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To: Clark, JR
Subject: comments for July 13th ABA hearing regarding Standard 503.

Mr. Clark,

It is fortuitous I found the memorandum from Mr. Murphy and Mr. Currier dated March 24, 2017 on the Americanbar.org's website, as I am an interested person in the proposed changes.

I am a non- traditional prospective JD student struggling to gain admittance into a local law school in the D.C. area. I believe that part of my challenge in gaining admittance is that 16 years ago I made significant sacrifices to my academic career in order to serve my country. It hasn't been until I attempted to gain entrance into law school that this sacrifice really has been to my detriment. While my LSAT score is in an acceptable range for many of the local schools, it wasn't until after starting the admittance process I learned LSAC weighted my substandard GPA as heavily now, as it would be if I had graduated in 2016.

Because the date of records is a neglected factor in admissions, further reduction in the importance of the LSAT would aggravate the failure outdated information poses in demonstrating one's current potential. Current academic capabilities are better reflected by current results, such as the requirement for admissions to include a "current LSAT score".

Fortunately this concern is mitigatable. In any direction the AMA chooses to go with the LSAT, accounting for the age of records and the corresponding weight those records are given is one of what must be several viable approaches.

While the AMA must consider many factors in the evolution of the practice of law, this is one factor regarding the Admissions Test I respectfully request be taken into consideration.

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