

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: June 2015 – O-403

2014-2015 Goals Educational Standards Subcommittee *Updated 06/2015*

1. Consider results of pilot program regarding calculation of cumulative bar examination pass rates by California accredited law schools.

October 2014

2. Consider public comment in response to proposed amendments to Guideline 12.1 to clarify methodology for calculating cumulative bar examination pass rates by California accredited law schools and adoption of final version.

January 2015

3. Consider public comment in response to proposed amendments to the *Accreditation Rules and Guidelines for Accredited Law Schools* regarding branch campuses and adoption of final version for submission to the Board of Trustees for approval.

January 2015

4. Consider public comment in response to proposed amendments to the statute, California Rules of Court, the *Unaccredited Law School Rules, Guidelines for Unaccredited Law Rules*, and the *Accredited Law School Rules and Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules*, which will require unaccredited law schools to eventually become accredited and permit distance-learning law schools to become accredited, in addition to other changes, and adoption of final versions for submission to the Board of Trustees for approval.

January 2015

5. Consider proposed amendments to Guideline 8.4 (Library Content) of the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules*, including recommendations from the Committee's Advisory Committee on California Accredited Law School Rules.

April 2015/June 2015

6. Consider proposed amendments to Guideline 7.11 (Distance-Education Credit) of the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules*, including recommendations from the Committee's Advisory Committee on California Accredited Law School Rules.

June 2015/August 2015

7. Consider the Committee's continuing role, pursuant to Guideline 13.1 of the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules* and Guideline 1.2 or the *Guidelines for Implementation of Chapter 2, Rule 4.30 of the Admission Rules*, of continuing to grant either its "acquiescence" to the issuance of a LL.M. degrees offered by ABA-approved and California Accredited Law Schools to Foreign Educated Applicants or its permission for such Applicants to complete twenty (20) semester or equivalent units in specified legal education at an ABA-approved or California-accredited law school, to be qualified to take the California Bar Examination.

August 2015

8. Consider petitions and request for prior approval received from both accredited and registered, unaccredited law schools seeking individual waivers of the Committee's policies, procedures, Rules and Guidelines.

Monthly

9. Consider and take action regarding applications for provisional accreditation for existing registered law schools, applications for the registration of new law schools, the provisional approval of branch campuses and new law degree programs and submitted requests for prior approval of major changes. Participate in law school visitations as scheduled and needed. Consider reports of periodic inspections of accredited and registered unaccredited law schools and inspections performed in response to the issuance of Notices of Noncompliance; generally monitor the compliant operation of both California-accredited and registered law schools and the overall educational requirements for applicants seeking to qualify to take and pass the California Bar Examination.

Ongoing