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

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION 2020-2021

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.

Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

Direct support from any sponsoring organization

In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 18 Full-time 0 Part-time

Volunteers: 240 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOLS 2020-2021

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

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

n/a Non-Degree-Granting:
0 Public
0 Private Nonprofit
0 Private For-Profit

114,520 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES 2020-2021

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 Preaccreditation Granted
0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation 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

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