

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM: January 2016 - O-401

DATE: January 25, 2016

TO: Subcommittee on Educational Standards

FROM: George Leal, Director, Educational Standards

SUBJECT: **Summaries of the 2015 Annual Compliance Reports Submitted by California-Accredited Law Schools**

BACKGROUND

Rule 4.161 of the *Accredited Law School Rules* (Rules) requires all California-accredited law schools (CALs) to submit an Annual Compliance Report to the Committee of Bar Examiners (Committee) on or before November 15th of each calendar year. Attached are summaries of the Reports submitted by the CALs.

DISCUSSION

The summaries provide a brief synopsis of each CAL'S admissions, enrollment, current faculty, including new members, and the current tuition it charges for a graduate to earn a Juris Doctor degree. The summaries also note whether over the past year a law school sought approval of a major change (per Rule 4.164), or whether it requested a waiver of any requirement found in the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules*.

The summaries also report the law school's cumulative pass rate (MPR) for its graduates who took the California Bar Examination (CBX) during the 2009-2014 reporting period, as now required under Rule 4.160(M) and Guideline 12.1. The first-time CBX pass rates of each law school's graduates on the two, most recent administrations (February and July, 2015) of the CBX are also included.

Also attached for your information, set out in graphical form, is a sample of the data collected from the 2015 Annual Compliance Reports and reported in the summaries. Below are year-to-year comparisons for a few key metrics.

California Accredited Law Schools (CALs)

- 1) Total CALs student enrollment: 2015: 1,935; 2014: 2,009 (Down 3.68%)
- 2) Average enrollment: 2015: 114 students; 2014: 118 students (Down 3.39%)

- 3) Average tuition to earn a J.D. degree: 2015: \$61,048, 2014: \$58,828; (Up 3.64%)
- 4) Enrollment by gender: 2015: 52.8% Female, 47.2% Male;
2014: 50.1% Female, 49.9% Male

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Subcommittee recommend to the full Committee to receive and file the 2015 Annual Compliance Report Summaries.

PROPOSED MOTION

Should the Subcommittee agree with this recommendation, the following motion is suggested:

Move that the summaries of the 2015 Annual Compliance Reports filed by each California-accredited law school be received and filed.