

DUNCAN
SCHOOL OF LAW

Lincoln Memorial University

SELF-STUDY

2010-2011

(b) A law school shall not admit applicants who do not appear capable of satisfactorily completing its educational program and being admitted to the bar.

Statement of Condition at Initial Review

The Duncan School of Law (“DSOL”) only admits applicants to its Doctor of Jurisprudence degree program who appear capable of successfully completing the program. While the DSOL bases its admission criteria on a number of factors, two of the objective factors in DSOL’s balancing test are consistent with law schools accredited by the American Bar Association. Specifically, the DSOL’s median LSAT and undergraduate GPAs are consistent with law schools accredited by the American Bar Association. For instance, DSOL’s class profile for the full-time class of 2013 is the following:

Full-Time LSAT:		Full-Time Undergraduate GPA:
Median:	148	Median:
75%:	151	75%:
25%:	145	25%:
		2.95
		3.33
		2.67

Furthermore, the class profile for the part-time class of 2014 is as follows:

LSAT:		Undergraduate GPA:
Median:	146	Median:
75%:	150	75%:
25%:	142	25%:
		3.06
		3.41
		2.71

Consistent with this profile, DSOL peer institutions accredited by the American Bar Association have the following class profiles:

Name of Law School	LSAT Information	GPA Information	Source of Information
Appalachian School of Law ³⁰⁰	Median: 149 75%: 153 25%: 147	Median: 3.08 75%: 3.32 25%: 2.75	http://www.asl.edu/academics/policy-Admissions.aspx
Faulker University-Thomas Goode Jones School of Law	Median: 150 75%: 154 25%: 148	Median: 3.11 75%: 3.42 25%: 2.80	http://www.faulkner.edu/jsl/info/consumer.asp
Florida A&M University College of Law	Median: 147 75%: 150 25%: 144	Median: 3.03 75%: 3.29 25%: 2.70	http://law.famu.edu/go.cfm/do/Page.View/pid/13/t/1L-Class-Profile
Liberty University School of Law	Median: 150 75%: 153 25%: 148	Median: 3.17 75%: 3.57 25%: 2.88	http://www.liberty.edu/academics/law/index.cfm?PID=17821

³⁰⁰ The scores are based on 2007 figures—the most recent figures published on their website.

Mississippi College School of Law	Median: 150	Median: 3.3	http://law.mc.edu/prospective-students
North Carolina Central School of Law	Full-Time Median: 145 Full-Time 75%: 148 Full-Time 25%: 142 Part-Time Median: 151 Part-Time 75%: 155 Part-Time 25%: 148	Full-Time Median: 3.21 Full-Time 75%: 3.43 Full-Time 25%: 2.99 Part-Time Median: 3.48 Part-Time 75%: 3.67 Part-Time 25%: 3.16	http://web.nccu.edu/law/admissions/pdf/2009-2010%20Class%20Profile.pdf
Thomas M. Cooley School of Law	Median: 146	Median: 2.99	http://www.cooley.edu/overview/factsa/taglance.htm
Western State University College of Law	Median: 150 75%: 154 25%: 149	Median: 3.17 75%: 3.40 25%: 2.83	http://www.wsulaw.edu/admissions/quick-facts.aspx

Comments by the Administration and Faculty:

The Administration and Faculty believe the DSOL's current admission numbers are adequate and not inconsistent with DSOL's peer institutions. Nevertheless, the Administration and Faculty believe the admissions statistics need improvement. Specifically, the Administration and Faculty are concerned that the 2010-2011 data indicates the median admission LSAT scores for the academic program declined from the 2009-2010 academic year compared to the 2010-2011 academic year in contravention of the proposed movement toward higher LSAT medians discussed during the February 2010 mini-retreats.

Plan for Recruitment:

The Faculty believes it needs to take a greater role in the recruitment activities at the DSOL. Specifically, the Faculty intends to do the following: create a pilot pipeline program with local high schools; send faculty to recruitment conferences; and more regularly attend open houses.

Furthermore, the Administration believes its recruitment efforts need to be more proactive. Specifically, the Administration has committed to calling every regionally local, prospective student who has recently taken the LSAT and scored between a 148 and a 160, inclusive, to improve its recruitment numbers. (Date of Vote: September 17, 2010)