



# The State Bar *of California*

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## **OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM JANUARY 2020 COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS ITEM O-400**

**DATE:** January 31, 2020

**TO:** Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

**FROM:** Natalie Leonard, Principal Program Analyst

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Lady Justice Law School Request for Voluntary Termination of Registration

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### **BACKGROUND**

At its December 2019 meeting, the Committee of Bar Examiners reviewed a request from Lady Justice Law School to terminate its registration as a law school and determined that it intended to grant the school's motion. The item has now been noticed for approval on this agenda, and it is being returned to the Committee for final action.

The school informed the State Bar via letter dated October 31, 2019 that it wished to voluntarily surrender its registration as an unaccredited law school and cease operation. (Attachment A) Owner and administrator Molly Brown will serve as custodian of records for the school so that students may request transcripts as needed. The school did not begin classes or accept tuition for the Fall 2019 term, and no students are currently enrolled at the school.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Consistent with the Committee's discussion and intentions expressed in December 2019, it is recommended that Lady Justice Law School's written request to voluntarily surrender its registration be received, filed and granted pursuant to Rule 4.268 of the Unaccredited Law School Rules.

The school will be asked to submit a final 2019 Annual Report, with the Annual Fee waived and ordered to immediately remit any outstanding fees due to the State Bar, with the State Bar reserving all rights to seek any fees outstanding. Upon Committee action, the school's name will be removed from the State Bar's list of registered, unaccredited law schools.

## **PROPOSED MOTION**

If the Committee agrees 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 Lady Justice Law School terminate the school's registration as an unaccredited law school 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 enrolled in the law school's program receive credit for their study at the law school through **January 31, 2020**; that Molly Brown 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; and that the law school be required to immediately remit any outstanding fees due to the State Bar of California and to provide a final November 2019 Annual Report, with the annual fee waived.

**Attachment A:** Letter of October 31, 2019 Lady Justice Law School – Voluntary Request for Termination of Registration



**LADY JUSTICE LAW SCHOOL**

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October 31, 2019

Re: Statement on the Voluntary Surrender of Registration

To the Committee of Bar Examiners,

We have decided, as the owners of Lady Justice Law School, to voluntarily surrender our registration with the State Bar of California.

We will furnish each of our existing students with copies of their transcripts no later than November 15, 2019, unless requested earlier. Several of our students have already received transcripts.

We will designate our current Registrar, Molly Brown, as the custodian of records for all Lady Justice Law School records. Contact information for Molly Brown is the following:

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Thank you very much to the State Bar of California Committee of Bar Examiners for the opportunity afforded us to teach law for the past three years. We are grateful to have had the opportunity and will look back at our brief time working alongside the Committee with fondness and gratitude.

Most sincerely,

Molly Brown

Owner & Registrar

Lady Justice Law School

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