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Statement - Charlotte School of Law

On Wednesday, June 21, the UNC Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs, acting on behalf of the UNC Board of Governors, unanimously voted to continue Charlotte School of Law’s license to operate in North Carolina, subject to certain conditions and limitations. The decision states explicitly that if CSL meets these conditions, it may petition for expeditious review and removal of limitations on its license. This is unquestionably a positive development for CSL.

The review undertaken by the UNC General Administration carefully examined CSL’s compliance with three of the Standards pertaining to our program of legal education, the qualifications of our faculty, and certain financial matters. The UNC review was largely positive regarding CSL’s program of legal education and our faculty.

UNC Licensure Rules state that the Board “may continue in force the license of an institution deemed by the Board to be making substantial and expeditious progress toward remedying its licensure deficiencies.” While the Board found that CSL was not in compliance with certain financial requirements contained in the Standards, it also continued our license in force and allowed additional time for the school to take measures to strengthen its financial position. Since that finding, CSL has taken concrete steps to reduce its debt and related obligations, and provided evidence of those steps to UNC, to demonstrate CSL’s rapid progress toward compliance. Thus, when CSL’s application to resume participation in the Federal Direct Loan Program is approved, which we hope will happen soon, we believe CSL will be financially capable of returning to full operation. Moreover, assuming our Reliable Plan is acceptable to the ABA, we will promptly return to the UNC Board to seek removal of its conditions and a full reinstatement of our license.

Charlotte School of Law opened its doors in 2006. As the only law school in Charlotte, NC, its students have performed over 160,000 pro bono hours of service throughout the greater Charlotte region.