



AMERICAN **BAR** ASSOCIATION

Legal Education and
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MEMORANDUM

Withdrawal of Approval: Thomas Jefferson School of Law

The Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (the “Council”), at its meeting on May 16-18, 2019, considered the status of Thomas Jefferson School of Law (the “Law School”) and determined to withdraw the approval of the Law School, located at 701 B Street, San Diego, California. The Council’s May 2019 determination follows its finding of continuing noncompliance with Standards 202(a) and (d), 301(a), and 501(b) and Interpretations 501-1 and 501-2.

The Law School has a right to appeal this decision to the Appeals Panel pursuant to Rules 3, 14, and 30 through 36 of the Rules of Procedure. The appeal must be filed no later than July 10, 2019.

The withdrawal of approval will not be effective until the later of either: (i) the expiration of the Law School’s time to appeal this decision, as outlined above; or (ii) should the Law School appeal, the date on which the Appeals Panel decision on the Law School’s appeal is transmitted to the Law School if the Council’s decision is affirmed.

The Law School has been directed to file a teach-out plan pursuant to Rule 29 within 10 business days of the posting of this notice. If the Law School reports to the Managing Director within that 10-day period its intention to appeal the decision, the direction to file the teach-out plan will be stayed until further direction is given to the Law School.

The Council Decision Letter requires the Law School to publish this notice or a link to this notice on its website in a form and place acceptable to the Managing Director. This statement is also being published on the website of the Section of the Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

This public memorandum is being issued pursuant to Rule 48(b)(6) of the Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools.

June 10, 2019