MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Persons and Entities
FROM: Hulett H. Askew, Consultant on Legal Education
Hon. Christine M. Durham, Council Chairperson
SUBJECT: Matters for Notice and Comment

At its June 10 - 11, 2011 meeting the Council of the Section considered and approved the following proposals for Notice and Comment:

- new Standard 512 Student Complaints
- amendment to Standard 306 Distance Education
- amendment to Rule 24 Complaints

The proposed changes are attached here and will be published on the Section’s website, [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education.html).

The new Standard 512 codifies the Council’s practice to require site teams to review law school records of student complaints; clarifies the responsibility of law schools to maintain records of student complaints; and complies with Department of Education requirements that the Council’s requirement be specifically stated in the Standards.

The change to Standard 306 complies with Department of Education requirements that accrediting agencies must have a standard that addresses verification of student identity in distance education courses.

The change to Rule 24 complies with Department of Education requirements that policies of an accrediting agency may not prevent the agency from considering complaints against an institution/program when that institution/program is involved in litigation or other actions by a third party.

We solicit and encourage written comments on the proposed changes by letter or e-mail. A hearing on these proposed changes is also scheduled for 4 to 5 p.m. on July 8, 2011 at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center, 30 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Please address written comments on the proposals and requests to speak at the hearing to Becky Stretch, Assistant Consultant, at our Chicago office or at Becky.Stretch@americanbar.org. Comments should be submitted no later than July 1, 2011.

We expect that final Council action on these matters will occur at the Council meeting scheduled for August 5 - 6, 2011.

Thank you,

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