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TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

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

SUBJECT: Administrative Updates from Accredited and Unaccredited Law Schools

The following administrative updates were provided by accredited and unaccredited law schools since the last meeting of the Committee of Bar Examiners (committee).

- A. No leadership changes have been reported during this period.

The following updates have also taken place in response to committee motions or other State Bar requirements:

- A. Irvine University College of Law, an unaccredited distance learning law school, transitioned from the fixed-facility category to the distance category effective fall 2022 with committee approval. As a condition of that approval, the committee required that "Irvine College of Law report to the State Bar by November 15, 2022, along with its Annual Report, all syllabi for courses to be offered in its 2023 winter/spring semester, scheduled to start in January 2023." ([Minutes, O-403](#), June 17, 2022 Committee of Bar Examiners' Meeting). The law school substantially complied by including most of the syllabi in a detailed summary provided as part of its 2022 Annual Report. On March 15, 2023, the law school provided the remaining syllabi along with the attached letter. (Attachment A). The letter advises that law school is not only completing the syllabi for its spring/summer semester, but also revising existing syllabi based on lessons learned from the launch of the distance learning program and evaluating whether to add additional course options for the future. Approximately 80 percent of its JD curriculum has been fully modified for the distance learning format so far, and the remaining revisions are scheduled to be completed later this year; faculty have been hired

specifically for this purpose. The law school indicated that its change to the distance learning category has improved its ability to recruit qualified faculty.

- B. Glendale University College of Law, an accredited law school, provided complete responses to the questions identified as outstanding after the March 2023 committee meeting. The law school provided updated student enrollment, and evaluated its second-year curriculum to ensure that it met requirements for students who will transfer to either unaccredited or accredited law schools. The law school also encouraged its students to register as law students with the State Bar, as requested by staff. Finally, the law school is also responding collaboratively to a question clarifying a the demographic data in the law school's 2022 Annual Report.