

Statement of Barry Currier, Managing Director, ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Regarding Charlotte School of Law (January 19, 2017):

In the wake of the Department of Education's decision to deny CSL's continuing participation in the federal student loan program on December 19, 2016, the ABA directed CSL to file a teach-out plan. Both federal regulations and rules of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar require a school's teach-out plan to provide equitable treatment of students affected by the plan.

At this time, we expect the plan to be reviewed by the Council at its March 10-11 meeting. That review and the school's plan are not public matters under the Council's rules, although those rules do not prevent the school from making its proposed plan public.

Given the timeline for the school and its students, we would expect the school to not only file its plan in a timely fashion, but begin executing it. Nothing in the teach-out rules bar a school from beginning to address the needs of the students in advance of the plan being reviewed. The Council's review will cover both what the school has done and proposes to do to fulfill its responsibilities under the teach-out plan rules.

We are aware of news reports of further decisions by the Department of Education. We can say nothing further until the school's plans become clear and the Council has had an opportunity to review its teach-out plan, as well as other materials requested when the Council placed the school on probation in fall of 2016 and directed it to take specific remedial action.