



The State Bar *of California*

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TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

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SUBJECT: 2018-2019 Subcommittee on Educational Standards Goals

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Below please find the goals for the Subcommittee on Educational Standards for Committee approval.

DISCUSSION

1. Continue to 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).

Ongoing

2. Continue to evaluate the current methods used to ensure law school engagement and to determine whether any changes could increase engagement.

Ongoing

3. In connection with any action taken related to revision of the rules or accreditation standards generally, continue to address 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.

Ongoing

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

As needed

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

As submitted

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

As submitted

7. 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

8. In conjunction with any review or recommendation stemming from the analysis of State Bar sub-entities, review *Accredited Law School Guidelines* relevant to major changes and branch campuses to evaluate whether any revision may be required.

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9. Analyze current disclosure requirements related to examination scores to see if any change to the State Bar policy is warranted depending upon the size of the applicant pool from that school taking a particular examination, given changes in State Bar publication of these results.

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