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Dear President Hendrickson and Dean Kelly:

Attached please find the decision of the Accreditation Committee at its meeting on June 28-29, 2018, with respect to Creighton University School of Law.

The Committee's Findings and Conclusions do not reflect a comprehensive checklist evaluation of each Standard and each facet of the institution. Indeed, this letter focuses, by the very nature of the process, essentially on concerns or possible aspects of non-compliance identified in the site evaluation report of the School or arising out of submissions or questionnaire answers by the School. Because the general impressions of different site teams are inherently noncomparable, the Accreditation Committee does not attempt to summarize all the information that could be gleaned from a site evaluation report, and recipients of this letter are encouraged, therefore, to consult the full site evaluation report for collegial advice and general impressions of the team. The site evaluation team does not make the official findings or conclusions for the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association. These are made by the Accreditation Committee and the Council of the Section.

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 conduct interim monitoring of each ABA-approved law school to determine whether each school remains in compliance with the ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools. This monitoring and review is in addition to the regular site evaluation process and is being conducted on an annual basis. The School may receive in any year a request for information as a result of the interim monitoring.

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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 or Deputy Managing Director William E. Adams, Jr., if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry A. Currier" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barry A. Currier
Managing Director of Accreditation and Legal Education

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Attachment

DECISION OF THE ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

June 2018

At its June 28-29 meeting, the Accreditation Committee (the "Committee") considered the status of the Creighton University School of Law (the "Law School"). The Committee had before it a letter from Interim Dean Michael J. Kelly (the "Dean's Response"), dated May 15, 2018, in response to the Committee's March 2018 Decision Letter, dated March 23, 2018, as well as a history of decisions made by the Committee with respect to the Law School since its last regular site evaluation; the history is attached to this document as an appendix.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

(1) At its March 2018 meeting, in accordance with Rule 12(a)(4), the Committee concluded that the Law School was not in compliance with the following Standards:

- (a) Standard 502(d) and Interpretations 502-1 and 502-2, with respect to whether the Law School requires each student's official transcript verifying all academic credits undertaken and degrees(s) conferred be on file with the Law School within a reasonable time after the student registers, but no later than October 15, in time to allow the Law School to accurately report on its student population to the ABA in the Annual Questionnaire.
- (b) Standards 505(c), (e), and (f) and 311, with respect to the requirement that a law school may admit a student and grant credit for courses completed at a law school outside the United States if the admitting law school would have granted credit towards satisfaction of J.D. degree requirements if earned at the admitting school, if the student's course of study satisfies the requirements of Standard 311 and meets all of school's requirements for the awarding of the J.D. degree, and provided the credit hours granted do not exceed one-third of the total required by the admitting school for the J.D. degree.

(2) The Committee requested that the President of Creighton University and the Dean of the Law School submit a report by May 15, 2018, with all relevant information necessary to demonstrate compliance with the Standards noted in Conclusions (1)(a) and(b) above.

(3) The Committee also notified the President of Creighton University and the Dean of the Law School that if the written report does not demonstrate compliance with the Standards listed in Conclusions (1)(a) and (b), pursuant to Rule 14(a)(2), the President of Creighton University and the Dean of the Law School shall appear before the Committee at its September 13-15, 2018 meeting, at a place and time to be identified, to determine whether to impose sanctions in connection with the Law School's non-compliance with the Standards.

Issue of Non-compliance with Standard 502(d) and Interpretations 501-1 and 502-2

(4) The Dean's Response states that a new Academic Rule was adopted by the Law School, effective March 2018. This rule provides that a first-year student will be administratively withdrawn if the Law School does not have the student's official transcripts verifying all credits undertaken and degree(s) conferred on file by October 15. The new rule has been posted on the Law School's website.

Issue of Non-Compliance with Standard 505(c), (e), and (f) and Standard 311

(5) In March 2018, the faculty approved the following policy that has been posted on the Law School's website:

Creighton Law School may admit a student and grant credit for courses completed at a law school outside the United States if Creighton Law School would have granted credit towards satisfaction of J.D. requirements if earned at Creighton Law School. In this circumstance, Creighton Law School may award a J.D. degree to a student who successfully completes a course of study that satisfies the requirements of Standard 311 and that meets all of the school's requirements for the awarding of a J.D. degree. Credit hours granted pursuant to this policy shall not, individually or in combination, exceed one-third of the total required by Creighton Law School for its J.D. degree.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) In accordance with Rule 12(a)(1), the Committee concludes that the information provided by the Law School is sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the following Standards:

- (a) Standard 502(d) and Interpretations 502-1 and 502-2. [See Finding of Fact (4)].
- (b) Standard 505(c), (e), and (f) and Standard 311. [See Finding of Fact (5)].
- (2) Accordingly, the Rule 14(a)(2) hearing is cancelled in accordance with Rule 21(d).
- (3) Creighton University School of Law remains an approved law school.