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:

- Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.: 0
- U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.: 0

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.

n/a Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

n/a Direct support from any sponsoring organization

n/a 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:

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

n/a Non-Degree-Granting:

- Public: 0
- Private Nonprofit: 0
- Private For-Profit: 0

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

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

Summary of Additional Actions

- Substantive Changes Reviewed: 27
- Site Visits: 26
- Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation: 0

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