At its November 17-19, 2022, 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 University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (the “Law School”) and concluded that the Law School is not in compliance with Standard 316.

In accordance with Rule 51(b)(7), the Managing Director shall provide public notification of the Council’s conclusions and decision concerning a law school’s significant noncompliance with one or more ABA Standards under Rule 11(a)(4). The Council considers any finding of noncompliance with Standard 316 to be such a finding. Consequently, pursuant to ABA Internal Operating Practice 5 of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, this public memorandum is being issued within 24 hours of the time the Law School was notified of the Council’s decision.

The Law School has been asked to submit a report by February 1, 2023, and to appear before the Council at its May 11-13, 2023, meeting. The Council will consider the written report at its February 16-18, 2023, meeting. If the information provided in the written report demonstrates compliance with the Standard listed above, then the Council will find the Law School to be in compliance with the Standards and cancel the hearing.

This notice will be posted on our website (www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/accreditation_notices/) to satisfy Rule 51(b)(7) until this matter is resolved.

A law school that is approved by the American Bar Association continues in that status pending final action by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

cc: United States Department of Education
    Middle States Commission on Higher Education
    Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Higher Education Licensure Commission
    Committee on Admissions, D.C. Court of Appeals