

## **Update on American Bar Association Accreditation Committee Actions**

In January 2018, the American Bar Association requested information from NCCU School of Law on the school's attrition rate. The School responded as requested, providing information on the school's programs designed to enhance student success.

On April 2, 2018, I received a decision from the American Bar Association's (ABA) Accreditation Committee as a follow up to our response. The Committee concluded that the School of Law is out of compliance with Standard 501 (b) and Interpretation of 501-1, which provide:

### **Standard 501. ADMISSIONS**

(a) A law school shall adopt, publish, and adhere to sound admission policies and practices consistent with the Standards, its mission, and the objectives of its program of legal education.

(b) A law school shall admit only applicants who appear capable of satisfactorily completing its program of legal education and being admitted to the bar.

(c) A law school shall not admit or readmit a student who has been disqualified previously for academic reasons without an affirmative showing that the prior disqualification does not indicate a lack of capacity to complete its program of legal education and be admitted to the bar. For every admission or readmission of a previously disqualified individual, a statement of the considerations that led to the decision shall be placed in the admittee's file.

### **Interpretation 501-1**

Among the factors to consider in assessing compliance with this Standard are the academic and admission test credentials of the law school's entering students, the academic attrition rate of the law school's students, the bar passage rate of its graduates, and the effectiveness of the law school's academic support program. Compliance with Standard 316 is not alone sufficient to comply with the Standard.

Members of NCCU's leadership and I will attend the ABA Accreditation Committee meeting in June and we look forward to providing additional information to demonstrate to the Committee that our distinguished Law School will do all that is necessary to comply with Standard 501(b) and Interpretation of 501-1.

The School of Law remains accredited by the ABA.

Any updates will be timely posted.

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