

# COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

## OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM: June 2018 – O-405

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### 2017-2018 Goals Educational Standards Subcommittee (June 2018)

1. Consider the feasibility and desirability, including the impact on cost and Committee staffing, of outsourcing the Committee's authority to accredit law schools in California to another professional or academic accreditor, such as the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

#### October 2017/December 2017

2. Consider reactivating the current suspension of Guideline 12.1 (Minimum Cumulative Bar Examination Pass Rate) of the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules*.

#### October 2017/December 2017

3. Following a period of public comment, consider final versions of the proposed amendments to the *Accredited Law School Rules*, the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules* and various state statutes to require the accreditation of unaccredited law schools and allow the accreditation of online law schools and submit to the Board of Trustees and the California Supreme Court for consideration.

#### October 2017

4. Consider requiring each California Accredited Law School to calculate and submit an MPR Report, under Guideline 12.1, on or before July 1, 2018 for the reporting period of August 1, 2012–July 31, 2017.

#### Ongoing

5. Consider recommendations from the Committee's Rules Advisory Committee on Accredited Law School Rules (RAC) to amend the *Accredited Law School Rules*, the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules* as suggested or needed.

#### Ongoing

6. Consider petitions and requests for prior approval submitted by both accredited and registered, unaccredited law schools seeking the Committee's prior approval of major changes, waivers of the appropriate Rules and Guidelines, or the Committee's policies or procedures.

**Ongoing**

7. Consider and take action regarding applications for provisional accreditation for existing registered law schools, applications for the registration of new law schools, the provisional approval of branch campuses.

**Ongoing**

8. Participate in the inspection of law schools as scheduled and needed. Consider reports of interim and periodic inspections of accredited and registered law schools and inspections performed in response to the issuance of Notices of Noncompliance; generally monitor the compliant operation of both California-accredited and registered law schools and the overall educational requirements for applicants seeking to qualify to take and pass the California Bar Examination.

**Ongoing**

9. Review Accredited Law School Guidelines for branch campuses to evaluate whether any revision may be required. Examine the Guidelines relating to requests for branch and satellite campuses to see if any refinements are appropriate and/or necessary.

**Ongoing – Date TBD**

10. Evaluate whether the frequency of required faculty evaluations should be adjusted.

**Ongoing – Date TBD**