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COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

DATE: October 13, 2023

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

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

SUBJECT: Action on Major Change – Voluntary Termination of Registration – American International School of Law

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

American International School of Law (American International), a registered, unaccredited correspondence law school, requests that the Committee of Bar Examiners' (committee) approve its plan to voluntarily terminate its registration effective November 15, 2023. The law school's owner, Nitesh Patel, has agreed to continue to be the custodian of records for the law school.

BACKGROUND

American International School of Law is a registered, unaccredited distance learning law school located in Irvine, California. It is a for-profit S Corporation in which President Patel is the sole shareholder. He also holds an interest in the building where the law school is located along with his business partners, who also occupy the building. As of fall 2022, the law school enrolled 22 students, and it currently enrolls two students scheduled to graduate by November 15, 2023.

At its August 2023 meeting, the committee reviewed the law school's inspection report and determined that there was reason to believe the law school may be out of compliance with the Rules for Unaccredited Law Schools. As a result, the committee issued a warning letter to the law school pursuant to rule 4.244 (G)(4) "requiring immediate action to correct specified deficiencies within a certain number of days of the date of the warning." Those deficiencies were set forth in the law school's inspection report and summarized in the report's list of

mandatory actions. The committee requested a response to the warning letter no later than November 15, 2023.

DISCUSSION

American International reviewed the committee's inspection report and warning letter, and responded with a plan to voluntarily terminate its registration effective November 15, 2023.

The law school selected that date because all but one of its students will complete their JD program by that date. The final student was disenrolled on September 13, 2023 and will complete their legal education elsewhere should they choose to do so. State Bar staff has reached out to that student to answer questions related to transfer logistics.

The law school's owner, Nitesh Patel, has agreed to serve as the custodian of records, to reach out to recent alumni about the closing of the law school, and to provide a courtesy copy of transcripts of recent graduates to the State Bar.

The law school has also agreed to file an annual report to ensure that the State Bar maintains complete records.

After the closure date, owner Nitesh Patel plans to promptly dissolve the corporation and to adjust its website.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the committee accept American International School of Law's voluntary termination of registration effective November 15, 2023 and dissolve the corporation thereafter, and designate owner Nitesh Patel to act as custodian of records.

It is further recommended that the law school's registration as an unaccredited correspondence law school and its degree granting authority be terminated as of November 15, 2023.

PROPOSED MOTION

Should the Committee of Bar Examiners agree with the staff recommendation, the following motion should be made:

MOVE, the Committee of Bar Examiners accept American International School of Law's voluntary termination of registration effective November 15, 2023, and designate owner Nitesh Patel to act as custodian of records.

FURTHER MOVE, that the law school's registration as an unaccredited correspondence law school and its degree granting authority be terminated as of November 15, 2023.

ATTACHMENT LIST

- A. Email Request for Voluntary Termination of Registration as a Law School – American International School of Law

From: [Nitesh Patel](#)
To: [Leonard, Natalie](#)
Subject: AISOL Voluntary Termination of Registration
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 7:44:36 AM

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Dear Ms. Leonard,

We have taken the decision to voluntarily terminate AISOL registration as of November 15, 2023. We will still comply with the necessary reporting requirements. We will have the remaining students finish their studies by November 14, 2023 and withdraw the one student that would not complete by November 15, 2023.

I know we had a call scheduled for today, but I don't think it's necessary as we have made the decision to terminate our registration effective November 15, 2023.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Best Regards,

Nitesh Patel