The Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) is pleased to submit to the Council this report of its activities since its last written report.

With more than 1300 dues-paying members, CLEA is the largest association of law professors in the nation. Through its conferences, meetings, website, and social media platforms, CLEA has created both “real” and “digital” communities of law faculty who are engaged or interested in clinical and experiential education.

These are some of the highlights of CLEA’s activities since May 2018:

- CLEA’s Best Practices in Pedagogy Committee is facilitating an ongoing webinar series on Teaching Justice, featuring a number of innovative faculty who present on new approaches to teaching justice in the classroom. Each session draws upon the wisdom of the current resistance movement and examines its intersections with criminal justice, immigration policy, racial justice, economic justice, and international human rights, among other issues. The series includes presentations on Teaching Justice in the context of Immigrant Rights, Shifting Power through Transformative Lawyering in Community Economic Development, Teaching Racial Justice, and Teaching Juvenile Justice.

- CLEA’s Externship Committee published a report entitled “Survey of Schools on Payment of Students for For-Credit Externships.” The Report, which is attached, analyzes data generated by a March 2018 survey on how law schools responded to ABA Standards revision that removed the prohibition on paid externships. One hundred and fifty-one law schools responded to the survey, but the Report notes that the data is preliminary. Many schools are still considering and revising their policies on this issue. For that reason, CLEA plans to continue to collect and evaluate data. In conjunction with the survey, the CLEA Externship Committee conducted two webinars last May and June that shared preliminary survey results, and examined considerations and challenges in permitting and implementing paid externships. More than 80 law schools participated in the webinars, and a version of it is available on the LexternWeb site: https://www.lexternweb.org/webinars. The Externship Committee is currently exploring the development of resources for the training of field supervisors and
supporting the planning and organization of the biennial Externships Conference, which will next be held in 2020.

- CLEA’s New Clinicians Committee provided programming for new clinicians at several regional clinical teaching conferences, including the Midwest Clinical Conference, New England Clinical Conference, Northwest Clinical Conference, and Southern Clinical Conference, all of which were held in fall 2018. The New Clinicians Committee is preparing to host its biennial full-day New Clinicians Conference in May 2019 in San Francisco.

- CLEA’s Advocacy Committee submitted a letter to the ABA House of Delegates urging the rejection of the proposed changes to Standard 316 (Bar Passage).

- CLEA’s Diversity in Clinical Legal Education Committee is gathering data on the current state of diversity among clinical faculty and the diversity among the populations served by clinics. The Diversity Committee plans to analyze and publish the results of its research to raise awareness and deepen our commitment to racial justice in law school clinics.

- CLEA’s Communications Committee continues to broadcast information about CLEA’s advocacy initiatives and events through our website (cleaweb.org) and social media platforms.

As always, we appreciate the opportunity to work with the Council as an affiliate and to engage with Council members to improve legal education and the process of bar licensing.

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