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TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Natalie Leonard, Principal Program Analyst

SUBJECT: Report on Administrative Updates at Accredited and Unaccredited Law Schools

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 by accredited and unaccredited law schools since the last meeting of the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE).

BACKGROUND

- In July 2021, Taft Law School announced that it has stopped accepting applications to its non-bar qualifying Juris Doctor Executive Track program, though it will teach out the current students. William Howard Taft University, a separate institution based in Colorado, will begin offering a similar program; that program will be regulated by that university's accreditor rather than the Committee of Bar Examiners.
- In August 2021, Peoples College of Law appointed a new dean, Juan Manuel Sariñana. The dean is licensed by the State Bar of California and he has served as a professor and board member at the law school. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University's Dickinson College of Law in 2017. He works full time at the Inner City Law Center.
- In September 2021, Trinity Law School appointed Interim Dean Kate Tooma. Dean Tooma was previously an assistant dean at the law school. She graduated from Chapman University's Fowler School of Law in 2013.

- In October 2021, American International School of Law moved its headquarters within Irvine to its new location at 17762 Cowan, Irvine, CA 92614. The law school is preparing the required major change motion for the CBE's review.
- In January 2022, John F. Kennedy School of Law will be moving its administrative office from La Jolla to 9388 Lightwave Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123. The law school is preparing the required major change motion for the CBE's review.