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# Charlotte Law School gets N.C. approval

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Charlotte is a step closer to getting its first law school.

The University of North Carolina's Board of Governors has approved a licensure request from **Charlotte School of Law**, a member of the InfiLaw Consortium of Law Schools -- which operates a law school in Jacksonville, Fla., and in January opened its second school in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The Charlotte school is slated to open in the fall 2006.

Charlotte Law says it still must hire a dean, recruit faculty and find a location.

The school will apply for accreditation by the American Bar Association after it has been open for a year, as required by the ABA.

"Simply put, a law school is good for Charlotte and good for business," says Charlotte Chamber President Carroll Gray. "It will have a solid economic impact on the region, while complementing our already substantial offerings in higher education."

Two local schools, UNC Charlotte and Queens University of Charlotte, are examining the possibility of a law school here. But both would be several years off.

InfiLaw operates the **Florida Coastal School** of Law and the Phoenix International School of Law.

The parent company was created after **Sterling Capital Partners** bought Florida Coastal in 2004.

Sterling Capital is a \$300 million equity fund headquartered in Northbrook, Ill. Among its holdings is **Sylvan Learning Systems Inc.**, which was acquired in 1991 and taken public two years later.

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