Mission

The mission of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, the ABA’s first section, is:

To be a creative national force in providing leadership and services to those responsible for and those who benefit from a sound program of legal education and bar admissions.

To provide a fair, effective, and efficient accrediting system for American law schools that promotes quality legal education, and

To continue to serve, through its Council, as the nationally recognized accrediting body for American law schools.

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

From the Chair
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Approval of Law Schools
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What a busy and productive year it has been for the Section and the Council! I’ll leave the full business report to the Managing Director, Barry Currier, but I’d like to mention a few highlights of the year.

- The Council continued work on the revisions to the Standards to attempt to make them simpler, clearer, better aligned with U.S. Department of Education (DOE) regulations, and easier to understand and enforce. We are attempting to allow schools the freedom to experiment, while putting in place an enforceable regulatory system. To that end, we sent out for comment revisions to several Standards, including 204, 303, 311, 316, and 501. The two that garnered the most debate and public comment were the proposal to change the bar pass standard – Standard 316 – on which I wrote a Syllabus column earlier this year, and the provision permitting schools, at their option, to allow compensation as well as credit for student externships. Both eventually were adopted by the Council.

- Council representatives – Rebecca Berch, chair; Barry Currier, managing director; Bill Adams, deputy managing director; and accreditation counsel Stephanie Giggetts – appeared before the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), a hearing body for the DOE, to address re-recognition of the Council as the accreditor for law school JD programs in the United States. Council representatives faced intense questioning focusing on the high cost of legal education, student debt, and charges that schools were admitting some students who did not appear capable of succeeding law school. NACIQI’s recommendation to the undersecretary was determined not to be supported by the evidence and so was not adopted. The Council was re-recognized to accredit law schools, subject to the requirement that it submit some employee resumes, adjust the makeup of the Appeals Panel, and make other minor changes.

- To prevent duplication of effort and help provide continuity, the Council voted to consolidate the Standards Review Committee (SRC) and the Data Policy and Collection Committee (DPCC). The work of these vital committees sometimes overlaps, and we determined that having DPCC members on the SRC will help elucidate how the Standards and Interpretations work together and shed light on what data should be collected and reported as part of the regulatory and public protection function. The first meeting of the consolidated committee took place in September, 2016.

During the year, the Accreditation Committee, under the capable leadership of Professor and former Dean Rebecca Hanner White, continued to monitor law schools and rendered decisions or made recommendations on more than 150 matters. The Council also addressed myriad issues from accreditation matters to variance and major-change requests. For a fuller report on these, see Barry Currier’s column.
The Council continued and strengthened its relations with affiliate organizations, including among others Access Group, the Association of American Law Schools, the Law School Admission Council, the National Association of Law Placement, and the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

The Section has benefitted from the addition of its first real Section Director, Erin Ruehrwein. With the assistance of two good planning committees, Erin directed two conferences during the year – one on law school development activities and the other for associate deans. She provides more detail in her report.

The situation for law schools and law students did not change much during the year: applications for law school remain down for many schools, and the cost of law school remains generally stagnant (and high). Yet it is still an exciting time to be involved with legal education. The need for good lawyers is as great as ever, and schools are looking for more ways to attract and educate qualified students. We share with law schools the common goal of training law students to be exemplary members of the legal profession and to serve as effective advocates for their clients.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to be involved with the ABA accreditation process and the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, culminating in the privilege of serving as the 2015-2016 Chair. I thank my Council colleagues, particularly my predecessor, Associate Dean Joan Howland, and my successor, Mr. Greg Murphy, for their commitment, wise counsel, and collegiality. I also thank Barry Currier, Managing Director, and the staff of the Section office for their hard work, invaluable assistance, and support.

Finally, I wish the best of success to the very competent incoming leadership team made up of Chair Greg Murphy, Chair-elect Maureen O’Rourke, Vice-chair Jeff Lewis, and Secretary Ed Tucker. They will be joined on the Executive Committee by Diane Bosse and Raymond Pierce. The hardworking members of the Council are in good hands. Thank you all for a challenging, productive, sometimes frustrating, but always rewarding experience.
The year 2015-2016 was not “best of times and the worst of times.” But, there is much good to report while recognizing that fundamental challenges remain.

On the positive side of the ledger, the legal education offered by America’s ABA-approved law schools has probably never been better. They are more skills-based, interdisciplinary, and global in scope. Additionally, and understanding the needs of their student bodies, many schools are delivering academic support and bar exam preparation programs to support student success. Schools are making more and better use of technology in and out of the classroom, increasing engagement, learning, and the adaptability of the program to student needs. Finally, extracurricular and cocurricular programs give students opportunities to contribute to the public interest while in law school, aid in their professional development, and explore career options and practice areas. The new AALS website does a great service by aggregating information about all these good works and making them more easily available to the broader community.

We are pleased that so many schools have embraced the call of new Standards 302, 314, and 315 for the development of learning outcomes and processes for assessing how well their programs achieve them. There has always been great teaching and learning in American law schools, but the renaissance of interest in curriculum and pedagogy that the new standards reflect is also a positive development to celebrate.

On the negative side of the ledger, the admissions and job markets continue to present significant challenges for many schools and graduates. In the aggregate, the Fall 2015 1L applicant pool and matriculants continued the erosion that we have been experiencing since 2010. Overall enrollment in J.D. programs has declined more than 30 percent in that time. The job market, too, is basically stagnant. Neither shows signs, from the tea leaves that I read, of significant improvement.

Law school debt continues to rise and NALP’s bi-modal salary distribution graph makes it apparent that, while many graduates will earn income sufficient to justify the cost of their legal education, for many others that outcome is less clear. It may be, down the road, that studies will show that today’s graduates, across the board, experience career satisfaction and income increases on a par with earlier generations. But, changes in both the cost of legal education and the legal services market raise doubts. The present challenges that many graduates face, right now, paying their student loans from the salaries that they can earn cause considerable anxiety. Loan forgiveness programs and pay-as-you-earn repayment schemes offer some prospect of relief, but the total debt figure, understandably, creates stress.

The impact of declines in the applicant pool and changes in the job market do not fall equally on all law schools. Schools have always had different missions and different cultures, but we are beginning to come to grips with the fact that there are submarkets that operate in the bigger legal education space.
All of this plays itself out in the work that is done by the Council and the rest of us who make the ABA law school accreditation process work. As the intense questioning by members of the U.S. Department of Education’s NACIQI group during the process leading to the Council’s continuing recognition as the accrediting agency for J.D. programs in June shows, calls for a more interventionist and prescriptive approach are increasing. At this point, it is not clear where this will lead. It is fair to observe, however, that our Standards, our governance structure, and our processes were built more for good times than today’s challenging times. We can, and I trust will, modernize how we do our business with an eye toward the current environment and the future, as best we can understand it.

The staff and I look forward to working with the Council, Accreditation Committee, Standards Review Committee, and our many other volunteers on how our process should evolve to serve the public, the profession, and students, in the best possible way.

Thanks

We are grateful for the good work and leadership of our Chair, the Honorable Rebecca White Berch. She brought experience as a law student, law teacher, lawyer, and judge to this work. That pretty much covers all the bases. It was a pleasure for the Managing Director’s Office staff to go through the year with Rebecca at the helm.

We are also thankful to Council members for their collegiality, hard work and insight. Two long-time Council members left us at the end of the year. Michael Davis, former dean and professor at the University of Kansas School of Law, completed his maximum period of service on the Council. Mike had also served as member and chair of the Accreditation Committee, member and chair of the Standards Review Committee, and on (and as chair of) numerous site teams. I very much appreciate his long service to legal education and will miss seeing him at our meetings. We also said farewell to General Leo Brooks, who served with distinction for six years as a public member of the Council. Finally, many thanks to Josephine Bahn from New York Law School, who served as the student member of the Council for the year.

I also want to thank the members of the Accreditation, Standards Review, and Data Policy and Collection Committees, the key accreditation-related committees of the Council, for their service. These are all hard-working committees on which we depend to get our work done. These committees were chaired this year by Rebecca Hanner White (dean and professor emeritus at the University of Georgia College of Law), Scott Pagel (associate dean and professor at George Washington University Law School), and Chris Pietruszkiewicz (dean at Stetson University College of Law).

The accreditation process requires the service of several hundred volunteers (law school faculty and staff, lawyers, judges, public members, and higher education professionals), who serve on site teams and Section committees. Many of them are listed at other places throughout this report. Thanks to each of them for their service. We are deeply grateful.

Lastly, I want to say a word of thanks to my colleagues at the Section Office and in the larger ABA. Our plates are often full to overflowing. I appreciate the dedication and good spirit with which everyone approaches their work. It is a pleasure to work with you.
The Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar has had a very productive year. Among the activities I’d like to highlight are the Section’s webinar on experiential learning, Law School Development Conference, Associate Deans Conference, resources for law students, membership growth, the ABA Everyday initiative, Section-sponsored and supported resolutions, and the progress and efforts of the Conferences and Programming and Publications Committees. All of this would not have been possible without the hard work of our volunteers who have served and continue to serve. The Section thanks you for your time, important input, leadership, and commitment to delivering value and services to our members and the legal education community.

Educational Programming

As a Section, we are committed to delivering programming that provides valuable and relevant content. Thanks in large part to the work of our committees, the Section presented its first substantive webinar on experiential learning in May, and delivered two of its much anticipated conferences, the Law School Development and Associate Deans Conferences, in June.

On May 4, the Section presented a complimentary webinar entitled “Integrating Experiential Learning in the Classroom.” The webinar was moderated by Kelly Terry of University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law and featured speakers Robert Jones of Northern Illinois University College of Law, Jeffrey Thaler of University of Maine School of Law, and SpearIt of Texas Southern University School of Law. The webinar drew over 85 attendees and focused on how to successfully utilize and incorporate experiential learning techniques in the classroom in order to develop students’ knowledge and skills in preparation for practice.

The Section hosted the 2016 Law School Development Conference, May 31-June 3 in San Diego. Co-chaired by Daniel Rodriguez, dean of Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, and Trishana Bowden, vice president for advancement at Goucher College, the conference brought together over 200 law school deans and development professionals as they addressed “Fostering Engagement and Investment in a Time of Change.”

The conference opened with a welcome reception and keynote dinner address moderated by Deanell Tacha, dean of Pepperdine University School of Law, and featured Dr. John Sexton, president emeritus of New York University, and Kurt Schmoke, president of the University of Baltimore. They engaged in an in-depth discussion on the current landscape of funding legal education and higher education and the issues that will challenge development initiatives going forward.
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The conference sessions were engrossing and covered topics such as the changing landscape of legal education and the impact on philanthropy, building a G.O.L.D. pipeline, crowdfunding, major gifts, planned giving, social media strategies, and how to operate with reduced resources. There was also a session for new deans and development officers. Attendees had numerous opportunities to network with one another during breaks, meals, and evening networking receptions.

The Section also hosted the Associate Deans Conference, June 16-19, in Minneapolis. The conference was co-chaired by Jackie Gardina, who at the time served as the vice dean for faculty at Vermont Law School, and Ngai Pindell, vice provost for faculty affairs at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Law. With over 120 attendees from law schools across the country, the conference focused on the theme of “Adapting to a Changing Landscape.”

Robert J. Grey, Jr., president of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity and a former ABA president, set the tone for the conference with an inspiring keynote address during the welcome dinner that included an interactive discussion on how to create a diverse group of next generation leaders in the law. Conference sessions focused on topics such as solutions to complex management challenges, the opportunities and challenges created by the changing student population, and a full day of workshops on assessments and outcomes.

The materials for all three programs and the webinar recording are now available online on our resources page for your convenience and reference.

Support for Law Students

With nearly 3,000 law student members, the Section continues to enhance the valuable resources it offers for students. The Section’s law student resource page serves as a one-stop-shop and includes links of interest on topics such as bar admissions and employment statistics, showcases those Section publications and periodicals that may be of interest to students, and lists past and upcoming programming for students.

Additionally, for the second year in a row, the Section cosponsored a joint program at the ABA Annual Meeting with the Law Student Division on managing student debt. The program, “Navigating the Waters of Student Debt,” featured a panel that addressed the current law school student debt environment, how to manage debt, loan consolidation and forgiveness, repayment options, and student loan resources and refinancing. Panel members included Raul Valez, a student at Syracuse University College of Law; Rosanna L. Woods, director of financial aid at the University of San Francisco School of Law; Dan Macklin, co-founder and vice president at SoFi; and Alyssa L. Thaden, director of financial Education for Access Group.

Membership Growth

Membership in the Section saw significant growth in 2015-2016. The Section closed out fiscal year 2015-16 with a total of 13,634 members, an annual increase of 11.6%. The Section’s law student membership nearly tripled over the past year. As a reminder, law student membership in the ABA and up to 5 entities is free.
The Section also actively participated in ABA President and former Council Member Paulette Brown’s “ABA Everyday” initiative. The year-long calendar delivered complimentary content daily to members, including free CLE, special events, free products, helpful tools, and member-only discounts and resources. The Section had various content and resources showcased in the ABA Everyday calendar including the Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools, a list of post JD/non-JD programs, a complimentary pdf of The ABA's First Section publication, law student loan repayment and forgiveness resources, and the Section’s frequently asked questions.

ABA Resolutions

The Section cosponsored the Law Student Division’s Resolution 109 urging the bar admission authorities in each state and territory to adopt expeditiously the Uniform Bar Examination in their respective jurisdictions. The resolution was approved. The Section also supported Resolution 103 proposed by the Section of International Law. The resolution amends the black letter of Rule 5.5 of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the ABA Model Rule for Registration of In-House Counsel to include language specifying that the court of highest appellate jurisdiction may, in its discretion, allow foreign in-house lawyers who do not meet the ABA definition of foreign lawyer because they cannot be “members of the bar” to be able to practice as in-house counsel in the U.S. and to be so registered. The resolution was approved.

Committee Accomplishments

The Section’s Conferences and Programming Committee met monthly via conference call under the leadership of Chair Leslie Cooney, professor at Nova Southeastern University College of Law, to discuss potential new conferences and webinars. The committee was responsible for the conceptualization and planning of the webinar on experiential learning and is hard at work planning future webinars.

The Publications Committee, chaired by Anthony Niedwiecki, associate dean for academic affairs at The John Marshall Law School, worked on multiple projects over the year including beginning the process for a new edition of The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs, last published in 2006, as well as revising and updating the Adjunct Faculty Handbook, last published in 2005. The committee developed a new Accreditation Q&A column for the Section’s quarterly electronic publication, Syllabus and also vetted various publication proposals.

I’d like to thank the Council, committee leaders, program panelists and attendees, the Section staff, and our members for your efforts, time, involvement and continued support. You have all been an absolute pleasure to work with and we would not be able to do our work without your support. While we will continue to expand upon leadership opportunities and the benefits we provide to our members and the profession, I strongly encourage you to reach out to me at Erin.Ruehrwein@americanbar.org with any suggestions, comments, or ideas, you may have.
Mitchell Hamline School of Law  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
Acquiescence was granted to William Mitchell College of Law and Hamline University School of Law to merge to become Mitchell Hamline School of Law in December 2015.

University of LaVerne College of Law  
Ontario, California  
The Council granted full approval to the University of LaVerne College of Law in March 2016.

Indiana Tech Law School  
Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Indiana Tech Law School was granted provisional approval in March 2016.

Belmont University College of Law  
Nashville, Tennessee  
The Council granted full approval to Belmont University College of Law in June 2016.
## FALL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

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*Non-J.D. statistics not collected in these years.
**Other gender category not collected in previous years.
Rebecca Hanner White  
Dean & J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law Emeritus  
University of Georgia  
Chair, 2015-2016 Accreditation Committee

The 2015-2016 year was a busy and productive year for the Accreditation Committee.

Over its five meetings (September, November, January, April, and June), the Committee rendered decisions or made recommendations to the Council on 160 matters. This work included recommendations on two applications for full approval, two applications for provisional approval, five applications for a major change, and one recommendation for specific remedial action; decision letters on 30 regular site reports; two decision letters directing specific remedial action, and consideration of 55 applications to establish new non-J.D. programs. In addition, on recommendation from its Foreign Programs Subcommittee, the committee reviewed 42 foreign summer, semester abroad and intersession programs. With regard to foreign programs, the Committee endorsed and recommended to the Council the Foreign Programs Subcommittee’s recommendation for a new process for review and approval that reduces significantly the number of site visits required for these foreign programs.

The Committee also continued the process of interim monitoring of law schools. Pursuant to this process, the Annual Questionnaire submitted by each law school in October is reviewed against a menu of “triggers.” These triggers—first-year student entering credentials, admission rate, student/faculty ratio, financial resources, enrollment, bar passage and employment statistics—alert the committee to potential issues a school may be facing, leading to inquiry by the Committee in appropriate cases. If the school is undergoing current sabbatical review, the information developed by the interim monitoring process is forwarded to the site team for its review and appropriate inquiry. The process enables the Committee to identify schools with potential compliance issues between sabbatical visits.

The committee continued its recent practice of sending a liaison to the meetings of the Standards Review Committee in order to inform that body of how the Committee interprets and applies various Standards and to raise issues with draft language for new or amended Standards. The exchange is, we believe, beneficial to both committees, and we appreciate the opportunity for this dialogue.

Additionally, through the good work of a subcommittee, revised templates for site reports and draft decision letters were created and have helped to streamline the drafting process, as we continued efforts to both improve our processes and contribute to the operation of the Accreditation Project.

As we ended the year, three members left the committee. The Honorable Carol Kapsner, Justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court, left us after four years of exemplary work. Hers was a valued voice on the Committee, and her insight and wisdom will be missed. Peter Glenn, a former law school dean and private practitioner, completed his six years of service with us, and his experience, thoughtfulness and warmth were greatly valued and appreciated and, as with Carol, will be missed. Finally, Pam Lysaght, a retired faculty member of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, also completed her six years of service on the Committee. Pam was the driving force behind the template revisions, and her meticulous
preparation and thoughtful contributions were so valuable to our work. I’m pleased that Pam has been tapped to chair the Standards Review Committee and wish her every continued success in this new and important role. I also wish to extend my gratitude to Barry Currier, Bill Adams, Cathy Schrage, Camille deJorna, Ed Butterfoss, Marsha Factor, Becky Stretch, Stephanie Giggetts, Chris Rendall, J.R. Clark and the entire staff for their unfailing support of and guidance to the Committee and for their assistance, friendship and good counsel to me. And I thank my committee colleagues for their hard and skillful work, their collegiality and their friendship. It is a privilege to do this work with such a talented and dedicated group. Collectively, the staff and committee members are careful stewards of the Accreditation Project. They deserve the trust that law schools and state supreme courts place in them. They serve the Council well.

I am grateful to Scott Bales, Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, for agreeing to serve as our Vice Chair this upcoming year, and I look forward to working with Scott, the Committee and the staff on what I anticipate will be another impactful and productive year.

The full membership of the Accreditation Committee in 2015-2016 was as follows:

**Chair**
Rebecca Hanner White  
Dean & Professor Emeritus  
University of Georgia  
School of Law

**Vice Chair**
Pamela Lysaght  
Professor (retired)  
Glen Arbor, Michigan

The Honorable Scott Bales  
Chief Justice  
Arizona Supreme Court

David A. Brennen  
Dean  
University of Kentucky  
College of Law

Donald C. Dahlin  
Professor Emeritus  
University of South Dakota  
Department of Political Science

Arthur Gaudio  
Professor & Dean Emeritus  
Western New England University  
School of Law

Paul M. George  
Associate Dean & Director of Biddle Law Library  
University of Pennsylvania Law School

Peter G. Glenn  
Professor  
Pennsylvania State University  
Dickinson Law

Alex M. Johnson Jr.  
Professor & Director, Center for the Study of Race and Law  
University of Virginia School of Law

The Honorable Carol Kapsner  
Justice  
North Dakota Supreme Court

Susan L. Kay  
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs & Professor  
Vanderbilt University Law School

Judith Leonard, Esq.  
General Counsel  
Smithsonian Institute

Nancy Marlin  
Professor & Provost Emeritus  
San Diego State University College of Sciences

Abha Pandya  
Long Beach, California

Joanne Scanlon Prestia  
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Charlotte L. Wager  
Partner  
Jenner & Block LLP

Frederick White  
Former Dean & Professor  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Adrien Wing  
Associate Dean & Professor  
University of Iowa College of Law
2015-2016 Accreditation Committee

**Front row (left to right):** Arthur Gaudio, Joanne Scanlon Prestia, Barry Currier (staff), Rebecca Hanner White, Pamela Lysaght, Paul George, Peter Glenn

**Second row:** Charlotte Stretch (staff), Cathy Schrage (staff) Scott Bales, Abha Pandya, Judith Leonard, Susan Kay, Adrien Wing, Carol Kapsner, Frederic White, Stephanie Giggetts (staff)

**Third row:** Camille deJorna (staff), Edwin Butterfoss (staff), J.R. Clark (staff), Marsha Factor (staff), Steven Bahls, David Brennen, Nancy Marlin, Donald Dahlin, Alex Johnson

**Not pictured:** Charlotte Wager

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Scott B. Pagel  
*Associate Dean for Information Services & Professor*  
The George Washington University Law School  
Chair, Standards Review Committee

At the request of the Council, the Standards Review Committee offered recommendations for significant changes during the year intended to ensure the quality of legal education. These included revisions of the Standards regarding admissions and bar passage. The Committee also continued work on projects initiated in the previous year, including a revision of the Standards regarding experiential education.

The following revisions to Standards were recommended by the Committee, adopted by the Council, and concurred in by the House of Delegates during 2015-2016.

- **Standards 304 and 305:** The change moved the field placement experience from Standard 305 into Standard 304 with simulation courses and law clinics, the other categories of experiential learning identified in the Standards. In moving field placements to Standard 304, requirements were added that are commensurate with those required for clinics and simulation courses—a means of guided reflection; opportunities for performance, feedback, and self-evaluation; and direct supervision. The new Standard also defined a field placement course as one that provides substantial lawyering experience and called for the creation of a written understanding for the experience. The revision removed any distinctions in the requirements for these programs based on credits offered, and mandated that records be maintained for all placements. Standard 305 provides guidance for other academic study that does not involve attendance at a regularly scheduled class session. Finally, the change eliminated the Interpretation prohibiting a law school from granting credit to a student for participation in a field placement for which the student receives compensation.

The following revisions to the Standards and Rules were recommended by the Committee during 2015-16. The Council voted to send them out for Notice and Comment and a public hearing on the proposals was held in August 2016. They will be considered for adoption by the Council at its October 2016 meeting.

- **Standard 204:** It was recommended that the Standard be changed to more closely track the Department of Education requirement that an accrediting body require a self study comprising information regarding the educational quality of the program and efforts to improve the program.

- **Standard 303:** It was recommended that the requirement that a law school require each student to satisfactorily complete a course in professional responsibility be clarified by specifying that the course include substantial instruction in the rules of professional conduct and the values and responsibilities of the legal profession and its members.
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- **Interpretation 303-1**: It was recommended that the Interpretation be changed to make clear that, so long as the requirements for each are met, an upper division writing course can be used to meet the requirements of Standard 303(a)(2) for a writing experience after the first year, or the requirements under Standard 303(a)(3) and 304(a) as a simulation course. The proposal also makes it clear that such a course can be used to satisfy only one of the requirements of the Standard.

- **Standard 311(d)**: It was recommended that the Standard be modified to prevent a potential conflict with Standard 505 by confirming that matriculation refers to a student’s entry into the J.D. program and that credit for prior law study can be granted pursuant to Standard 505.

- **Standard 316**: It was recommended that the Standard be modified to present a clear and straightforward statement of the bar passage rate required of a law school for the purposes of accreditation. The proposed Standard would require that at least 75% of a law school’s graduates in a calendar year who sit for a bar examination must have passed a bar examination administered within two years of their date of graduation.

- **Standard 501**: It was recommended that a law school must make available, to a site team and to the Accreditation Committee, its admission policies and practices and that they be consistent with the Standards. It also was recommended that the assessment of compliance involve all of the factors listed in Interpretation 501-1 and that compliance with the Standard on bar passage alone would not be sufficient to demonstrate compliance. Finally, it was recommended that a law school having a cumulative non-transfer attrition above 20 percent for a class creates a rebuttable presumption that the law school is not in compliance with the Standard.

Finally, the following items were considered by the Committee and submitted to the Council. They remain unresolved at this time.

- Revisions for Standards 205 and 206 had been sent out for Notice and Committee by the Council and a public hearing on the proposals was held in January 2016. They were considered for adoption by the Council in March 2016. The Council voted to approve the changes to Standard 205. The Committee offered the Council two alternatives for Standard 206 in light of comments received at the public hearing. The Council elected to review the issues with Standard 206 in greater detail before taking any action. Further action on Standard 205 was delayed pending a decision on Standard 206.

- The Committee proposed to the Council that the words “full-time” be inserted before “faculty” in a number of places in the Standards. The Council sent the proposal out for Notice and Comment and no comments were received. At its September 2016 meeting, the Committee voted to ask the Council to postpone final action on the proposal pending a review of the annual questionnaire by the staff.
In July 2015, the Committee offered two options to the Council regarding Interpretation 503-3: eliminate it, or amend it to give it broader applicability. The Council voted to eliminate Interpretation 503-3 and directed the Committee to propose additional revisions to the Standards regarding admissions tests. In December 2015, the Committee recommended amending Interpretation 503-1 to require that a law school using an admission test other than the LSAT demonstrate that the company or organization administering such other test had shown it to be a valid and reliable test. At that time the Council asked the Committee to develop other possible alternatives. In March 2016, the Committee offered two proposals to the Council: that Standard 503 remain with the only change being that the text of Interpretation 503-1 be moved into the Standard, or that Standard 503 be eliminated, leaving Interpretation 501-2 as the major requirement for schools to demonstrate how test scores play a part in its sound admissions policies. Under the latter approach, a school with significant attrition or more modest bar passage rates would have a higher burden to demonstrate that its use of admission test scores were in compliance with the Standard. The Council elected to review the issues involving an admission test in greater detail before taking any action.

My deep appreciation and thanks to the committee members who worked diligently on these revisions and to the members of the Section staff who provided invaluable support and guidance.

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Whittier Law School
July 25-27, 2016
Barcelona, Spain
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New Foreign Summer Programs

University of Akron School of Law
August 8-10, 2016
Nagoya, Japan/Seoul, South Korea
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Charlotte School of Law
May 22-25, 2016
Siena, Italy
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July 18-20, 2016
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Mississippi College School of Law
January 2-4, 2016
Merida, Mexico
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District Court

New Intersession Program

DePaul University College of Law
March 21-25, 2016
Havana, Cuba
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Robert J. Kutak Award Recipient
Workshops and Conferences
Pauline Schneider, who served as the Section Council’s Chair from 2003 to 2004, received the 2016 Robert J. Kutak Award. Ms. Schneider has been involved in numerous bar and law-related activities and organizations. She previously served as both secretary and president of the District of Columbia Bar and a member of its board of governors. She served as a representative of the District of Columbia Bar in the ABA House of Delegates (HOD) and represented the Section as its HOD delegate for six years. She also served as a member and chair of the Accreditation Committee.

Additionally, Ms. Schneider is a former member of the ABA Board of Governors where she chaired its Executive Compensation Committee and served on its executive committee. She has served as a member of the ABA Nominating Committee, its Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, and chaired the Standing Committee on Election Law and the Accreditation Committee.

A 1977 graduate of Yale Law School, Ms. Schneider also earned a master’s degree in urban studies from Howard University and a bachelor of arts degree from Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) in New Jersey. She also did graduate study in international relations at Syracuse University.

Ms. Schneider received the award at a reception held in her honor on Friday, August 5 at the Park Central Hotel in San Francisco during the ABA Annual Meeting.

The Robert J. Kutak Award is presented annually by the Section to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to the collaboration of the legal academy, the bench, and the bar. The award was established in memory of Mr. Kutak, a respected Omaha lawyer, who was committed to legal reform and a strong advocate for education.
Two of the Section’s popular conferences, the Associate Deans Conference and the Law School Development Conference, were held during 2016. Section Director Erin Ruehrwein provides an in-depth look at these events in her column.

Robert J. Grey, Jr, President of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity and former ABA President, presented the Associate Deans Conference keynote address: “How Do We Create a Diverse Group of Next Generation Leaders in the Law?”

At the Law School Development Conference, Deanell Tracha, dean of Pepperdine University School of Law, moderated a discussion on funding legal education between John Sexton, president emeritus of New York University, and Kurt Schmoke, president of the University of Baltimore.
Workshops

The annual workshop for deans of ABA-approved law schools was held February 18-20, 2016 at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco. Co-chaired by John Gotanda, dean of Villanova University School of Law, and Jennifer Rosato Perea, dean of DePaul University College of Law, the workshop welcomed 129 participants. The centerpiece of the three-day event was a Town Hall on “Perceptions and Expectations for Legal Education” moderated by Kent Holland, managing director of Klvvit, a strategic public affairs and communications firm.

The New Deans Seminar, for deans who have held their positions for 18 months or fewer, brought 24 law school deans to The Gwen Hotel in Chicago, June 7-9, 2016. It was co-chaired by Darby Dickerson, dean of Texas Tech University School of Law, and Vincent Rougeau, dean of Boston College Law School.

Training for law school accreditation site teams and users of the Law School Annual Questionnaire and Self Study were held in Chicago.

Annual Questionnaire Training: July 15, 75 participants
Self Study Training: July 14, 45 participants
Site Team Chairs Workshop: August 19, 33 participants
Site Evaluation Workshop: October 10, 130 participants
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2015-2016 ABA Standards and Rules for Approval of Law Schools

Outlines the Standards and Rules with which law schools must comply to obtain and retain ABA approval, the 2015-2016 edition reflects all changes approved by the Council during the year. The Internal Operating Practices, Council Statements, and Consultant’s Memos were removed from the book but are available online on the Section’s Standards page.

Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements

Co-published with the National Conference of Bar Examiners, the Comprehensive Guide charts the rules and practices of all U.S. jurisdictions for admission to the bar by examination and on motion. It also contains a directory of state bar admission agencies.
The Section’s Annual Report provides an overview of the activities and accomplishments of the Section during the previous Association year, including law school site evaluation teams, Council and committee leadership, and the list of ABA-approved law schools.

Section website: www.americanbar.org/legaled

The Section’s website offers an abundance of resources for law school faculty, law students, and prospective law students. Popular pages include the list of ABA-approved law schools, Standards and Rules for Approval of Law Schools, bar admissions, legal education statistics, and the post-JD/non-JD programs offered at ABA-approved law schools. In 2016, a page dedicated to law students was added.

Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools

This online database allows users to access consumer information on all ABA-approved law schools. Search categories include admission requirements, tuition and expenses, curriculum and faculty, graduate employment information, and bar pass rates.
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C. Blake McDowell Law Center
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University of Alabama
School of Law
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Albany Law School
Albany, New York

American University
Washington College of Law
Washington, D.C.

Appalachian School of Law
Grundy, Virginia

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