

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM : August 2018 – O-404

DATE: August 8, 2018

TO: The Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Natalie Leonard, Program Manager for Educational Standards

SUBJECT: **McMillan Academy of Law - Voluntary Request for Termination of Registration**

BACKGROUND

McMillan Academy of Law (MAOL) has filed a request to the Committee of Bar Examiners (Committee) to voluntarily surrender its registration as an unaccredited fixed-facility law school and to close the school immediately.

DISCUSSION

McMillan Academy of Law has been registered as an unaccredited fixed-facility law school since 2007. In June 2018, the Committee of Bar Examiners moved to provide MAOL with a notice of intent to withdraw registration.

In response, MAOL advised that it wished to voluntarily surrender registration and to close the law school as soon as possible.

Under Rule 4.268 of the Rules for Unaccredited Law Schools, “[t]he Committee will terminate a law school’s registration on a specific date, at which time it will also terminate its degree-granting authority. Until that date, students attending the law school are deemed enrolled at a registered law school.”

The school has proactively sought information about the proper steps to take to effectuate the closing and to meet its responsibilities to past students. The school does not have any currently admitted or enrolled students.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that McMillan Academy of Law’s written request to voluntarily surrender its registration be received, filed and granted effective September 1, 2018 pursuant to Rule 4.268 of the Unaccredited Law School Rules; that the law school’s name be removed from the list of registered, unaccredited law schools as maintained by

the State Bar of California. Scott McMillan has agreed to be the permanent custodian of the law school's records and student transcripts.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Should the Committee of Bar Examiners agree with this recommendation, the following motion is suggested:

Move that, pursuant to Rule 4.268 of the Unaccredited Law School Rules the written request of Scott McMillan, President of the McMillan Academy of Law, to have the law school's registration be terminated effective **September 1, 2018** be received and filed; that the request be granted; that the law school's name be removed from the list of registered, unaccredited law schools as maintained by the State Bar of California; that students previously enrolled in the law school's program receive credit for their study at the law school; and that, as the owner of the law school, Mr. McMillan be designated the permanent custodian of the law school's records and student transcripts and be required to provide such records and transcripts upon the future request of any former student or graduate of the law school.