



OPEN SESSION

AGENDA ITEM O-408

MARCH 2022

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

DATE: March 18, 2022

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Natalie Leonard, Principal Program Analyst, Office of Admissions

SUBJECT: Approval of Report on 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). The Committee on State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools (CSBARS) and the Law School Council met in December to discuss these goals. CSBARS Chair Jay Frykberg will attend the meeting today to summarize the discussion.

1. Maintain and enhance law school engagement by conducting meetings with the Committee of 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: September 22, 2022
 - Annual Registrars' Meeting: September 20, 2022
 - Quarterly Dean's eNewsletters
 - Law School Council: December 1, 2022; April 20, 2022
 - Committee on State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools

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.

IMPLEMENTATION UNDERWAY.

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

DECEMBER 2021; COMPLETED.

6. Review progress reports and waivers 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 a presentation with a national or regional institutional accreditor.

AUGUST 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.

Gender categories and attrition tracking were added to the 2021 periodic compliance report templates returned in November 2021. The 2022 periodic reports will add sexual orientation and veteran status of students and faculty.

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.

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 the 2021–2022 Educational Standards goals be approved.