

3.1 Report on Administrative Updates Regarding Law Schools



The State Bar *of California*

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AGENDA ITEM 3.1

APRIL 2025

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

DATE: April 18, 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 law schools accredited by the State Bar, unaccredited law schools registered with the State Bar, and law schools approved by the American Bar Association's Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (ABA-approved), as well as updates regarding law school 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

UPDATES REGARDING ABA-APPROVED LAW SCHOOLS

The following administrative updates are provided as a courtesy to the committee regarding ABA-approved law schools.

- Wilmington University, a non-profit, private law school in Delaware, was provisionally approved by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association on March 1, 2025. Its graduates are now eligible to apply

for the bar exam in any U.S. jurisdiction so long as they meet any other requirements that jurisdiction may have.

- The Law School Admissions Council reports that as of April 7, 2025, the number of applicants to ABA approved law schools is up 19.9 percent nationally (67,505 applicants) and 20 percent in California (9,093 applicants). The number of applications to ABA approved law schools is up 23.3 percent nationally (482,557 applications) and 19.9 percent in California (66,755 applications). Visit [this page](#) for more interactive detail.

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