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Dear President Ogene and Dean Broyles:

I write to report to you the action taken by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (the "Council") with respect to the Teach-Out Plan submitted by Charlotte School of Law (the "Law School").

James J. Hanks, Jr., Esq., and Raymond C. Pierce, Esq., recused themselves from participation in the Council's consideration of this matter.

At its March 10-11, 2017 meeting, the Council reviewed the materials the Law School submitted to the Managing Director, including the Law School's Amended Teach-Out Plan, the ABA Teach-Out Plan Approval Form, the Amended Teach-Out Agreement Between Florida Coastal School of Law and Charlotte School of Law, the Amended ABA Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form, a list of student names and graduation dates, and a list of faculty educational credentials.

The Law School has not announced that it intends to cease operations, the typical trigger for the requirement of a teach-out plan. However, on December 19, 2016, the Law School was notified that the United States Department of Education ("Department") was terminating the Law School's participation in the Title IV student loan programs, effective December 31, 2016. That action triggered the request for a "teach-out" plan, pursuant to Rule of Procedure 34(b)(3), which requires such a plan when a school loses its ability to participate in the Title IV student loan programs, without regard to whether the school intends to close.

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Further, and in advance of the Council meeting, the Council was informed through the Managing Director's Office, of a March 3, 2017 letter to Law School President Chidi Ogene from the United States Department of Education which appears to provide a pathway for the Law School to continue to have access to "second or subsequent ... federal direct loan disbursements" for certain of the Law School's students.

In light of the above, it is not clear that the Council must review and act on a teach-out plan at the present time. If review and action is required, the Council defers that review and action and will take that matter up simultaneously with its consideration of the Accreditation Committee's recommendation with respect to Charlotte's Reliable Plan, required as part of the remedial action the Law School was directed to take in connection with findings that it was operating out of compliance with ABA Standards 301(a), 501(a), and 501(b), and was placed on probation. In view of the fact that under the teach-out plan submitted the Law School will continue to provide the instruction, the Council's view of the sufficiency of the teach-out plan will be significantly influenced by its view of the Reliable Plan.

Pursuant to Rules of Procedure 53(c)(4)(5), the Council further directs the Managing Director to provide public notification of this action.

The Law School is reminded that, pursuant to Rule of Procedure 34(a), it must promptly notify the Managing Director's Office of any plan to cease operation and close the school. The Law School is invited to submit updates or amendments to its teach-out plan, in light of subsequent pertinent developments, on or before July 15, 2017.

Please feel free to contact me or Deputy Managing Director William E. Adams, Jr., if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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