

3.1 Report on Administrative Updates Regarding Law Schools



The State Bar of California

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AGENDA ITEM 3.1

MARCH 2025

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

DATE: March 14, 2025

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

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SUBJECT: Report on 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 (committee).

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Committee of Bar Examiners receive and file the Report on 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).

- St. Francis School of Law's Dean Karen Travis will retire at the end of this school year and return to the faculty. A search is underway for a new dean.
- The University of La Verne School of Law and Public Service timely completed the first of two requirements set forth by the committee when it approved the law school's request to offer an accelerated 2.5-year JD program at the [committee's December 6, 2024](#),

[meeting](#). Specifically, the law school updated its Manual of Academic Policies and Procedures to describe the program and its application procedures in a section entitled early graduation, as reviewed and verified by staff, distributed it to students enrolled in the winter 2025 term, and provided a copy to the State Bar by the committee's January 31, 2025 deadline. Next, the law school will include evaluations of this program in its annual reports until further notice, including enrollment, retention, and licensure rates in the 2.5- year full-time division as compared to its three-year full-time division and four-year part-time division.

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 on Updates Regarding Law Schools.

ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

None