Statement on Accreditation Actions Regarding Charlotte School of Law and Valparaiso University School of Law

At its October 20-22, 2016, meeting, the Council of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar conducted separate hearings on appeals by Charlotte School of Law (Charlotte) and Valparaiso University School of Law (Valparaiso) of decisions from the Accreditation Committee that each school was out of compliance with certain ABA Accreditation Standards. The Council’s decisions were communicated to the schools on Monday, November 14, 2016 and have been made public on November 15.

With respect to Charlotte, the Council affirmed the June 2016 Decision Letter of its Accreditation Committee that the law school 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 Council placed the law school on probation, and directed Charlotte to take specific remedial actions, including but not limited to, this Notice of Probation and Specific Remedial Action.

The Council also affirmed the June 2016 Decision Letter of the Accreditation Committee that Valparaiso was not in compliance with ABA Accreditation Standards 501(a) and 501(b), which deal with law school admissions policies and practices. The Council imposed the sanction of public censure, and directed the law school to take specific remedial actions as set forth in this Notice of Censure and Specific Remedial Action.

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