



CONCORD LAW SCHOOL

KAPLAN UNIVERSITY

March 5, 2018

Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California
c/o Senior Director, Admissions
The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1617

Re: Prior Approval of Major Changes under Rules 4.245 and 4.246

Dear Members of the Committee of Bar Examiners:

Per Rule 4.245 of the *Unaccredited Law School Rules*, “a registered law school contemplating a major change must notify the Committee and obtain its prior approval before making the change.” Concord Law School at Kaplan University sent a letter dated May 9, 2017 seeking prior approval from the Committee of one or more potential major changes as defined in Rule 4.246 (D), (G), (H), and (I)—specifically, merging or affiliating with another law school, college or university; a change in the name of the law school; a change from for-profit to non-profit status; and a change in ownership of the law school. Concord indicated that it would provide an updated request for approval as new facts emerged or events developed. By this letter, Concord seeks that additional approval regarding its name change and change of non-profit status.

By way of background, Concord Law School is currently part of Kaplan University, which is a subsidiary of Kaplan, Inc., itself a subsidiary of the Graham Holdings Company (GHC), a publicly traded company. GHC, previously known as the Washington Post Company, has been the owner of Concord Law School since Concord was founded in 1998 and registered with the State Bar. In October 2007, Concord Law School formally merged with Kaplan University. Both schools have been for-profit institutions under Kaplan, Inc.

On April 27, 2017, GHC announced that Purdue University, a non-profit public university, had signed an agreement to acquire the academic assets of Kaplan University, including Concord

Law School. Purdue has announced that, should the intended transaction take place, what was formerly Kaplan University will become a new public, not-for-profit institution that is (a distinct) part of the Purdue University system with its own board of trustees. On January 11, 2018, it was announced that Kaplan University's new name, once the acquisition was completed, would be Purdue University Global.

Kaplan and Purdue have now secured the necessary approvals to proceed with the transaction from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, the U.S. Department of Education and, as of today, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), which is both Kaplan and Purdue's regional accreditor.

We anticipate that the change of control will officially take place between March 19, 2018 and April 2, 2018. At that point, we expect that (1) Concord Law School at Kaplan University's name will change to Concord Law School at Purdue University Global; and (2) Concord will officially transition from being a for-profit to not-for profit institution. As soon as we receive any updates as to the official change-of-control date, we will promptly notify the State Bar of California.

It is worth reiterating that although the exact timing is uncertain, one thing that is clear is that these major changes in no way change the day to day operations of the law school. All aspects of our program of legal education, including faculty, administration, and the curriculum, will essentially remain the same. This change will have no impact on our ability to fully comply with all applicable rules and guidelines of the State Bar of California.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin H. Pritikin", with a stylized, cursive script.

Martin H. Pritikin
Dean and Vice President
Concord Law School at Kaplan University