

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL RULE 4.160
OF *THE ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL RULES***

(M) Minimum, Cumulative Bar Pass Rate. The law school must maintain a minimum, cumulative bar examination pass rate as determined and used by the Committee in the evaluation of the qualitative soundness of a law school's program of legal education.

ATTACHMENT A

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GUIDELINES FOR ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL RULES**

Division 12. Minimum, Cumulative Bar Examination Pass Rate

12.1 Criteria for Determining Compliance with Accredited Law School Rule 4.160(M).

In evaluating the compliance of a law school with the accreditation standard set forth in Accredited Law School Rule 4.160(M), a law school must maintain a cumulative bar examination pass rate (CBEPR) of at least 50 percent. The rate will be calculated annually as a percentage of all the school's students who (a) have graduated from the school within the past five years and (b) have taken and passed one of the ten administrations of the California Bar Examination given following their graduation, divided by the total number of the school's graduates over the same five years who take any of those same ten administrations of the California Bar Examination. Graduates who take the bar examination of another jurisdiction will be included in the CBEPR calculation; those who choose not to take any bar examination will not be included.

[Comment: Compliance with Guideline 12.1 is to be phased in over two years. A law school's initial calculation and report to the Committee of its CBEPR is to be made in its 2013 Annual Report to the Committee, at which time a law school's CBEPR of 45 percent will be considered minimally compliant. A 45 percent CBEPR will also be deemed compliant for 2014. With submission of a law school's 2015 Annual Report to the Committee, Guideline 12.1 requiring a 50 percent CBEPR is in effect.]

12.2 Action Taken When a Law School is in Noncompliance with Guideline 12.1.

If the Committee finds that a school is not in compliance with this Guideline, it will issue a Notice of noncompliance pursuant to Rule 4.170.

[Comment: Prior to issuing a Notice of Noncompliance, the Committee may request that the school report evidence of its efforts to improve graduates' CBEPR by means of academic support, bar preparation and review programs and any changes in admission, grading, probation and scholastic standards as well as providing the Committee with other information relevant to its CBEPR. The Committee, in determining whether to issue a Notice of Noncompliance or recommend other actions, will consider such information relevant.]