

REVISED VERSION

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 ~~[Deleted Text Begins]50[Deleted Text Ends]~~ [Inserted Text Begins]40[Inserted Text Ends] 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.

~~[Deleted Text Begins][Comment: ~~[Deleted Text Ends]~~Compliance with Guideline 12.1 ~~[Deleted Text Begins]~~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.] ~~[Deleted Text Ends]~~~~

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.

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[Inserted Text Begins]Mandatory calculation and reporting of the CBEPR by each accredited law school will go into effect with the submission of their 2013 Annual Compliance Report. With the submission of any 2013 Annual Compliance Report by any accredited law school that does not report[Inserted Text Ends] compliance with Guideline

12.1[Inserted Text Begins], the Committee may issue that law school a Notice of Noncompliance. [Inserted Text Ends]

[Inserted Text Begins]Any law school that fails to report compliance with Guideline 12.1 in its 2016 Annual Compliance Report shall be placed on probation by the Committee pursuant to Rule 4.172; any law school placed on probation and that thereafter does not meet the terms of its probation by the end of 2017 shall be subject to the loss of its accreditation.[Inserted Text Ends]

ATTACHMENT B