



Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

COUNCIL DECISION

LAW SCHOOL COMPLIANCE UPDATE

STANDARDS 301(a) and 309(b)

Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law

February 2020

At its February 20-22, 2020, meeting, the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (the "Council") considered the status of the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law (the "Law School").

In accordance with Rule 11(a)(1), the Council concluded that the information provided by the Law School was sufficient to demonstrate compliance with Standards 301(a) and 309(b).

The Law School has been asked to submit a report by April 1, 2020, and to appear before the Council at its May 14-16, 2020, meeting to determine whether to impose sanctions, including removal of approval, in connection with the Law School's noncompliance with Standard 501(b) and Interpretations 501-1 and 501-2.

Background

At its June 2-3, 2017, meeting, the Council conducted a hearing pursuant to Rules 2, 15 through 17, and 23 through 25 with respect to the compliance of the Law School with, among other matters, ABA Standards 301(a), 309(b), and 501(b), and Interpretations 501-1 and 501-2. This hearing was on the appeal by the Law School from the October 2016 Decision Letter of the Accreditation Committee (the "Committee"), which concluded, *inter alia*, that the Law School had not demonstrated compliance with these Standards; and, consequently, must take specific remedial action.

Following the hearing on the appeal, and based on the record, the Council affirmed the Committee's conclusions that the Law School continued to be operating out of compliance with 301(a), 309(b), and 501(b), and Interpretations 501-1 and 501-2; and directed the Law School to take specific remedial actions. For additional details, see the [June 2017 public notice](#).