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VIA EMAIL &
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Committee of Bar Examiners
State Bar of California
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Re: Response to Periodic Inspection Report

To the Committee of Bar Examiners:

St. Francis School of Law thanks George Leal, Director of Educational Standards, and Sally Perring, Educational Standards Consultant for the Office of Admissions of the State Bar of California, for the Periodic Inspection Report, and responds to the recommendations set forth therein as follows:

Recommended Mandatory Actions

Mandatory Recommendation #1

- 1) To comply with Guideline 2.9(B)(2), the law school must adopt and publish a Pass/Fail grading policy in order to provide students proper notice when a course will be offered and then graded on a pass fail basis.

St. Francis's Response

St. Francis School of Law has implemented a written Pass/Fail grading policy providing that 1) the faculty determines which courses are offered on a pass/not pass basis, 2) those courses offered on a pass/fail basis are so designated in the Catalog, and 3) a passing grade in such courses is determined by the points required as stated in the course syllabus. This policy has been announced to all students enrolled in the program and will be included in the 2017 Catalog.

Mandatory Recommendation #2

- 2) To comply with Guidelines 2.9(B)(6), 2.9(B)(7) and 5.19, the law school must revise its academic policy to provide students with proper notice of when they are subject to academic disqualification or academic probation and, if placed on probation, when they will be allowed to remain enrolled while on probation.

St. Francis's Response

St. Francis School of Law has eliminated reservation of the right to dismiss any student whose level of achievement makes it inadvisable for the student to remain enrolled and eliminated the right to rescind an admissions decision and issue a full refund of tuition with or without cause. These changes have been announced to all students enrolled in the program and will be included in the 2017 Catalog.

The remaining provisions of our current policies give notice to students of the basis upon which students will be placed on academic probation, and the basis upon which students will be dismissed from the program. These policies will continue in operation, pending the faculty's further consideration of the Recommended Suggested Actions.

Mandatory Recommendation #3

- 3) To comply with Guidelines 2.9(G) and 2.9(H), the law school must adopt and then publish a compliant grade review policy that provides students the right to have all such appeals heard and decided by a compliant committee of faculty.

St. Francis's Response

St. Francis has revised its policy to require that all such grade review appeals be decided by the Faculty Academic Committee. These changes have been announced to all students enrolled in the program and will be included in the 2017 Catalog.

Recommended Suggested Actions

Suggested Action #1

- 1) To achieve better compliance with Guidelines 2.9(B), 5.17 and 5.25, the law school should review and revise its current grading standards to provide students with better defined distinctions between grade averages at minimum good standing, above average and superior academic performance so that both students and faculty are better able to differentiate each such performance and to offer students a more clear distinction between class performance and success on the FYLSX and, eventually, CBX.

St. Francis's Response

The St. Francis faculty will review the grading standards and will advise the Committee on changes through communication with Mr. Leal.

Suggested Action #2

- 2) To achieve better compliance with Guidelines 5.26, and 5.27, the law school should review and reconsider continuing its current admissions policy, which grants the Dean discretionary authority to rescind the admission of and dismiss any student without cause, within ten weeks of starting classes.

St. Francis's Response

As mentioned above, this policy has been eliminated.

Further Developments

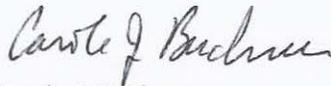
General Bar Exam

Based on the information reported to us by our graduates to date, the bar pass rate for the program's first General Bar Exam is 66.6%.

Proctoring

St. Francis reported at the time of the SER that it was planning implementation of the RPNOW exam proctoring software throughout the program. This has now been completed, so that all exams are remotely proctored by audio and video, by RPNOW, a third party vendor, replacing our prior proctoring via WebEx.

Sincerely,



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Dean

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