

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL RULE 4.160  
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Chapter 4. Responsibilities of Provisionally Accredited and Accredited Law Schools

Rule 4.160 Standards

A provisionally accredited law school must substantially comply with these standards. An accredited law school must comply with them.

- (A) Lawful Operation. The law school must operate in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- (B) Integrity. The law school must demonstrate integrity in all of its programs, operations, and other affairs.
- (C) Governance. The law school must be governed, organized, and administered so as to provide a sound educational program.
- (D) Dean and Faculty. The law school must have a competent dean and a competent faculty that devotes adequate time to administration, instruction, and student counseling.
- (E) Educational Program. The law school must maintain a sound program of legal education.
- (F) Scholastic Standards. The law school must maintain sound scholastic standards and must as soon as possible identify and disqualify those students who lack the capability to satisfactorily complete the law school's J.D. degree program.
- (G) Admissions. The law school must maintain a sound admissions policy. The law school must not admit any student who is obviously unqualified or who does not appear to have a reasonable prospect of completing the degree program.
- (H) Multiple locations. Accreditation is granted to a law school as an institution. If a law school receives approval to open a branch campus, the branch campus must be operated in compliance with the Standards, except that the Committee may determine whether, and if so, to what extent, the Library Standard shall apply. If a law school conducts seminars or classes other than at its principal facility or branch campuses, the seminars and classes must be conducted in compliance with the Standards, except the Library Standard.

- (I) Library. The law school must maintain a library consistent with the minimum requirements set by the Committee.
- (J) Physical Resources. The law school must have physical resources and an infrastructure adequate for its programs and operations.
- (K) Financial Resources. The law school must have adequate present and anticipated financial resources to support its programs and operations.
- (L) Records. The law school must maintain adequate records of its programs and operations.

~~[Deleted Text Begins](M) Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination. Consistent with sound educational policy and these rules, the law school should demonstrate a commitment to providing equal opportunity to study law and in the hiring, retention and promotion of faculty without regard to sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, disability, medical condition, age, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or veteran status.[Deleted Text Ends]~~

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[Inserted Text Begins](N) Consistent with sound educational policy and these rules, a law school must operate in accordance with policies and procedures that comply with the Constitutions and all applicable laws of both the United States and the State of California so as to provide both equality of opportunity and to prohibit unlawful discrimination.[Inserted Text Ends]

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