Rule 33: Application for Variance

(a) A law school applying for a variance has the burden of demonstrating that the variance should be granted. The application should include, at a minimum, the following:

   (1) A precise description of the program changes or other actions for which the variance is sought, and identification of the Standard or Standards with which they are or may be inconsistent;

   (2) An explanation of the bases and reasons that justify granting the variance; and

   (3) Any additional information and factual material needed to sustain the law school’s burden of proof and support the granting of the application.

(b) The chair of the Accreditation Committee or the Managing Director may appoint one or more fact finders to elicit additional information and facts relevant and necessary to consideration of the application for a variance.

(c) The Managing Director, the Accreditation Committee or the Council may request written reports from a law school to which a variance has been granted in addition to the written reports required under the terms of the variance.