



The State Bar *of California*

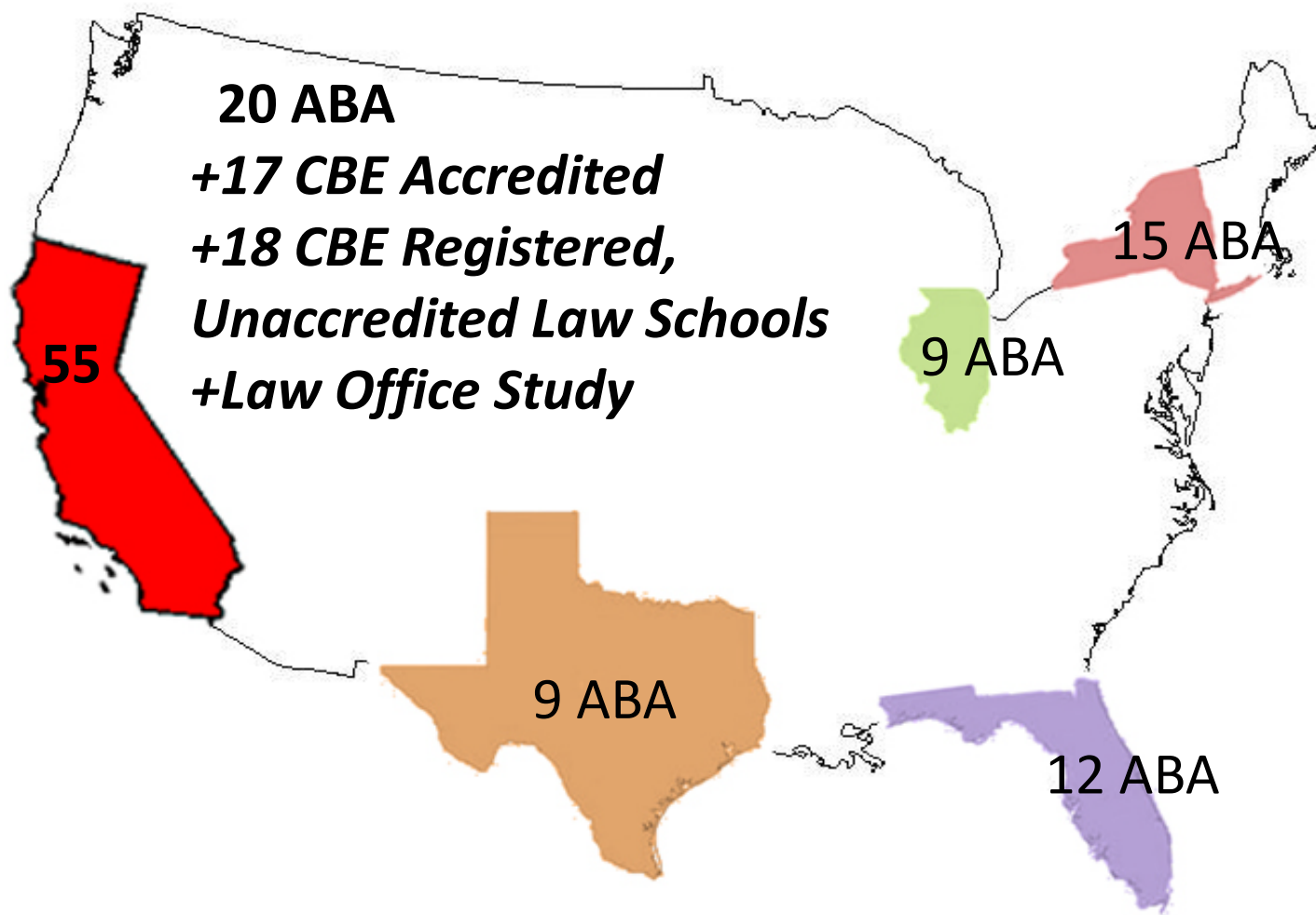
Educational Standards Planning Session - Including CSBARS and LSC

Goals, Objectives and Work Plan for 2020

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California offers numerous and diverse pathways to law licensure





Accreditation Options in California Today

- ABA Approved Schools Deemed Accredited in California
 - ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar fully oversees the schools
- State Bar Accredited Schools
 - Registered, Unaccredited Schools
 - Rules and Guidelines for Registered Law Schools
 - Students must pass First Year Law Students' Exam
 - California Accredited Schools
 - Rules and Guidelines for Accredited Law Schools
 - Minimum Bar Passage, More Clinical Options, Expanded Library
- Law Office Study Apprenticeships



Increased Law School Engagement

- Law School Council
 - Seven ABA Deans or Administrators
- Committee on State Bar Registered and Accredited Schools (CSBARS)
 - 3 CALS Deans
 - 2 Registered, Unaccredited Law School Deans
 - 2 CBE Appointed Members, including accreditation expert



Educational Standards Functions

- Register and accredit qualifying law schools
- Monitor schools for continued compliance
- Evaluate major change requests
- Provide affordable opportunity for diverse candidates to become licensed to practice law
- Foster active law school engagement through CSBARS, Law School Council, Law School Assembly, Registrars' Meeting and Deans' e-Newsletter



Changes Implemented in 2019

- Developed CSBARS
- LSC Re-formulated
- Demographic data evaluated for expanded collection
- Transition Toward Electronic Data
 - Schools submit materials electronically
 - Law School Administrators' e-contact database created
- Procedural/Policy
 - Accreditation available to qualifying online law schools
- Other
 - Law School Assembly enhanced to improve engagement
 - E-Newsletter implemented



Changes Anticipated in 2020

Procedural/Policy

- Rules revision to support new purpose for accreditation
 - Deemed accredited status for qualified regionally accredited schools

Other initiatives

- Accredited online J.D. programs begin operation
- Collection of expanded demographic data categories
- Enhanced electronic submission of Annual Report data
- Data validation project encourages submission of consistent data from schools
- Mandatory accreditation pursued



Training Topics for 2020

- Present seminars/training to the CBE on issues pertinent to educational standards
 - Rules Revision
 - Perspective of Millennial Law Students and Lawyers
 - Other Suggestions?



Current Goals

- Revise rules to implement a new purpose for accreditation, including “deemed accredited” status for regionally accredited law schools and best practices
- Register, accredit and monitor law schools
- Support the State Bar’s strategic initiatives related to law school diversity, retention and performance on the Bar examination
 - Expand demographic data collection from schools
- Engage with law schools via CSBARS, Law School Council, e-Newsletter, and Law School Assembly
- Pursue mandatory accreditation for unaccredited law schools in accordance with the Rules and Guidelines
- Other Suggestions?



Recommendation for Work Plan – Ed Standards

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL & OBJECTIVE	WORK PLAN	DEADLINE	TO BOARD COMMITTEE (Y/N) / DATE
Goal 2, Objective I: For greater transparency, accountability, efficiency, and access, develop and deploy a new case management system for the Office of Admissions by June 30, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon implementation of revised accreditation rules, evaluate feasibility of integrating Educational Standards into AIMS 	December 2020	
Goal 4, Objective b. Study and implement improved programmatic approaches to increasing access to justice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend Revised Rules to accomplish the State Bar's new purpose for accreditation Create deemed accredited status for qualifying regionally accredited schools 	Present CSBARS recommendation to CBE April 2020	If approved by CBE, present to BOT in May 2020
Goal 4, Objective g. Work with the California Accredited Law Schools and registered schools to develop enhanced demographic reporting requirements by February 28, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After studying available data, finalize plan to collect additional relevant data beginning in 2020 Collect data along with the 2020 Annual Report 	February 2020 November 2020	
Goal 4, Objective h. Identify means of supporting existing law school programs to improve retention by December 31, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use expanded demographic data in support of development of A&I initiatives to develop programs to improve retention Engage CSBARS and Law School Council to assist with feedback on this goal 	December 2020 Ongoing	
Goal 4, Objective j. Assuming positive results from the Productive Mindset Intervention, expand implementation by February 2020 (Date updated).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with CSBARS/LSC/Law School Assembly to assist with expanded implementation Engage CSBARS and Law School Council to assist with feedback on this goal 	Fall 2020	



CSBARS Functions

- Provide feedback and recommendations as requested by CBE or State Bar from the perspective of administrators at unaccredited and State Bar accredited law schools
- Recommend members to participate in Working Groups
- Suggest topics for e-Newsletter and Law School Assembly



2019 Goals - CSBARS

- Committee formed with registered, accredited, CBE and accreditation members
- Accredited Rules Revision recommendations underway
- Appointment Recommendations for Moral Character Working Group (MCWG)
- Feedback
 - Topics included on law school assembly
 - CAPA Bar Examination studies
 - Rollout of online accreditation application
 - Expanded demographic data collection
 - Internal code of conduct policies to assist MCWG
 - Improvements to Annual Report format
 - E-Newsletter topics



2020 Goals - CSBARS

- Complete and forward to CBE recommendations on Rules Revision implementing new purpose for Law School Accreditation
- Assist with rollout of expanded demographic data collection
- Test new Annual Report format
- Suggest topics for Law School Assembly Meeting
- Suggest topics for Law School Deans' e-Newsletter
- Other suggestions?



Recommendation for Work Plan – CSBARS

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Goal 4, Objective b. Study and implement improved programmatic approaches to increasing access to justice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend Revised Rules to accomplish the State Bar's new purpose for accreditation Includes creation of deemed accredited status for qualifying regionally accredited schools 	Present CSBARS recommendation to CBE April 2020	If approved by CBE, present to BOT in May 2020
Goal 4, Objective g. Work with the California Accredited Law Schools and registered schools to develop enhanced demographic reporting requirements by February 28, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide feedback to State Bar to ensure effective rollout of enhanced demographic reporting requirements 	February 2020	
Goal 4, Objective h. Identify means of supporting existing law school programs to improve retention by December 31, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use expanded demographic data to support A&I initiatives to improve law student retention Provide feedback on State Bar proposals to improve retention as available 	December 2020	
Goal 4, Objective j. Assuming positive results from the Productive Mindset Intervention, expand implementation by February 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist State Bar to developing effective methods to expand implementation of State Bar Stories and Strategies, assuming positive results 	December 2020	
Goal 5, Objective d: Improve transparency. Accountability, accessibility, and governance by increasing the availability of meeting materials and public access to meetings and records and reporting these efforts to stakeholders and the general public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance Annual Report to improve ability to share and analyze aggregate law school data Suggest topics for Law School Assembly and Law School Deans' e-Newsletter 	August 2020 Ongoing	



Law School Council Functions

- Provide feedback and recommendations as requested by CBE or State Bar from the perspective of administrators at ABA approved law schools
- Recommend members to participate in Working Groups
- Suggest topics for e-Newsletter and Law School Assembly



2019 Goals – Law School Council

- Council formed with administrators from ABA approved schools
- Appointment Recommendations for Moral Character Working Group (MCWG)
- Feedback
 - CAPA Study
 - Topics included on law school assembly
 - Internal code of conduct policies to assist MCWG
 - E-Newsletter topics



2020 Goals – Law School Council

- Complete and forward to CBE recommendations on Rules Revision implementing new purpose for Law School Accreditation
- Assist with rollout of expanded demographic data collection
- Help test new Annual Report format
- Suggest topics for Law School Assembly and Registrars' Meeting
- Suggest topics for Law School Deans' e-Newsletter
- Other suggestions?



Recommendation for Work Plan – Law School Council

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Goal 4, Objective h. Identify means of supporting existing law school programs to improve retention by December 31, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide feedback on A&I State Bar proposals to support existing law school programs to improve retention	Ongoing	
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