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Dear Dean Meggett and President Ogene:

I write to report the action taken by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (the "Council") with respect to the Teach-Out Plan submitted by Charlotte School of Law (the "Law School").

At its August 11, 2017 meeting, the Council returned to its consideration of the Law School's Teach-Out Plan, first considered at its March 2017 meeting. At that time, the Council deferred action on the plan.

As the Council's March 27, 2017 letter reporting this action stated, the Law School's Teach-Out Plan was required because the United States Department of Education ("USDE") terminated the Law School's participation in the Title IV student loan program [see ABA Rule of Procedure 34(b)(3)], not because the Law School had announced that it was ceasing operations. Further, the Law School had reported that it appeared that the USDE might provide a pathway for the Law School to regain at least limited access to the student loan program.

Given these facts, it was not clear that the matter was ready for consideration by the Council. Further, the Council noted, any Teach-Out plan that was not aimed at an orderly process to close the school, but rather on regaining access to student

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loan funds and coming back into compliance with Standards 301(a), 501(a), and 501(b) was necessarily connected to the Accreditation Committee’s ongoing review of the Law School’s proposed reliable plan for coming back into compliance with those Standards. Deferring action provided the Council with an opportunity to consider the Teach-Out Plan in light of the Accreditation Committee’s review of that plan.

Subsequently, the Accreditation Committee reviewed the reliable plan submitted by the Law School at its June 2017 meeting. The plan consisted of a plan filed in December 2016 prior to the Law School’s access to the student loan program being terminated, plus materials filed that provided additional information and restatements of portions of the plan. On July 6, 2017, the Law School was notified that the Accreditation Committee at its June 2017 meeting did not find the Law School’s plan for coming back into compliance with the Standards to be reliable. It called the Law School to a hearing at the Committee’s September 14-16, 2017 meeting to determine whether additional actions or sanction should be imposed, including removal of the school’s accreditation.

The record before the Council for its review of the Teach-Out Plan included the Council’s March 27, 2017 letter; the Accreditation Committee’s July 6, 2017 letter reporting the Accreditation Committee’s June action; a July 31, 2017 Law School response to the Accreditation Committee’s action; the Law School’s December 2016 reliable plan; the Law School’s February 2017 Amended Teach-Out Plan; a February 2017 Fact Finder Report; the Law School’s June 9, 2017 response to the Fact Finder Report; and background material, including school data and earlier decision letters from the Council and the Accreditation Committee to the Law School.

After due consideration of the record in the matter, the Council, without dissent, rejected the Law School’s Teach-Out Plan. The Teach-Out Plan assumed that the Law School would continue to operate as a degree-granting institution. At the time of the Council’s consideration, it was not clear whether that assumption was accurate. Accordingly, the Council did not approve the Teach-Out Plan, but it invites the Law School to submit a revised plan that reflects its current status with the USDE and its state licensing agency and that either forms part of a revised reliable plan to continue operating as a degree-granting institution in compliance with the ABA Standards or a plan for the orderly closure of the school, as appropriate.

The Council directs, pursuant to Rules of Procedure 53(c)(4) and (5), that the Managing Director make this action public.

The Law School is reminded that, based on prior action of the Accreditation Committee, it has until February 3, 2018 to demonstrate that it has come back into compliance with the Standards. If not, as the Law School has been previously told,
the USDE rules require the Council to take immediate adverse action to remove
the Law School's accreditation.

If you have questions or wish to discuss this matter, please contact Deputy
Managing Director Bill Adams or me.

Sincerely,

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