COUNCIL DECISION

NOTICE OF FINDING OF SIGNIFICANT NONCOMPLIANCE WITH
STANDARDS 501(a) and 501(b)

Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law

May 2023

At its May 11-12, 2023, meeting, the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (the “Council”) considered the status of Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law (the “Law School”) and concluded that the Law School is not in compliance with Standards 501(a) and 501(b).

In accordance with Rule 51(b)(7), the Managing Director shall provide public notification of the Council's conclusions and decision concerning a law school's significant noncompliance with one or more ABA Standards under Rule 11(a)(4). The Council considers any finding of noncompliance with Standard 501 to be such a finding. Consequently, pursuant to ABA Internal Operating Practice 5 of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, this public memorandum is being issued within 24 hours of the time the Law School was notified of the Council’s decision.

The Law School has been asked to submit a report by January 12, 2024, and to appear before the Council at its May 16-18, 2024, meeting. The Council will consider the written report at its February 22-24, 2024, meeting. If the information provided in the written report demonstrates compliance with the Standards listed above, then the Council will find the Law School to be in compliance with the Standards and cancel the hearing.

This notice will be posted on our website to satisfy Rule 51(b)(7) until the matter is resolved.

A law school that is approved by the American Bar Association continues in that status pending final action by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

cc: United States Department of Education
    Middle States Commission on Higher Education
    Council on Education of Puerto Rico
    Puerto Rico Board of Bar Examiners

May 31, 2023