



The State Bar of California

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AGENDA ITEM O-405
OCTOBER 2021
COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

DATE: October 15, 2021

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Natalie Leonard, Principal Program Analyst, Educational Standards

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed 2021–2022 Educational Standards Goals

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Below is the report on the goals for Educational Standards for 2021–2022.

BACKGROUND

The report on the goals for Educational Standards for 2021 to 2022 is listed below for the approval of the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE).

1. Maintain and enhance law school engagement by conducting meetings with the Committee on State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools (CSBARS) and the Law School Council (LSC), publishing the quarterly Law School Deans' eNewsletter, and hosting annual Law School Assembly and Registrars' Meetings.
 - Annual Law School Assembly: TBD Fall 2022
 - Annual Registrars' Meeting: TBD Fall 2022
 - Quarterly Dean's eNewsletters
 - Law School Council: December 8, 2021, April 20, 2022
 - Committee on State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools: December 1, 2021, with 2022 dates TBD

2. Review petitions for registration and accreditation, as well as existing registered and accredited schools' petitions for changes.

ONGOING

3. Regulate law schools by monitoring compliance through inspections, reporting, and other actions as directed by the Committee, addressing noncompliance as needed.

ONGOING

4. Implement new rules for accredited law schools, effective January 1, 2022.

ONGOING

5. Review petitions for individual waivers related to the pandemic after the State Bar's general waiver ends on December 31, 2021.

DECEMBER 2021

6. Review progress reports and waivers related submitted with Annual Compliance Reports.

JANUARY 2022 and MARCH 2022

7. Begin the process of reviewing the Rules for Unaccredited Law Schools to determine whether updates are needed.

APRIL 2022

8. Schedule at least one presentation with a national or regional accreditor of law schools or their parent universities.

SPRING 2022

9. Review Minimum, Cumulative Five-Year Bar Pass Rate statistics from accredited law schools for compliance.

AUGUST 2022

10. Continue to support the State Bar's strategic initiatives related to law school diversity, retention, and performance on the Bar examination.

This year, expanded gender categories and attrition tracking were added to the 2021 Annual Report templates to be returned in November 2021. Data regarding sexual orientation and veteran status will be added as part of the 2022 Annual Report.

11. Continue to pursue mandatory accreditation for unaccredited law schools in accordance with the Rules and Guidelines approved by the Committee of Bar Examiners and the Board of Trustees. Review the existing rules and guidelines to update them as necessary.

TBD

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee of Bar Examiners approve the report on 2021–2022 Educational Standards goals set forth above.

PROPOSED MOTION

Should the Committee of Bar Examiners agree with the staff recommendation, the following motion should be made:

MOVE, that the report on 2021–2022 Educational Standards goals be approved.