

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT KNOXVILLE

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY	)	
DUNCAN SCHOOL OF LAW,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No.: 3:11-CV-608
	)	(VARLAN/SHIRLEY)
THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER**

This civil action is before the Court on Defendant American Bar Association’s Status Report [Doc. 57]. Pursuant to the Court’s order of April 2, 2012 [Doc. 56], the defendant submits a status report regarding the decision by the Appeals Panel of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (the “Section”) concerning the appeal filed by plaintiff under Rule 10 of the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools.

Defendant informs the Court that on April 20, 2012, the Appeals Panel issued its written statement, setting out its decision concerning plaintiff’s appeal of the denial of its application for provisional approval by the Section’s Council. The Appeals Panel’s decision, which remains confidential pursuant to Rule 25 of the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools, was to remand certain issues to the Council for further consideration. Defendant states that such decision mandates that the administrative process concerning plaintiff’s application remains ongoing before the Council. Also,

defendant submits that the remand will be considered by the Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting on June 8, 2012.

In light of the remand to the Council, defendant requests that the stay previously imposed by the Court's order of April 2, 2012 [Doc. 56] be continued pending resolution of the remanded issues by the Council. The Court is informed that plaintiff does not object to continuing the stay during this period.

For good cause shown and in light of the lack of opposition, the Court hereby **CONTINUES THE STAY** in this case pending resolution of the remanded issues by the Council. Defendant is **ORDERED** to file an updated status report with the Court on or before July 15, 2012, which shall specifically address the status of the remand.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Thomas A. Varlan  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE