the only woman of color
to currently serve as dean of a top-25 law school, as ranked
by U.S. News & World Report. An award-winning teacher
and scholar, Richardson has been a professor at UCI Law
since 2014, and from 2016-17, served as the school's
senior associate dean for Academic Affairs. Her expertise
and scholarship is in criminal procedure, criminal law, law
and social science. In the first year since Richardson



assumed the deanship, UCI Law skyrocketed to its highest U.S. News & World Report ranking of all-time; the school now ranks No. 21 in the nation, up seven spots from last year. This past fall, Richardson's first as dean, UCI Law welcomed its largest first-year class of all time — 159 students.