Statement of Barry Currier, Managing Director, ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar Regarding Charlotte School of Law:

Today the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar was informed by the U.S. Department of Education of its decision to end access to federal student financial aid for Charlotte School of Law at the end of 2016.

While the Department of Education's action could have a bearing on the school's ability to operate in compliance with the ABA Standards, Charlotte School of Law remains an ABA accredited law school. Under the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools, formal Council action is required for a school's approval to be withdrawn.

Charlotte School of Law has been determined by the Council to be operating out of compliance with several ABA Standards, and the school has been placed on probation. The announcement of this action was reported in this Notice of Probation and Specific Remedial Action. This notice also spells out the process that the school must follow to remove itself from probationary status and to return to operating in full compliance with the ABA Standards. This Council action affirmed a June 2016 Decision Letter of its Accreditation Committee that Charlotte School of Law was not in compliance with ABA Accreditation Standard 301(a), which deals with the objectives of the academic program, and Standards 501(a) and 501(b), which deal with law school admissions policies and practices.

The process for the law school to qualify for and maintain its access to federal student financial aid is a U.S. Department of Education process. The Department has posted an announcement of its action and directs students or others interested in the matter to check back HERE for updates and further information.

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