

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM: March 2016 – O-404

DATE: March 15, 2016

TO: Subcommittee on Educational Standards

FROM: Gayle Murphy, Senior Director, Admissions

SUBJECT: Disclosure Requirements for California Accredited Law Schools

BACKGROUND

During its March 10 and 11, 2016 meeting, the Board of Trustees (Board) approved the Committee of Bar Examiners' adoption of a proposed amendment to Rule 4.241 of the *Unaccredited Law School Rules*, which will require registered, unaccredited law schools to modify their disclosure statements to include the attrition rates of students who are enrolled in the school and do not matriculate into subsequent years of law study at the same school.

The Board adopted the proposed amendment but added language to the effect that the Committee consider requiring California accredited law schools (CALs) to provide the same disclosures.

DISCUSSION

The number of disclosures currently required for CALs are fewer than required for American Bar Association and unaccredited law schools registered with the Committee of Bar Examiners (Committee). It would be appropriate to refer this matter to the Committee's Advisory Committee on California Accredited Law School Rules for further discussion and recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Subcommittee refer the matter of requiring additional disclosures by CALs to RAC for discussion and recommendation.

PROPOSED MOTION

If the Subcommittee agrees with the recommendation, the following motion should be made:

Move, that the matter of requiring additional disclosures by law schools accredited by the Committee be referred to the Committee's Advisory Committee on California Accredited Law School Rules for discussion and recommendation.