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Barry A. Currier, Managing Director
American Bar Association
Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
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Dear Mr. Currier:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the the American Bar Association (ABA). U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) have each made recommendations to me. These recommendations were made under Sections 114 and 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both the Department staff and the NACIQI recommended that I now find ABA compliant and grant ABA renewed recognition as a institutional and programmatic accrediting agency for a period of three years. I concur with the recommendations of the Department staff and of the NACIQI. Accordingly, I grant renewed recognition to ABA for a period of three years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation throughout the United States of programs in legal education that lead to the first professional degree in law as well as freestanding law schools offering such programs. This recognition also extends to the Accreditation Committee of the Section of Legal Education (Accreditation Committee) for decisions involving continued accreditation (referred to by the agency as "approval") of law schools.

Please convey my best wishes to the members of ABA. We appreciate the work that the ABA does to improve the quality and success of U.S. postsecondary education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Auer Jones".

Diane Auer Jones
Principal Deputy Under Secretary
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