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TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

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SUBJECT: Administrative Updates from Accredited, Unaccredited and ABA Approved 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. San Francisco Law School, an accredited law school, advised that the registrar has departed. Alliant University's longtime registrar Paul Welch will be the interim registrar for the law school until a new registrar is hired.
- B. St. Francis Law School, an accredited law school, has named Karen Travis as dean of the law school. Previously, she was a member of the faculty who twice served as interim dean.

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

- A. Irvine College of Law, an unaccredited distance learning law school, completed its move to its new administrative headquarters. Staff conducted a video walkthrough of the space to visually confirm completion. The space was as described, a single office in shared office suites, with access to four conference rooms as needed, as well as office support. The office suite has internet access via a wired ethernet connection to the computer that is normally stored in the office. This connection was used to access the law school's information system. The law school's program is conducted fully by distance learning, and neither students nor faculty are required to visit the headquarters

as part of the JD program. The law school estimates that the dean and registrar will use the space several times per week on a flexible schedule and by appointment.

- B. Glendale University College of Law, an accredited law school, has nearly completed the first portion of its teach out, teaching out all second-year students and most first-year students, consistent with its closure plan. Several students need a summer course to complete the first year, as planned from the start of their studies.

The following activities have taken place at the American Bar Association through its Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (the Section).

- A. Consistent with the most updated Department of Education Rules, the Section voted to amend Standard 306 applicable to ABA approved law schools. This change raises the cap on the total number of distance courses allowed in a JD program at an ABA approved law school from 30 percent to 50 percent. This is the first increase since 2018. A distance course is any course in which the student and faculty are separated for one-third or more of the course. The decision can be found [here](#).
- B. At its meeting on May 11-12, 2023, the section approved that proposed amendments to the Standards related to noncompliance and probation be posted for public comment through June 20, 2023. The changes differentiate between noncompliance with a Standard versus the status of Probation, as proposed [here](#). This proposal will be further discussed after the Section review the public comment received.