MEMORANDUM

To: Council
From: Barry Currier & Bill Adams
Re: 2019-2020 Bar Passage Outcomes Questionnaire and 509 Reporting Form
Date: August 16, 2019

Elsewhere in these agenda materials is a draft questionnaire and Standard 509 public report template for bar passage outcomes that will be reported by law schools in February 2020 for bar passage results from 2019.

The form is largely self-explanatory. We will collect three items of information on the questionnaire:

- Ultimate bar passage outcomes for 2017 graduates
- First-time bar passage outcomes for 2019 graduates, and
- Updated information for 2018 graduates who took the bar exam in 2019

The Standard 509 public reporting forms (see pages 4 and 6 of the questionnaire document) are written to report each of these outcomes publicly. In the last few years, as we have been collecting and reporting ultimate bar passage data, we have not published the last item, which reports intermediate outcomes for graduates between 1st-time data and the 2-year ultimate pass rate. It is not clear that this provides important and useful consumer information, and the Council might consider whether or not it is more helpful or confusing for this data to be published.

The questionnaire and reporting form add this year for the first time bar exam outcomes by race and gender, which the Council approved us doing at the May meeting. We will adjust the design, so the reports look better, but we want you to see the basic format of what the public report will show.

We ask that the Council approve these forms.