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JOINTLY ACCREDITED STATUS APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A law school may apply for joint accreditation by the State Bar of California's Committee of Bar Examiners if the law school is fully accredited by the committee, fully approved by an accreditor recognized by the United States Department of Education, and both the law school and the institution of which it is a part remain in good standing with the accreditor. The law school must comply with the requirements outlined in [Rule 4.147\(C\)](#).

The Jointly Accredited Status Application process is considered complete, and may only be presented to the committee for approval, when all of the following requirements are met:

Application Form: To initiate the application, a law school must provide basic information demonstrating eligibility for jointly accredited status and submit an application fee deposit. The law school will later be invoiced for the total time and expenses for processing the application.^[1]

Self-Study: A law school must submit a Self-Study to aid the State Bar in determining the law school's current compliance with the Accredited Law School Rules and preparing for an inspection.^[2]

Inspection: The State Bar will conduct an inspection, at the expense of the law school, to determine if the law school is in compliance with all [Accredited Law School Rules](#) and [Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules](#).^[3]

Fees and Expenses: The State Bar will use prepayments on file to cover required fees and expenses until they are exhausted, and payment will be required for any additional fees or expenses. A law school may choose to opt-out of using prepayments and submit payment separately, by responding to the relevant questions in the Application Form and Self-Study.

[1] Rule 4.148(A)(1) and the Schedule of Charges and Deadlines

[2] Rule 4.163

[3] Rules 4.144(A), 4.147(C)(1)(a), 4.148(A)(2)

JOINTLY ACCREDITED STATUS APPLICATION FORM

SECTION 1: SCHOOL INFORMATION

1. Name of law school and acronym used for internal reporting purposes *

2. Law school website URL *

3. Address of administrative headquarters *

4. Campus address (If different)

5. Addresses of additional branch campuses (If applicable)

6. Administrator in charge of accreditation matters

6a. Full name *

6b. Job title *

6c. Email address *

6d. Phone number *

7. Does the law school agree to notify the State Bar if the duties or contact information for the individual above should change no later than five business days after the change? *

Yes

No

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SECTION 2: ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

8. Name of accreditor that currently and fully approves the law school's accreditation *

9. Date law school accreditation was last fully reaffirmed *

 

10. Scope of accreditation *

- Law school only
- Multiple schools within an institution
- Entire institution
- Other

10b. Attach documentation from the accreditor confirming that the law school is currently considered within the scope of the accreditor's approval using file name "SCHOOL ACRONYM_accreditor".

*(File types accepted: doc, docx, jpeg, jpg, pdf, png, ppt, xls, xlsx, and zip) **

 No file chosen

11. If accreditation originally occurred within the last 10 years, attach documentation as to the original accreditation using file name "SCHOOL ACRONYM _original".

(File types supported: doc, docx, jpeg, jpg, pdf, png, ppt, xls, xlsx, and zip)

 No file chosen

12. Is the law school part of an institution that holds national or regional accreditation? *

- Yes
- No

12a. Name of institution of which the law school is a part

12b. Name the accreditor that currently and fully approves the institution's accreditation

12c. Date the institution's accreditation was last fully reaffirmed

 

13. Has the law school and/or the institution been asked or required by an accreditor to modify its practices due to receiving any of the following decisions? (Select all that apply) *

- Defer action

- Notice of concern
- Sanction (Warning, probation, order to show cause)
- Withdraw candidacy or accreditation
- None of the above
- Other

13a. If the law school or the institution has been asked or required by an accreditor to modify its practices, please describe the current status of that matter.

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SECTION 3: ATTESTATION AND CERTIFICATION

14. Does the law school agree to provide the State Bar timely copies of all communications with other accreditors? [4] *

- Yes
- No

15. Does the law school agree to pay to the State Bar the required fee for processing this application as a necessary part of completing the application process? [5] *

- Yes
- No

16. Does the law school agree to pay all expenses of the inspection, as a necessary part of completing the application process, whether or not the law school receives jointly accredited status? [6] *

- Yes
- No

17. Are you authorized to make the agreements above and submit this application on behalf of the law school? *

- Yes

No

18. The Application for Jointly Accredited Status fee requires a \$750 deposit submitted with the application. Additional fees and expenses will be billed periodically after processing. The State Bar will use prepayments on file to cover these costs until they are exhausted, and payment will be required for any additional fees or expenses. To opt-out of using prepayments and submit payment separately, check the box below.

The law school prefers to opt-out of the procedure above and submit payment separately.

19. I hereby certify that the information contained in this Application form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the application process may take longer if the answers provided above are not sufficient or complete. Further, I understand that the application process will not move forward until the law school has submitted its application fees. (Write your signature below) *

[clear](#)

19a. Full name *

19b. Date *

mm/dd/yyyy



19c. Job title *

19d. Email address *

19e. Phone number *

[4] 4.147(B)

[5] Rule 4.148(A)(1) and the [Schedule of Charges and Deadlines](#)

[6] 4.147(C)(1)(a)