

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL RULES

DIVISION 2. ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL RULES

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.

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(H) Multiple Locations. Accreditation is granted to a law school as an institution. If a law school receives approval to open a branch campus or a satellite campus, the branch or satellite campus must be operated in compliance with the Standards, except that the Committee may determine whether, and to what extent, the Library Standard shall apply. The new campus must be in substantial compliance with the Standards one month prior to the start of classes, and must be in full compliance within two years. The Dean of the law school will certify substantial compliance by letter no later than one month prior to the start of classes.

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Rule 4.165 Major Changes

The following are major changes:

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(B) changing the location of the school, or the location of a branch campus or satellite campus, or opening a new branch campus or satellite campus.

PROPOSED ADDITION TO
GUIDELINES FOR ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL RULES

Division 15. Opening and Operating a Branch or Satellite Campus

15.1 Branch and Satellite Campus Defined.

- (A) A satellite campus of a law school is a location different from that originally approved where students may complete no more than one half of the total number of units required to earn a Juris Doctor Degree, or any other law degree that the law school is authorized to offer.
- (B) A branch campus of a law school is a location different from that originally approved where students may complete more than one half of the total number of units required to earn a Juris Doctor degree or may graduate with that degree, or any other law degree that the law school has prior Committee approval. To receive Committee approval, a branch campus must have an administrator and be in substantial compliance with the *Accredited Law School Rules* and the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules* as of the date of its opening.

15.2 Application for provisional approval of a branch or satellite campus.

As a major change pursuant to Rule 4.165(B), a law school must obtain the prior approval of the Committee to open a branch or satellite campus. To apply for and receive Committee approval, a law school must do the following:

- (A) No less than 180 days before the proposed opening of a branch or satellite campus, the law school must notify the Committee. The notice must identify the type, location, name and proposed opening date of the new campus, and it must include copies of all academic and operational documentation to be used by the staff, faculty and students at the new campus. The notice shall also include a certification by the Dean of the law school that, upon its opening, the proposed campus will be in substantial compliance with all relevant academic and operational requirements as set forth in the *Accredited Law School Rules* and the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules*.
- (B) No less than 120 days before the proposed date the branch or satellite campus is to open, the Committee shall approve or deny the law school's proposal. Upon a finding to be based upon the materials and information provided by the law school that the proposed branch or satellite campus will be in substantial compliance as of the date of its opening, the Committee will provide its approval pursuant to the provisions of Guideline 15.3.

- (C) To confirm its substantial compliance, within 90 days of its opening, the law school is required to submit a report that confirms the substantial compliance of the branch or satellite campus.

15.3 Provisional Approval of a Branch Campus.

- (A) Pursuant Rules 4.105(D) and 4.160(H), an approved branch campus is considered to be provisionally approved until such time that the law school is able to demonstrate that the campus is in compliance with all accreditation standards and operational requirements found in the *Accredited Law School Rules* and the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules*.
- (B) Within two years of operating as a provisionally-approved branch campus, the Committee must conduct an inspection to determine whether the branch campus is to be deemed approved, continue to be provisionally approved or denied its provisional approval.

15.4 Branch Campus Annual Compliance Report.

The Annual Compliance Report required by Rule 4.161 must include, by separate attachment, all requested information and data relating to any approved provisionally-approved branch campus for which the law school intends to seek approval.