Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, American Bar Association (ABA)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

Accreditor types: Programmatic

Recognition Status: Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education

Range of Accreditation Activity: First professional degree in law (J.D.) programs in U.S.

International Accreditation Activity:
0 Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
0 U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
Yes Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

Sponsoring Organization: American Bar Association

Composition of Decision-Making Body:
21-member Council consisting of legal educators, practitioners, members of the judiciary, law students, and members of the public.

Employees: 18 Full-time 0 Part-time
Volunteers: 240 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOLS

197 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Programs

Degree-Granting:
87 Public
108 Private Nonprofit
2 Private For-Profit

Non-Degree-Granting:
0 Public
0 Private Nonprofit
0 Private For-Profit

114,520 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Every 10 years with annual interim monitoring.

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Ongoing review of standards and comprehensive review when requested by Council.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

0 Initial Candidacy or Pre-accreditation Granted
0 Initial Candidacy or Pre-accreditation Denied
0 Initial Accreditation Granted
0 Initial Accreditation Denied
23 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review
0 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up
0 Notice or Warning
0 Probation
0 Show Cause
4 Accreditation Terminated or Removed
0 Actions under Appeal
0 Other

Summary of Additional Actions
27 Substantive Changes Reviewed
26 Site Visits
0 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation