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NOTICE OF COUNCIL DECISION

THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW

Teach-Out Plan

January 2020

This notice is being issued pursuant to Rule 48 of the ABA Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools.

At a meeting on January 6-8, 2020, the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (the “Council”) considered a teach-out plan submitted by Thomas Jefferson School of Law (the “Law School”). After careful review of the Law School’s submission, the Council approved the teach-out plan filed on December 31, 2019.

The Council previously withdrew the approval of the Law School, effective December 17, 2019, following its finding of continuing noncompliance with Standards 202(a) and (d), 301(a), and 501(b) and Interpretations 501-1 and 501-2. The Council will continue the accreditation of the Law School’s J.D. program until the end of the spring term 2023, for the limited purpose of granting degrees to current Law School students who complete their degree requirements at the Law School or as transient students at other ABA-approved law schools. The Council retains the authority to remove the Law School’s accreditation earlier than the end of the spring term 2023, if the Law School’s state license to issue a J.D. degree is withdrawn or terminated; if the Law School fails to uphold any of the obligations it agrees to undertake in the teach-out plan; or if all students subject to the plan have graduated, transferred, been academically dismissed, or otherwise terminated their legal education.

Questions pertaining to the teach-out plan should be directed to the Law School. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure governing confidentiality, the Office of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar will not disclose the details of the teach-out plan.

cc: Western Association of Schools and Colleges