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Dear President Hillman Barrera and Dean Neptune-Rivera:

In accordance with U.S. Department of Education regulations (34 C.F.R. § 602.26) applicable to recognized accrediting agencies, the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (the “Council”) is required to post a letter describing the basis for an action when it finds significant non-compliance with one or more of ABA Standards pursuant to Rule 11(a)(4). Pursuant to ABA Internal Operating Practice 5 of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, this public memorandum is being issued within 24 hours of the time the University of Puerto Rico School of Law (the “Law School”) was notified of the Council’s decision.

At its September 13-15, 2018 meeting, the Council considered the status of the Law School and concluded that the Law School is not in compliance with Standard 309(b).

The Law School has been asked to submit a report by January 15, 2019, and to appear before the Council at its May 16-18, 2019 meeting. If the information provided in the written report demonstrates compliance with the Standards listed above, then the Council may find the Law School to be in compliance with the Standards and cancel the hearing.

This letter will be posted on our website (www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/news_announcements/) to comply with the U.S. Department of Education regulations until the matter is resolved.
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A law school that is approved by the American Bar Association continues in that status pending final action by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

Please feel free to call me or Deputy Managing Director William E. Adams, Jr., if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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