Facilities, Equipment, and Technology

Standard 701. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

(a) A law school shall have facilities, equipment, technology, and technology support that enable it to operate in compliance with the Standards and carry out its program of legal education.

(b) A law school is not in compliance with the Standards if its facilities, equipment, technology, or technology support have a negative and material effect on the school's ability to operate in compliance with the Standards; or to carry out its program of legal education.

Interpretation 701-1
In determining whether technology and technology support comply with this Standard, among the factors to be considered are:

(1) the hardware and software resources and infrastructure available to support the teaching, scholarship, research, service, and administrative needs of students, faculty, and staff of the law school;
(2) staff support and space for staff operations; and
(3) the law school’s financial resources and overall ability to maintain and, as appropriate, adopt new technology.
Standard 702. FACILITIES

(a) A law school’s facilities shall include:

1. suitable class and seminar rooms in sufficient number to permit reasonable scheduling of all classes, skills offerings, and seminars;
2. a law library that is suitable and sufficient in size, location, and design in relation to the law school’s programs and enrollment to accommodate the needs of the law school’s students and faculty and the law library’s services, collections, staff, operations, and equipment;
3. suitable and sufficient space for staff providing support services, including student support services, to the program of legal education;
4. office space for full-time faculty members that is suitable and sufficient for faculty research, class preparation, and faculty-student conferences; and suitable and sufficient space for part-time faculty members to conduct faculty-student conferences;
5. facilities and equipment that meet all applicable health and safety codes;
6. suitable and sufficient space for equipment and records;
7. suitable and sufficient space appropriate for conducting any in-house clinical programs in a manner that assures competent and ethical representation of clients and meaningful instruction and supervision of students, including confidential space for (i) client interviewing, (ii) working on and discussing client cases, and (iii) security for client files;
8. suitable and sufficient space for its students and faculty for quiet study and research; and
9. suitable and sufficient space for group study and other forms of collaborative work.

(b) A law school shall provide reasonable access and accommodations to persons with disabilities, consistent with applicable law.

Interpretation 702-1
If all or part of the facilities are leased or financed, determining whether the law school is in compliance with the Standards includes a determination of the law school’s right to occupy and continue to occupy the premises, including its financial and overall ability to comply with the lease or financing terms; the duration, lease renewal terms, and conditions; and termination or foreclosure provisions.

Interpretation 702-2
A law school’s facilities should be under the exclusive control and reserved for the exclusive use of the law school. If the facilities are not under the exclusive control of the law school or are not reserved for its exclusive use, the arrangements must permit proper scheduling of all law classes and other law school activities.

Interpretation 702-3
In determining whether class and seminar rooms comply with this Standard, among the factors to be considered are: acoustics, sight lines, seating, lighting, temperature, ventilation, and available educational technology.