



The State Bar of California

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AGENDA ITEM 3.1
AUGUST 2024
COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

DATE: August 16, 2024

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Natalie Leonard, Principal Program Analyst, Office of Admissions

SUBJECT: Report of Administrative Updates Regarding Law Schools

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is provided at each meeting and contains administrative updates regarding accredited, unaccredited, and ABA approved schools, as well as updates regarding ABA accreditation that may be of interest to the Committee of Bar Examiners.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Committee of Bar Examiners receive and file the Report of Administrative Updates Regarding Law Schools

DISCUSSION

I. UPDATES REGARDING ACCREDITED AND UNACCREDITED LAW SCHOOLS

The following administrative updates were provided by accredited and unaccredited law schools since the last meeting of the Committee of Bar Examiners (committee).

1. JFK School of Law at National University (Accredited) named Judith Mathers Maloney Associate Dean of JFK School of Law at National University, which is the title of the leader in charge of the law school. The JFK School of Law is part of National University's College of Law and Public Service, which continues to be led by Dean Lisa Hutton. Associate Dean Maloney replaces Nicole Mills, who will return to the law school's faculty.

2. Peoples College of Law (Unaccredited, Fixed-Facility Law School), closed on May 31, 2024 consistent with the order from the committee issued in December 2023. The law school identified the following plan to ensure that there is a custodian of records: until August 1, 2024, Board Secretary of the Board, Bill Maestas will be the custodian, supported by Board Member Ken Montenegro; from August 1, 2024 forward, Board Member Hector Candelario Peña will serve as custodian of records. Record requests should be emailed to custodian@peoplescollegeoflaw.edu.

3. Irvine College of Law (Unaccredited, Distance-Learning Law School) has voluntarily closed by business decision of its management effective July 31, 2024. The owners are also involved with Western State College of Law at Westcliff University. Westcliff University will serve as custodian of records.

4. Thomas Jefferson School of Law (Accredited) named Dawn Deke as its President and Dean effective August 12, 2024. She previously served as President of American University of Nigeria, Orkhon University of Mongolia, and American University of Iraq.

II. UPDATES REGARDING ABA-APPROVED LAW SCHOOLS

The following administrative update(s) were provided by ABA-approved law schools since the last meeting of the Committee of Bar Examiners (committee).

1. On June 17, 2024, George Triantis became the new Dean of Stanford Law School. Dean Triantis joined the Stanford faculty in 2011 and previously served as senior associate vice provost for research.

2. On July 1, 2024, Johanna Kalb assumed the role of Dean of the University of San Francisco School of Law. She previously served as Dean at University of Idaho College of Law

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

None

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

None – core business operations

RESOLUTIONS

If the committee accepts the report provided above, the following resolution should be made:

RESOLVED, that the Committee of Bar Examiners receive and file the Report of Administrative Updates Regarding Law Schools.

ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

None