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**Dean Scott Devito**  
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Dear President Stone and Dean Devito:

In accordance with U.S. Department of Education regulations [34 C.F.R. § 602.26 and § 602.27(a)(6) and (a)(7)] applicable to recognized accrediting agencies, the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar is required to post a letter describing the basis for an action when the Accreditation Committee concludes that a law school is significantly out of compliance with ABA Standards pursuant to Rule 12(a)(4).

At its September 14-15, 2017 meeting, the Accreditation Committee (the "Committee") considered the status of the Florida Coastal School of Law (the "Law School") and concluded that the Law School is not in compliance with the following Standards:

- (a) Standard 301(a), with regard to the requirement that the Law School shall maintain a rigorous program of legal education that prepares its students, upon graduation, for admission to the bar and for effective, ethical, and responsible participation as members of the legal profession;
- (b) Standard 309(b), with regard to the requirement that the Law School shall provide academic support designed to afford students a reasonable opportunity to complete the program of legal education, graduate, and become members of the legal profession; and
- (c) Standards 501(a) and 501(b) and Interpretation 501-1, with respect to the requirements that the Law School shall maintain sound admissions policies and practices consistent with the Standards, its mission, and the objectives of its program of legal education, and that the Law School shall not admit applicants who do not appear capable of satisfactorily completing its program of legal education and being admitted to the bar.

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The Law School has been asked to submit a report by November 1, 2017, and to appear before the Accreditation Committee at its March 15-17, 2018 meeting. If the information provided in the written report demonstrates compliance with the Standards listed above, then the Committee may find the Law School to be in compliance with the Standards and cancel the hearing.

This letter will be posted on our website ([www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\\_education/news\\_announcements/public-notice.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/news_announcements/public-notice.html)) to comply with the U.S. Department of Education regulations until the matter is resolved.

A law school that is approved by the American Bar Association continues in that status pending final action by the Accreditation Committee and Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

Please feel free to call me, Deputy Managing Director William E. Adams, Jr., or Manager of Program Administration JR Clark if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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Managing Director of Accreditation and Legal Education

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