Standard 105. ACQUIESCENCE FOR MAJOR CHANGE IN PROGRAM OR STRUCTURE

(a) Before a law school makes a major change in its program of legal education or organizational structure, it shall obtain the acquiescence of the Council for the change. A major change in program or structure that requires application for acquiescence includes:

(1) Acquiring another law school, program, or educational institution;

(2) Acquiring or merging with another university by the parent university where it appears that there may be substantial impact on the operation of the law school;

(3) Transferring all, or substantially all, of the program of legal education or assets of the approved law school to another law school or university;

(4) Merging or affiliating with one or more approved or unapproved law schools;

(5) Merging or affiliating with one or more universities;

(6) Materially modifying the law school’s legal status or institutional relationship with a parent institution;

(7) A change in control of the school resulting from a change in ownership of the school or a contractual arrangement;

(8) A change in the location of the school that could result in substantial changes in the faculty, administration, student body, or management of the school;

(9) Establishing a branch campus;

(10) Establishing a separate location;

(11) A significant change in the mission or objectives of the law school;

(12) The addition of courses or programs since the most recent AC period, such as that represent a significant departure from existing offerings or method of delivery since the last most recent accreditation period including combined undergraduate and J.D. programs, such as 2/4, 4/2 programs, and programs leading to a J.D. and a first-degree program at foreign institution; instituting a new full-time or part-time division; or changing from a full-time to a part-time program or from a part-time to a full-time program;

(13) The addition of a permanent location at which the law school is conducting a teach-out for students at another law school that has ceased operating before all students have completed their program of study;
(14) Contracting with an educational entity that is not certified to participate in Title IV, HEA programs, that would permit a student to earn 25 percent or more of the course credits required for graduation from the approved law school;

(15) Establishing a new or different program leading to a degree other than the J.D. degree;

(16) A change in program length measurement from clock hours to credit hours; and

(17) A substantial increase in the number of clock or credit hours required for graduation.

(b) The Council shall grant acquiescence only if the law school demonstrates that the change will not detract from the law school’s ability to remain in compliance with the Standards.