

## **Resource Materials for November 8, 2021 meeting**

1. Mission statement and brief history of the American Bar Association's Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar's Council and Accreditation Committee: [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\\_education/about\\_us/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/about_us/)
2. Accreditation Standards:
  - a. Link to Full Standards:  
[https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/legal\\_education\\_and\\_admissions\\_to\\_the\\_bar/standards/2020-2021/2020-21-aba-standards-and-rules-for-approval-of-law-schools.pdf](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/legal_education_and_admissions_to_the_bar/standards/2020-2021/2020-21-aba-standards-and-rules-for-approval-of-law-schools.pdf)
  - b. Section 3: Program of Legal Education
    - i. Curriculum must include (Standard 303a):
      1. One course of at least two credits in professional responsibility
      2. One writing course in the first year and at least one after the first year, both of which are faculty supervised
      3. One or more experiential courses of at least six credits
    - ii. Curriculum must provide "substantial opportunities" (Standard 303b) for:
      1. Law clinic of field placements
      2. Student participation in pro bono
    - iii. 83 credit hours are required; of which 64 must be "in regularly scheduled classroom sessions or direct faculty instruction" (Standard 311a)
    - iv. "At least 75 percent of a law school's graduates in a calendar year who sat for a bar examination must have passed a bar examination within two years of their date of graduation." (Standard 316)
  - c. Section 5: Admissions
    - i. Standard 501b: "A law school shall only admit applicants who appear capable of satisfactorily completing its program of legal education and being admitted to the bar."
    - ii. Standard 503 requires each applicant "to take a valid and reliable admission test to assist the school and the applicant in assessing the applicant's capability of satisfactorily completing the school's program of legal education."
      1. Interpretation 503-3 describes alternatives to the LSAT for students from the same undergraduate institution or those seeking JD along with a degree in a different discipline and requires scores on alternative tests at or above the 85% and a GPA of 3.5 or higher through the first six semesters of undergraduate classwork.

3. Section 509 Reports:
  - a. Mitchell Hamline: <https://mitchellhamline.edu/admission/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/12/ABA-2020-Standard-509-Information-Report.pdf>
  - b. University of MN: <https://www.law.umn.edu/sites/law.umn.edu/files/std509infoforeport.pdf>
  - c. University of St. Thomas: <https://www.stthomas.edu/media/schooloflaw/pdf/Standard509.pdf>
4. Bar Passage Reports – 2018:
  - a. Mitchell Hamline: <https://mitchellhamline.edu/admission/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2021/04/2021-ConsumerBarPassage.pdf-226-25057-04-25-2021-17-26-03.pdf>
  - b. University of MN: <https://law.umn.edu/sites/law.umn.edu/files/2021-10/barpassageoutcomes-2021.pdf>
  - c. University of St. Thomas: <https://www.stthomas.edu/media/schooloflaw/ConsumerBarPassageReport.pdf>
5. Academic Requirements:
  - a. Mitchell Hamline: <https://mitchellhamline.edu/registrar/academic-requirements/>
  - b. University of Minnesota: <https://law.umn.edu/academics/degree-programs/jd/curriculum-requirements>
  - c. University of St. Thomas: [https://stthomas.edu/law/about/aba/graduationrequirements/#\\_ga=2.34002081.1694842013.1638898113-89906371.1635456528](https://stthomas.edu/law/about/aba/graduationrequirements/#_ga=2.34002081.1694842013.1638898113-89906371.1635456528)
6. Employment Summary:
  - a. Mitchell Hamline: <https://mitchellhamline.edu/careers/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2021/04/PlacementEmployment-226-25275-04-09-2021-14-39-01.pdf>
  - b. University of Minnesota: [https://law.umn.edu/sites/law.umn.edu/files/aba\\_employment\\_summary\\_for\\_2020\\_graduates.pdf](https://law.umn.edu/sites/law.umn.edu/files/aba_employment_summary_for_2020_graduates.pdf)
  - c. University of St. Thomas: [https://www.stthomas.edu/media/schooloflaw/careerandprofessionaldevelopment/ABA\\_EmploymentSummaryReport\\_2020.pdf](https://www.stthomas.edu/media/schooloflaw/careerandprofessionaldevelopment/ABA_EmploymentSummaryReport_2020.pdf)
7. Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admissions Requirements 2021: <https://reports.ncbex.org/comp-guide/#>