**Division 12. Minimum, Cumulative Bar Examination Pass Rate**

12.1 Criteria for Determining Compliance with Accredited Law School Rule 4.160(M).

In evaluating the compliance of a law school with the accreditation standard set forth in Accredited Law School Rule 4.160(M), a law school must maintain a minimum, cumulative, bar examination pass rate (MPR) of at least 40 percent for the most recent, five-year period of time. The rate will be calculated and reported annually to the Committee on or before July 1st of the year following each reporting period.

To calculate and report its MPR accurately, the law school must use the following reporting period and methodology: The reporting period covers the five most-recent twelve month periods (July 1 through June 30) prior to the year in which the MPR is reported and includes the pass/fail results of all students who graduate during this period. The reporting period starts with the July administration of the California Bar Examination in the first year and ends with the February administration of the California Bar Examination in the same year in which a MPR is reported.

The methodology to be used to calculate a compliant MPR is a percentage of the total number of a law school’s graduates who take and pass any one of the ten administrations of the California Bar Examination during the reporting period, ~~as a percentage of all the school’s students who (a) have graduated from the school within the past five years and (b) have taken and passed one of the ten administrations of the California Bar Examination given following their graduation,~~ divided by the total number of the school’s graduates over the same five-year reporting period who take but do not pass the California Bar Examination.~~s who take any of those same ten administrations of the California Bar Examination.~~  Graduates who choose not to take any bar examination will not be included.

12.2 Action Taken When a Law School is in Noncompliance with Guideline 12.1.

If the Committee finds that a law school is not in compliance with this Guideline, it will issue a Notice of noncompliance pursuant to Rule 4.170.

[Mandatory reporting of the MPR will begin July 1, 2014 with a reporting period that starts with the July 2009 administration of the California Bar Examination and ends with administration of the February 2014 California Bar Examination. An accredited law school must submit its MPR calculation using the Committee’s form.  ~~go into effect with the submission of their 2013 Annual Compliance Report.~~ ~~Annual Compliance Report.~~ The Committee may issue a Notice of Noncompliance to an accredited law school that is not in compliance with Guideline 12.1 by July 1, 2014. A~~ny~~ law school that fails to report compliance with Guideline 12.1 in its 2016 MPR Report ~~shall~~ will be placed on probation by the Committee pursuant to Rule 4.172. A law school placed on probation that does not meet the terms of its probation by the end of 2017 ~~shall~~ will be subject to the loss of its accreditation.]

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