COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: January 2016 – O-405

2015-2016 Goals
Educational Standards Subcommittee
Updated 01/2016

1. Consider proposed amendments to Guidelines 15.1–15.4 (Opening and Operating a Branch or Satellite Campus) of the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules* to clarify the minimum administrative and operational requirements and policies need by a California-accredited Law School to receive Committee approval to operate a provisionally-approved branch campus and whether schools consisting of a primary law school with many branch campuses are an appropriate model for California-accredited law schools.

   December 2015/January 2016

2. Consider proposed amendments to *Accredited Law School Rules* re Fee for Branch Campuses after circulated for public comment.

   December 2015

3. Consider proposed amendments to *Accredited Law School Rules* re additional disclosures required for registered law schools.

   December 2015

4. Consider additional amendments to the *Accredited Law School Rules* and *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules* that relate to implementation of the proposed amendments to the Rules, Statutes, and Guidelines to require the accreditation of unaccredited law schools and permit the accreditation of online law schools and better define elements necessary to move unaccredited law schools into accreditation.

   January 2016/March 2016

5. Consider whether the statute should be amended to return to the First-Year Law Students' Examination requirement that it be passed after the first year of law study and that students not be allowed three administrations of the examination to pass and receive law study credit up to the point of passage.

   January 2016

6. Consider proposed technical amendments to update and revise the *Unaccredited Law School Rules* and *Guidelines for Unaccredited Law Rules* to clarify and amend various administrative and operational policies and procedures required of all California-registered law schools to remain compliant with all registration standards set forth in the *Unaccredited Law School Rules*.

April 2016

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.

June 2016

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

Ongoing

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.

Ongoing

10. 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