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Re: Letter of Law Deans Regarding 2022 Diversity Rankings

Dear Mr. Morse:

We recently learned that in calculating its diversity rankings, U.S. News is not including students who are of two or more races as “underrepresented minorities.” Excluding these students is simply wrong and unacceptable. These students consider themselves, and are considered by others, to be racially diverse, and they are underrepresented in the legal profession. We urge that U.S. News correct this error immediately and before its rankings are published next week. U.S. News made the essential change to include Asian students in calculating diversity. That change was accomplished in a relatively short period of time. We believe this change is imperative as well.

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