

**Statement of Barry Currier, managing director of ABA Accreditation and Legal Education, on the process of ABA accreditation of law schools:**

While the ABA does not comment on pending litigation, it is important to note that the ABA accreditation process provides meaningful opportunities for every law school to establish that it is operating in compliance with the accreditation standards. Through these opportunities, the vast majority of law schools do, in fact, establish that they are operating in compliance with those standards. Litigation over the process or the substance of a law school accreditation standard is extremely rare.

When the Council or the Accreditation Committee concludes based on established processes that a law school may be operating out of compliance with a standard, the school is afforded several additional opportunities to demonstrate compliance or that actions taken in response to the Council's or Accreditation Committee's action have brought it back into compliance. When the Council or the Accreditation Committee determines that has happened, the school is returned to good standing on that matter, as is appropriate.

If a school does not take such steps, the Council and the Accreditation Committee follow an established enforcement process, which can lead to sanctions such as probation or removal of approval. These procedures are consistent with the the Council's recognition by the U.S Department of Education as the national accreditor of law schools.

Courts have regularly upheld the ABA's law school accreditation process. We will continue to follow our established procedures and expect to be successful in any future litigation challenging the actions of the Council.