Dear Mr. Clark,

The George Washington University Law School thanks the ABA for the opportunity to offer comments on the proposed revisions to Chapter 6 (Library and Information Resources) and Chapter 7 (Facilities, Equipment, and Technology) of the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools. The George Washington University Law School supports the proposed changes as offered.

We believe that the changes to Chapter 6 do, as stated by the Standards Review Committee, more concretely link library performance to the mission of the law school, require measurements that are more outcome-related and focus on quality instead of quantity, and alter the Standards to reflect the ways that legal information can be accessed or acquired in the 21st century. The notion of creating bigger and bigger libraries simply to gain bragging rights or some infinitesimal boost in artificial rankings must give way to realistic ways of providing information to faculty and students. The revisions create an atmosphere in which this can be accomplished. We find that the changes to Chapter 7 place an appropriate emphasis on the trend towards greater use of technology in the classroom and clarify several issues that, in the past, have been left open to individual interpretation. These revisions will be of great assistance to legal educators as we renovate facilities to meet the changing needs of our faculty and students.

We look forward to the opportunity to comment on the revisions of the remaining chapters of the Standards and Rules.

Best,
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