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TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Natalie Leonard, Principal Program Analyst

SUBJECT: Administrative Updates from Accredited and Unaccredited Law Schools

Pursuant to Guideline 4.10(A) of the Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules and Guideline 4.11(A) of the Guidelines for Unaccredited Law School Rules, the following changes and updates were reported at Accredited and Unaccredited Law Schools:

- In February 2021, San Francisco International University, a registered, unaccredited correspondence law school informed the State Bar that James Gipson has been named registrar. The notice was untimely by many months law school was reminded of its affirmative obligation to provide timely notice of changes consistent with Unaccredited Law School Guideline 4.11.
- Effective February 2021, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, an accredited law school, has advised that Carrie Kazyaka has returned as registrar, a position she previously held.
- Effective March 2021, Taft Law School, an unaccredited correspondence law school, has named Melody Jolly as dean, upon the retirement of prior Dean Robert Strouse. Previously, she was the law school's associate dean. Neil Johnson, president of William Howard Taft University, has assumed the role of chief executive officer of the Taft University System previously held by Mr. Strouse until his retirement.