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Subject: RE: A couple of quick questions on nonprofit transition and MLS curriculum
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Of course. Anytime

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Thank you very much Tracy!

Natalie

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Hello Natalie –

The Dean asked if I could reply as he was on the way out and didn't want to delay you our receiving our reply. The reply is embedded in [blue](#) beside your questions. Please let me know if you have other questions.

Regarding the MLS program, would it be correct to say that the courses taken by the MLS students are identical to those taken by the 1L's and 2L's?

[MLS students are required to take Intro to Law, Legal Research & Writing, Contracts, Criminal Law, Torts, Constitutional Law, and Advanced Legal Research. The additional courses they opt to take are electives. A student enrolled in the JD concurrently would take all these listed in addition to Law Study & Exams, Evidence, and Civil Procedure to complete their required 1L & 2L classes.](#)

Are there any courses taken by the MLS students that the JD students do not take? It would appear not, based on your answer below? [MLS students can opt to take electives that suit their interests,](#)

but no there are not any MLS-only classes.

Are there any courses that JD 1L's and JD 2L's take that are not part of the MLS curriculum? If so, which courses are those? JD students have clinics available in first and second year that MLS students do not. In 3rd and 4th year clinical education and the bar prep elective are also available to them which the MLS students are not permitted to take. MLS Students can petition the Dean if they want to take an elective class normally taken by a 3L or 4L student if it matches their interests for instance; like Wills & Trust or Business Organizations.

I hope this helps.

Have a great day.

Kind regards,

Tracy Chodora

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Hi. I thought I had answered Natalie's questions but can you look at this and answer them? Just send your answer to me, Roy , Sherie and Mitch.

Thank you.

Brian

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Dear Dean Purtill,

Thank you for this response, as well as the clarification regarding the modification of the term freeze.

Regarding the MLS program, would it be correct to say that the courses taken by the MLS students are identical to those taken by the 1L's and 2L's?

Are there any courses taken by the MLS students that the JD students do not take? It would appear not, based on your answer below?

Are there any courses that JD 1L's and JD 2L's take that are not part of the MLS curriculum? If so, which courses are those?

Thank you very much!

Natalie

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Good morning, Natalie: Here are the answers to your questions:

1. The originally planned transition to non-profit status was put on hold as negotiations continued with Monterey College of Law for two basic reasons:

- a) there was a freeze placed by the US Department of Education on the approval of applications by for-profit institutions to non-profit status ; and
 - b) the opening of the new Empire College of Law, a branch of Monterey College of Law, would accomplish the non-profit transition. The existing for-profit Empire College School of Law will continue only as long as it is necessary to continue servicing students who are receiving Title IV federally guaranteed student loans.
2. There are no courses unique to the MLS which are not also available to students in the JD curriculum.

Thank you.

Brian Purtill

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Dear Dean Purtill,

A few quick questions:

1. Is the transition of Empire College of Law to nonprofit status complete? If not, what is the proposed timing. It looks like it is still pending and listed as a corporation with the Secretary of State.
2. For the MLS program, are there any courses that are unique to that program, or do the courses in that program identically match the courses that 1L's and 2L's would be taking as part of the JD program? If there are unique courses, can you please confirm which ones?

Thank you,

Natalie Leonard (she/her/hers)

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