



## Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

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### COUNCIL DECISION

#### NOTICE OF FINDING OF SIGNIFICANT NONCOMPLIANCE WITH STANDARD 316

Western New England University School of Law

November 2021

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At its November 18-19, 2021, 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 Western New England University School of Law (the "Law School") and concluded that the Law School is not in compliance with Standard 316.

In accordance with U.S. Department of Education regulations (34 C.F.R. § 602.26) applicable to recognized accrediting agencies, the Council is required to post a notice describing the basis for an action when it finds significant noncompliance with one or more of the ABA Standards pursuant to Rule 11(a)(4). The Council considers any finding of noncompliance with Standard 316 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 February 1, 2022, and to appear before the Council at its May 19-21, 2022, meeting. The Council will consider the written report at its February 17-19, 2022, meeting. If the information provided in the written report demonstrates compliance with the Standard 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 comply with the U.S. Department of Education regulations 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  
New England Commission on Higher Education  
Massachusetts Department of Higher Education  
Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners

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