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President Don Lively
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Dear President Lively and Dean Willrich:

In accordance with U.S. Department of Education regulations (34 C.F.R. § 602.26) 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 (the "Committee") concludes that a law school is significantly out of compliance with ABA Standards pursuant to Rule 12(a)(4). Pursuant to ABA Internal Operating Practice 4 of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, this public memorandum is being issued within 24 hours of the time the Law School was notified of the Committee's decision.

At its December 7-8, 2017 meeting, the Committee considered the status of the Arizona Summit Law School (the "Law School") and concluded that the Law School is not in compliance with Standard 202(a) concerning the adequacy of its finances.

The Law School has been asked to submit a report by February 1, 2018, and to appear before the Accreditation Committee at its March 15-17, 2018 meeting.

This letter will be posted on our website (www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/news_announcements/) 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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