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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans of ABA-Approved Law Schools
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Website Posting

FROM: Hulett H. Askew, Consultant on Legal Education
to the American Bar Association

SUBJECT: **Lincoln Memorial University, Duncan School of Law**

At its December 2-3, 2011 meeting, the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association denied the application for provisional ABA approval submitted by Lincoln Memorial University, Duncan School of Law, located in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Lincoln Memorial University, Duncan School of Law, was notified in writing of the Council's decision on December 20, 2011. Pursuant to ABA Internal Operating Practice 5 of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, this public memorandum is being issued within 24 hours of the time the School was notified of the Council's decision.

Rule 10 of the ABA Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools provides for a right of appeal in the event of an adverse approval decision of the Council. The appeal must be written, must be submitted within 30 days, and must conform to the specific requirements of Rule 10. If an appeal is submitted by the School to the Consultant's Office, and filed in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10, by January 19, 2012, the appeal will be considered by an Appeals Panel and the Council's December 2011 decision will be stayed pending the specific procedures and the final outcome of the School's approval status, as outlined in Rule 10.

cc: Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
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