



The State Bar *of California*

Committee on State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Wednesday, August 17, 2022
1:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The CSBARS meeting commenced in open session at 1:00 p.m. There was no closed session.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 3:45 p.m.

Chair: Jay Frykberg

Committee Coordinator: Natalie Leonard

Members Present: Michael Clancey, Linda Keller, George Leal, Paul Kramer, Greg Murphy, Jessica Park

Members Absent: None

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order
The CSBARS was called to order by Chair Frykberg.
2. Roll Call
Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.
3. Call for Public Comment
Chair Frykberg called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. There were no members of the public who wished to speak on any agenda item.
4. Approval of Minutes
 1. Open Session Minutes: June 15, 2022

RESOLVED, that the Committee on State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools approves the minutes as posted on the agenda.

Moved by Leal, seconded by Clancey.

Ayes – (7) Clancey, Frykberg, Kramer, Keller, Leal, Murphy, Park

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (0)

Motion carries.

5. Report of the Chair

Chair Frykberg provided an oral report.

6. Staff Report

1. Provisional Licensure Program: Staff provided an update as to the number of participants in the program, as well as those who have become State Bar licensees.
2. Lawyer Assistance Program: Staff advised that law schools may schedule custom online or in-person presentations regarding the Lawyer Assistance Program resources that are available to law students and applicants. Schedule a presentation by contacting lita.abella@calbar.ca.gov. Access online resources and flyers on the [LAP](#) portion of the State Bar's website.
3. Update on First-Year Law Students' Examination Multiple-Choice Exam Content Review Project: Staff Lisa Cummins and Chad Buckendahl of ACS Ventures presented an update on the plan to operationally pretest multiple-choice questions as part of the October 2022 First-Year Law Students' Examination, a process by which these items will be scored for each applicant according to a structured process.
4. Recommendation to Eliminate Five-Year Timeline for Validity of Passing Bar Exam Score: Staff provided an overview of this proposal and invited the public to submit public comment by the deadline of September 12, 2022 on the State Bar's [public comment webpage for Rule Revisions](#).
5. Update from the California Access to Justice Commission Regarding Loan Repayment Assistance Programs
 1. The Commission identified several opportunities for law students and law schools:
 - a. The Participation of Law School Administrators as Commission Members

- b. The possibility to collaborate with law schools to create research internships
 - c. Resources to better understand how a law school can create a loan repayment assistance program
- 6. Recent Developments
 - 1. eOath Card: Law Schools using the eOath Card program as part of admissions ceremonies should be sure to send in individual PDF's for each new admittee or to print out the cards and send via mail.
 - 2. As a follow up to the testing accommodations stakeholder input meeting held on June 29, there will be an additional opportunity to share input on September 16.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No consent calendar

REGULAR CALENDAR

The following matters are considered to be discussion items. Each item will be considered separately.

7. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF CSBARS' RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND UNACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL GUIDELINE 1.11 - FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS' EXAMINATION AND BAR EXAMINATION COURSES PERMITTED - LIMITATIONS

RESOLVED, that the Committee on State Bar Accredited and Registered Schools recommends that Guideline for Unaccredited Law School Rules 1.11 be amended as follows:

First-Year Law Students' Examination and California Bar Examination test preparation courses are those which contain both of the following: 1) the review of subjects previously covered within the curriculum which are tested on the First-Year Law Students' Examination or California Bar Examination, and 2) a primary focus on preparing the student to take those exams (i.e., standardized, timed, closed book examinations that focus on general principles of legal doctrine).

A law school may offer and charge for courses designed to help law students prepare to take and pass exams required by the State Bar. Any such test preparation course may be part of the credit requirements to obtain a JD degree.

A test preparation course for which credit is granted may be taught by law school faculty or by an external commercial test preparation course provider, provided the law school provides

oversight of the course to ensure that it meets the requirements of the Unaccredited Law School Rules and Guidelines, including Guidelines 2.2 (Honesty Regarding Finances), 2.9 (Fairness in Academic Standards and Student Assessment), 5.1 (Academic Program), 5.3 (Minimum Requirements for Award of Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree), 5.9 (Quantitative Academic Requirements) and 5.11 (Balanced and Comprehensive Course of Study).

Law schools must not compel students to attend any particular external commercial test preparation course unless required as part of the JD program. In the interest of consumer protection, if a law school grants credit for, or promotes uniquely or specifically to its students, any particular external commercial test preparation course, a law school must disclose to students any ownership interest of the law school in the test preparation course(s) provided by the law school's owners, administrators, instructors or staff. [[A law school may grant credit for a maximum of 15 percent of the credits required to obtain a degree. This limit does not restrict a law school from covering legal analysis or exam practice in a course having a primary purpose that is not test preparation for the First-Year Law Students' Exam or California Bar Exam.]]*

*CSBARS does not recommend a limit on the total number of test preparation course credits, but if the Committee imposes a limit, the language in the [[]] represents what CSBARS would propose.

Moved by Park, seconded by Clancey.

Ayes – (6) Clancey, Frykberg, Kramer, Keller, Leal, Murphy, Park

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Murphy

Motion carries.

8. REPORT ON RESEARCH RELATED TO BEST PRACTICES FOR PRESERVATION OF STUDENT RECORDS IN CONNECTION WITH A LAW SCHOOL CLOSURE

1. Delayed due to time constraints

9. REVIEW OF AGENDAS FOR THE LAW SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (SEPT. 29) AND REGISTRARS' MEETING (SEPT. 20)

1. Due to time limitations, members were advised to submit potential topics for the Law School Assembly and Registrars' meeting as soon as possible.

No Closed Session Agenda

ADJOURN

