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Dear President and Dean Guernsey:

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Education regulations applicable to recognized accrediting agencies, the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar is required to post a letter describing the basis for an action when the Accreditation Committee:

- 1) concludes that a law school is not in compliance with identified ABA Standards pursuant to Rule 12(a)(4);
- 2) requests that the Law School submit a report, with all relevant information necessary to demonstrate compliance with the identified ABA Standards; and
- 3) requests the Law School to appear before the Committee, to determine whether to impose sanctions in connection with the Law School's noncompliance with the identified ABA Standards, if the written report does not demonstrate compliance with the Standards.

At its January 12-13, 2017 meeting, the Accreditation Committee (the "Committee") considered the status of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law (the "Law School"), and concluded that the Law School is not in compliance with the following Standards:

- (a) Standard 202(a) and (d), with respect with respect to the requirement that the anticipated financial resources available to the Law School shall be sufficient for it to operate in compliance with the Standards and to carry out its program of legal education and whether the Law School's anticipated financial condition is reasonably expected to have a negative and material effect on its ability to operate in compliance with the Standards or to carry out its program of legal education.
- (b) Standard 301(a), with respect to the requirement that the Law School shall maintain a rigorous program of legal education that prepares its students, upon graduation, for admission to the bar and for effective, ethical, and responsible participation as members of the legal profession.

- (c) Standard 309(b), with respect to the requirement that the Law School shall provide academic support designed to afford students a reasonable opportunity to complete its program of legal education, graduate, and become members of the legal profession.
- (d) Standard 501(a) and (b) and Interpretations 501-1 and 501-2, with respect to the requirements that the Law School shall maintain sound admission policies and practices consistent with the Standards, its mission, and the objectives of its program of legal education; and that the Law School shall not admit an applicant who does not appear capable of satisfactorily completing its program of legal education and being admitted to the bar.

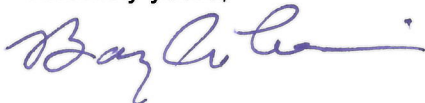
The Law School has been asked to submit a report and to appear before the Accreditation Committee as noted above. If the information provided in the written report demonstrates compliance with the Standard listed above, then the Committee may find the Law School to be in compliance with the Standard and cancel the hearing.

This letter will be posted on our website to comply with the Department of Education regulations until the matter is resolved.

A law school that is approved by the American Bar Association continues in that status pending final action by the Accreditation Committee and Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

Please feel free to call me, Deputy Managing Director William E. Adams, Jr., or Executive Assistant Cathy A. Schrage if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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