

# COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** Subcommittee on Educational Standards

**FROM:** George C. Leal, Director for Educational Standards

**SUBJECT:** American Institute of Law – Major Change Request Regarding Relocation of Administrative Offices

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## BACKGROUND

Attachment A is a request to the Committee of Bar Examiners (Committee) by the American Institute of Law (AIL) for approval of a major change that would allow it to relocate its administrative offices. As required by Rule 4.245 of the *Unaccredited Law School Rules* (Rules), a “registered law school contemplating a major change must notify the Committee and obtain its prior approval before making the change.” As defined by Rule 4.246(B), changing “the location of the school’s administrative office” constitutes a major change needing prior approval.

AIL is a very new law school; it received its registration from the Committee as a correspondence law school this past January and soon starting enrolling students. It recently reported that it has a current enrollment 38 students. Dean Edward Green acts as both the law school’s dean and part-time administrator. Since, as a correspondence law school, AIL offers its entire curriculum by means of online content, Dean Green is able to teach from his home in Chicago, while other members of the faculty are located in southern California. The law school’s registrar also lives in southern California.

At the time it was registered, AIL operated from administrative offices located in Murrieta, located in southern Riverside County. AIL now seeks Committee approval to move its administrative offices to the south Los Angeles County community of Torrance.

## DISCUSSION

As noted by AIL Dean Edward Green, the law school has found a better and a far more geographically-convenient suite of offices and has entered into a three-year lease in a commercial office building that is restored county courthouse. The primary reason for moving AIL’s offices is to be considerably closer to the Los Angeles International Airport, which is regularly used by Dean Green to travel to and from the law school from his residence in Chicago. The new location also will also afford the law school better

proximity to a larger pool of potential administrators and new members of the faculty and to those students who choose to or have a need to visit AIL in person.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee approve the major change requested by AIL to allow it move its administrative offices to 18411 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, California.

### **PROPOSED MOTION**

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

Move, that the request for approval of the major change submitted by the American Institute of Law, pursuant to Rules 4.245 and 4.246(B) of the *Unaccredited Law School Rules*, to allow it to move its administrative offices to 18411 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, California, be received and filed and that the request be granted.