

Rule 4.160 Standards

A provisionally accredited law school must substantially comply with these standards. An accredited law school must comply with them.

- (A) Lawful Operation. The law school must operate in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- (B) Integrity. The law school must demonstrate integrity in all of its programs, operations, and other affairs.
- (C) Governance. The law school must be governed, organized, and administered so as to provide a sound educational program.
- (D) Dean and Faculty. The law school must have at each campus, including any approved branch campus, a competent dean, a qualified administrator, an adequate administrative staff and a competent faculty that devote adequate time to administration, instruction and student counseling.

(E) Educational Program. The law school must maintain a sound program of legal education.

(F) Competency Training. The law school must require that each student enrolled in its Juris Doctor Degree program satisfactorily complete a minimum of six semester units (or their equivalent) of course work designed to teach practice-based skills and competency training. Such competency training must teach and develop those skills needed by a licensed attorney to practice law in an ethical and competent manner.

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~~(F)~~(G) Scholastic Standards. The law school must maintain sound scholastic standards and must as soon as possible identify and disqualify those students who lack the capability to satisfactorily complete the law school's J.D. degree program.

~~(G)~~(H) Admissions. The law school must maintain a sound admissions policy. The law school must not admit any student who is obviously unqualified or who does not appear to have a reasonable prospect of completing the degree program.

~~(H)~~(I) Multiple locations. Accreditation is granted to a law school as an institution. If a law school receives approval to open a branch campus or a satellite campus, the branch or satellite campus must be operated in compliance with the Standards and Guidelines, subject to all site specific operational requirements and any waivers approved by the Committee. The new campus must be in substantial

compliance with the Standards and all operational requirements no less than one month prior to the start of classes, and in full compliance within two years. The Dean of the law school will certify the substantial compliance of each new branch or satellite campus, by a letter to the Committee, no later than 30 days prior to the start of classes. If a law school conducts seminars or classes other than at its principal facility, satellite or branch campuses, the seminars and classes must be conducted in compliance with the Standards, except the Library Standard.

- | ~~(H)~~(J) Library. The law school must maintain a library consistent with the minimum requirements set by the Committee.
- | ~~(J)~~(K) Physical Resources. The law school must have physical resources and an infrastructure adequate for its programs and operations offered at each campus.
- | ~~(K)~~(L) Financial Resources. The law school must have adequate present and anticipated financial resources to support its programs and operations.
- | ~~(L)~~(M) Records. The law school must maintain adequate records of its programs and operations.
- | ~~(M)~~(N) Minimum, Cumulative Bar Pass Rate. The law school must maintain a minimum, cumulative bar examination pass rate as determined and used by the Committee in the evaluation of the qualitative soundness of a law school's program of legal education. The minimum, cumulative bar examination pass rate for a law school with one or more branch campus is to be calculated and reported as the combined rate of all such campuses.
- | ~~(N)~~(O) Consistent with sound educational policy and these rules, a law school must operate in accordance with policies and procedures that comply with the Constitutions and all applicable laws of both the United States and the State of California so as to provide both equality of opportunity and to prohibit unlawful discrimination.
- | ~~(O)~~(P) Compliance with Committee requirements. The law school must demonstrate its compliance with these rules by submitting required reports and otherwise complying with the rules.

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