Summary of Actions of the Section’s Council at its Meeting August 11, 2017

The Council of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar met in New York City on August 11 to consider recommendations, reports and other issues on its agenda. The Council took these key actions:

• Decided to send the way it reports employment numbers for graduating classes to its Standards Review Committee for recommendations whether changes are appropriate. These reports are information collected from the schools and reported to the public in the spring for employment of the last graduating class ten months’ after graduation. The Council had modified the reporting form at its June meeting. One modification affected how schools report school-funded jobs that pay more than $40,000 per year. Other modifications were made to simplify the reporting form.

• Set an ambitious agenda for its next meeting in Boston in early November. Among the topics that could be considered at that session are a new standard for a school’s bar passage rate and the proposed reorganization of the way the Council handles both its standards and accreditation matters. For both areas, the Standards Review Committee could prepare recommendations for the Council’s November meeting and proposed changes could go to the House of Delegates in February 2018.

In closed session, the Council considered individual school matters. The outcomes of those matters that are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of Rules of Procedure 49-55 will be publicly reported after decisions are communicated by letter to the affected schools.

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