# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

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similarly situated,	§ 8
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MCLAUGHLIN, ADAM MILLER, ROXIE	§
ROLL, ELLIOT SMITH, KATHLEEN	§
SMITH, CYNTHIA SPIGEL, SUZANNE	§
STEVENS, and KEVIN WALDEN,	§
Plaintiffs.	§
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$\mathbf{v}_{ullet}$	§
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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	§
SCHOOL OF LAW,	§
DEAN ANDREW P. MORRISS,	§
individually and in his official capacity,	§
TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, and	<b>§</b>
PRESIDENT FREDERICK G.	§
SLABACH,	§
individually and in his official capacity,	§
Defendants.	

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April 19, 2013

Cheryl D. Cardell
Vice President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Cardell:

Enclosed please find an addendum to our prospectus proposing the acquisition of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law by Texas A&M University.

As you and I discussed, and at your invitation, we submit in our addendum a clarification of our request for an exemption of Comprehensive Standard 3.6.3. Our best estimate is that approximately 180 students may be affected by this standard in our substantive change request.

Thank you very much for your guidance and for the opportunity to provide clarification. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there are further questions or additional materials Texas A&M can provide.

Sincerely,

Pamela R. Matthews

mothers

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

cc: R. Bowen Loftin Karan L. Watson Frederick G. Slabach Frederic White Deena J. McConnell

### Addendum

to

Prospectus: Proposed Acquisition of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law by Texas A&M University

In our request for approval to acquire Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (TWUSL), Section 4: Description of the Change, addresses changes in degree-granting authority. We would like to clarify that in seeking approval at the June 2013 meeting of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, for the substantive change listed above, we also respectfully request an exemption from Comprehensive Standard (C.S.) 3.6.3 for students who, at the time of the proposed implementation date, are enrolled in the law program at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law.

Although we anticipate relatively few instances where this requested exemption will apply, CS 3.6.3 requires that "At least one-third of credits toward a graduate or a post-baccalaureate professional degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree." An estimated 183 students who are currently enrolled at TWUSL may complete their degree requirements having received less than one-third of their credits from Texas A&M University. This would be a combination of full-time and part-time students who are nearing completion.

It is the case that, if the acquisition is approved, there will be no curricular changes, no changes in the faculty who teach the current students, and no changes in the level of support services provided to students who may seek to graduate with less than one-third of their program requirements from Texas A&M.

April 19, 2013



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# LAW SCHOOL AWARDED FOR "SMART MOVES"

November 13, 2013

Texas A&M University School of Law was presented the *Fort Worth Business Press* **2013** *Smart Moves* **Award** at a formal reception, Wednesday night, Nov. 13, at the newly-opened Sundance Square Pavilion in downtown Fort Worth.



Nick S. Karanges, publisher of the *Fort Worth Business Press*, Mike Barber, Fort Worth area president of Capital One

Bank, Aric Short, interim dean and professor of law at Texas A&M University School of Law, and Dee J. Kelly Jr.,

managing partner of Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP - photo courtesy of Kenneth Perkins, The Fort Worth Business Press

Smart Moves, an event organized by the Fort Worth Business Press, honored area businesses who have made strides to improve or expand their industry. The award recognizes 10 local businesses for success, growth, and smart moves over the past year. Sponsored by Capital One Bank and Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP, the businesses are also featured in a 20-page special insert in the Nov. 18-24 issue of the Fort Worth Business Press.

"We're



delighted to be named to this year's Fort Worth Business Press Smart Moves list. In this historical year as Texas A&M University School of Law, we are honored to be recognized for our innovation and progress. I am tremendously proud of our academic program, which emphasizes critical thinking, effective communication and professionalism," Aric Short, interim dean of Texas A&M University School of Law, said.

"Our institution has seen great growth and development in our short 24 year history, and now, as part of a comprehensive Tier One research institution with a decades-long commitment to excellence in the classroom and in the community, we are excited to build upon the foundation of our past successes."

Texas A&M University School of Law is committed to providing its students with the strong theoretical foundation and practical lawyering skills necessary to traverse the dynamic legal landscape of the 21st century. The law school pursues its mission of excellence through outstanding teaching and scholarship, the development of innovative academic and

experiential learning programs, and a commitment to public service and community outreach. To date, Texas A&M law students have provided more than 120,000 hours of *pro bono* legal services which equates to more than \$2.4 million in total legal services given to the community.

The law school prides itself on its ability to prepare students for the demands of the legal profession through rigorous coursework, specialized certificate programs, externship opportunities, and a multitude of practical training centers and clinics designed to give the individual student the most comprehensive training available. One example of our educational approach is the Center for Intellectual Property (CLIP), an integrated legal educational center designed to give law students an in-depth understanding of intellectual property law. CLIP's core curriculum which combines theoretical learning, clinical training and community service, enables our students to interact and learn from the best and the brightest in the field.

"It is my pleasure to lead such a talented group of faculty and staff as we move into a new era for our law school, one of great growth and promise as we anticipate collaborative educational programs and developments with Texas A&M University. In our short three months as Texas A&M University School of Law, we have already planned to debut an integrated J.D./engineering program

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in spring 2014. We greatly appreciate Fort Worth's support as we work to transform legal education," Short said.

Carolina Beverage, Leading Edge Aviation Services and Sundance Square are among the other awardees included in the 2013 list. Texas A&M School of Law was the only educational institution honored.

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### CLASS NOTES

### 1993

DR. BOB LEONE and other attorneys from the Lanier Law Firm recently won a \$9 billion judgment representing a New York man and his wife following a trial over the man's claims that his bladder cancer was caused by the popular prescription diabetes drug Actos.

### 2000



ANDREA MARTIN has been elected by a whopping 59 percent of the county-wide vote as judge of the 304th District Court of Dallas County. She will be sween in as state district judge and will take the bench in January 2015. She is pleased to announce that she has chosen her friend and fellow 1D. class of 2000 graduate ALICE RODRIGUEZ as her associate judge. Ms. Rodriguez will also be sworn in and will take the bench in January 2015.

### 2002

REGINA ANDERSON was recently promoted to Texas Department of Family and Protective Services managing attorney for Region 3. Regina has worked as an attorney with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services since 2004.

### 2003



On April 1, 2014, JAKE ESTES opened Estes Law Office, PLLC, in McKinney, Texas. Estes Law Office represents a wide variety of clients in the practice areas

of wills and trusts (simple and complex), probate, guardianship, and corporate law.

ALAN HERDA was recently elevated to partner at Haynes and Boone, LLP.

### 2004



Leech Tishman recently welcomed MICHAEL J. HAMMOND to its Pittsburgh office. Michael has joined the firm as counsel in the energy.

corporate, and litigation practice groups. Michael primarily represents energy producers in all phases of their exploration and production operations. Michael is an experienced energy attorney whose practice has always been devoted to the industry. He has represented clients across the country in upstream and midstream transactions. During the course of his career, Michael has handled a wide range of energy matters, including preparation of hundreds of mineral title opinions spanning multiple oil and natural gas fields, handling energy-related litigation and condemnation proceedings, and negotiation of oil and gas leases and other exploration and production instruments and agreements. Prior to joining Leech Tishman, Michael was a partner with Sadler Law Firm, LLP, in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. Michael also practiced in Cleburne, Texas, with the Bradley Law Firm, LLC, and in Dallas, Texas, with Looper Reed & McGraw, P.C.



CARDLINE HARRISON was recently recognized as a "Rising Star" by Texas Monthly magazine. Caroline is a

partner in the Fort Worth office of Cantey Hanger where her practice focuses on labor and employment litigation. Caroline also passed the written examination to become board certified in labor and employment law as designated by the Texas Board of Lead Specialization.

### 2005



DAVID COOK was recently elected to partner status at Kelly Hart & Hallman, LLP.



KATIE LACKEY
was recently
recognized as a
"Rising Star" by
Texas Monthly
magazine. Katie
is a partner in the
Fort Worth office
of Cantey Hanger

### 2006

KATHRYN BRADY joins the corporate and securities practice group of Munsch Hardt Konf & Harr, P.C., as an associate. Kathryn's practice focuses on family immigration, business immigration, and immigration removal cases before the Executive Office of Immigration Review. including family-based permanent residence petitions; U.S. work visas for professional workers; international personnel transfers; investment-based (E-2 and EB-5) petitions; removal defense; and appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Administrative Appeals Office, and the Board of Alien Labor Certification.

where her practice focuses on family law



LEA C. DEARING joined Atlantabased Berman Fink Van Horn, P.C., as a senior associate attorney. Lea joined Berman Fink Van Horn after

relocating from Dallas, Texas. A business litigator with transactional experience, Lea assists businesses with a wide range of issues, including labor and employment matters, internal investigations, privacy law, general commercial litigation and contracting, products liability, construction disputes, and e-discovery management. During her career, Lea has resolved multiple payment, construction, and employment-related disputes across the pharmaceutical, hospitality, transportation, telecommunication, manufacturing, wholesale, health care, education, energy, and banking industries.

A summa cum laude graduate of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, Lea also received her B.A. in international business from the University of Georgia. She was recently recognized as a "Rising Star" by Texas Monthly magazine and has also held several leadership positions within the Dallas Bar Association and Attorneys Serving the Community.

CALLIE VIVION MATTHEWS recently received the Dwight H. Moore 2013 Special Recognition Award. Presented by Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, this award recognizes exemplary dedication and commitment to access to justice for the disadvantaged.

AUDREY MOOREHEAD was recently elected as the chair of the Council of Chairs for the State Bar of Texas.

### 2007



DAVID PRATT
was recently
recognized as a
"Rising Star" by
Texas Monthly
magazine. David is
a senior associate
at Decker Jones in

Fort Worth where his practice focuses on franchising.

### 2008

MARK MURRELL was recently featured in an article in the Dallas Morning News for his work with the city of Dallas.

### 2009

DAVID SPEED was recently recognized as a "Rising Star" by Texas Monthly magazine. David is an associate in the Fort Worth office of Cantey Hanger where his practice focuses on construction litigation.

### 2011

ASHLEY REEVE BASNETT was recently named a partner in the Law Office of Lauren Goydos Duffer, P.C. Ashley has been with the firm since February 2011. Ashley's practice focuses on a wide range of family law matters, including collaborative lew, divorce, surrogacy, child custody, grandparents' rights, adoption, egg donation, embryo donation, paternity, and child support. Ashley was also married to ENOCH BASNETT'11 on March 8, 2014.

VALERIE NORRIS now serves as the assistant criminal district attorney for Galveston County.

### 2013

KRISTIN BROWN recently received her LL.M. degree from Temple University Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Additionally, she was selected to be part of the July 2014 class at Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College in Dubois, Wyoming. Both are elite organizations, and it was a true honor to participate in, and be selected for, each of them. Kristin practices solely criminal defense at both the state and federal levels and offices in Uptown Dallas.



KYLE FONVILLE recently joined the Fort Worth firm of Decker Jones as an associate.



### Law School Love

For Talia Tieman '14 and Andrew Kubiak class of 2015, law school was more than just the start of a new career, it was the beginning of a new life together. The couple was engaged March 28 and plans to marry Jan. 2, 2015.

> Congratulations, Talia and Andrew!

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### **ALUMNI NEWS**

s you know, it has been a busy year for the law school, transitioning to Texas A&M University and working through ↑ the details — large and small — that come with new ownership. We are grateful for the support and patience of our constituents as we restructure and adjust to be the best law school community for everyone, including students, alumni, and friends. All graduates of the law school are, and will continue to be, an important part of the law school community.

In April, after months of collaboration with the provost's office, the Office of Marketing & External Affairs shared news with the alumni community of a resolution to commemorate the acquisition. Each graduate of Texas Wesleyan School of Law will receive a personalized certificate, suitable for framing, commemorating the acquisition of the law school by Texas A&M University. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Provost at 979-845-4016.

In this year of transition, the law school has hosted a number of alumni events, both social and educational. We are a more diverse law school with an actively involved alumni community and hope everyone will take advantage of next year's planned events. (See sidebar.)



Opportunity to be admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar

The Office of Marketing & External Affairs is proud to offer an upcoming opportunity for law school graduates to be admitted in open court to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C.

Ceremony date: Monday, Dec. 15, 2014

Lottery sign-up: Began July 1, 2014

You must be in good standing with your state bar and have been licensed for at least three years.

If you meet these requirements and would like to be included in the lottery, email Regan Gilstrap at regan05@law.tamu.edu.



### Alumni Calendar of Events

### July 30

Bar Exam Lunch for Law School Graduates

### September 8

Texas Center for the Judiciary Conference Breakfast, Fort Worth

### September 12

All-Star Alumni CLE

Fort Worth Community Reception with Dean Andrew P. Morriss

### October 17

Law Review Symposium

### October 24

Real Property Symposium - Property Law and Social Morality by Peter M. Gerhart

### November TBD

Swearing-in Reception for Bar Exam Passers

### December 14-15

Swearing-in Reception and Ceremony - Washington, D.C.



# Mike Schneider '06

Current employment: Schneider Law Firm, P.C.

Practice areas: Defense attorney, family law, divorce, and criminal defense

### What achievements are you most proud of professionally and personally?

I'm most proud that I hire primarily Texas A&M University School of Law students at my law firm, I've had 30 alumni working in my office in the last seven years. I know that whomever the school sends me will be able to handle anything.

When I graduated, I had \$75,000 and a diploma. When I started my firm, I never dreamed I would grow to a \$1 million gross, I'm proud of that and the successful alums I've hired to work with me.

### Why do you enjoy mentoring others?

I'm just happy I can offer paid internships and train people by taking them to court, dealing with clients, and presenting evidence. The real-world experience we offer our student interns supplements everything learned in the classroom. They really would know what to expect in a real courtroom setting.

I'm a coach for the mock trial team and wish I would have participated in mock trial when I was a student

Why did you choose to come to this law school? Fort Worth was where we wanted to be when our family left. Louisiana. The quality of life is remarkable, and when we came for a tour, we were sold. I enjoyed the professors' liveliness, especially the adjuncts who taught higher level courses. Student engagement at the law school is also critical.

### Why do you feel the alumni association is important to the law school?

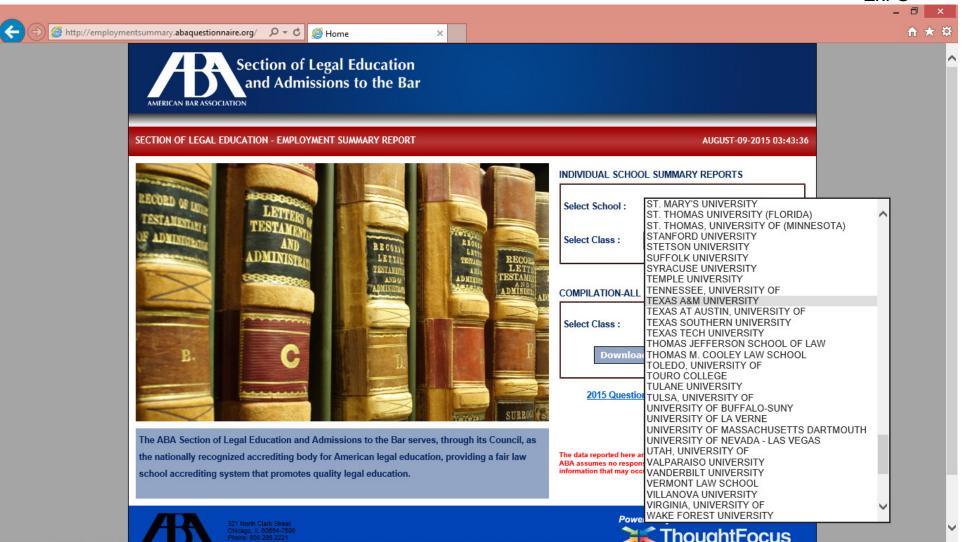
It's important for alumni to give back through mentoring and teaching the students, especially in the art of trying cases. Whether it's family, criminal, or simple cases, students aren't always clear on the practice. It's up to alums to help them so they succeed and come out of their time in school with a job.

### Words of advice to rising law students: Become involved with the advocacy teams and get as much real-world experience as you possibly can.

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# COMPLAINT AGAINST AN ABA-APPROVED LAW SCHOOL

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Hereinafter collectively referred to as "Complainants."

Name of ABA-Approved Law School: Texas A&M University School of Law

# Complaint Information (See attached Exhibits as described below.)

A. Provide a clear and concise description of the nature of the complaint. Provide any evidence upon which the allegation is based, with relevant supporting documentation. The description and supporting evidence should include relevant facts that support the allegation that the law school is out of compliance with the Standards referenced in the complaint.

<u>Nature of the complaint</u>: The graduates of Texas Wesleyan School of Law should be recognized as alumni of Texas A&M University School of Law with all of the rights and benefits conferred on Texas A&M University School of Law graduates. There is current disparate treatment of graduates of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law based solely on the fact that these alumni graduated before the acquisition. Supporting evidence and documentation follows.

- 1. Texas A&M University ("TAMU") acquired from Texas Wesleyan University ("TWU") the Texas Wesleyan University School of Law ("TWUSOL") on August 12, 2013, renaming the law school to "Texas A&M University School of Law" ("TAMUSOL").
- 2. On September 12, 2013, TAMU Provost Dr. Karan Watson ("Watson") and TAMUSOL Interim Dean Aric Short ("Short") held a meeting with preacquisition alumni of the law school to discuss the impact of the acquisition. A video of the entire meeting is publicly available at <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMpPtP\_PRjo">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMpPtP\_PRjo</a>. During this meeting, Watson made the following statements:
  - a. That TAMU would not reissue TAMUSOL diplomas to pre-acquisition alumni, and that to do so would be illegal and threaten TAMU's accreditation;
  - b. That TAMU *would* issue TAMUSOL diplomas to December 2013 graduates, although having attended TAMUSOL for only one semester, based on a one-time waiver from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;
  - c. That pre-acquisition alumni of the Law School may not claim to be alumni of TAMUSOL as the alumni did not graduate from TAMUSOL;
  - d. That TWSOL Alumni Association no longer exists because TWSOL no longer exists;
  - e. That alumni of TWSOL may join the TAMUSOL alumni association and would be eligible to run for leadership positions on the TAMUSOL Alumni Board:
  - f. That TAMUSOL will remedy the situation involving the deactivation of TWSOL alumni access cards to law school so that TWSOL alumni may access the law school library.

- 3. After exhaustive research, petitioners have been unable to find any legal impediment preventing TAMU from reissuing degrees to pre-acquisition graduates of the law school. In addition to the American Bar Association, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools governs the authority of TAMU to issue degrees. However, at least one journalist interviewed Belle Wheelan, president of SACS, who said she did not recall A&M asking for any waivers and that the reissuing of diplomas "is not an accreditation issue; that is the university's issue."
- 4. In seeking approval from the ABA to acquire TWUSOL, TAMU relied on the accreditation, bar passage data and all other necessary statistics of TWUSOL to complete its acquisition.
- 5. The website for TAMUSOL states the following<sup>2</sup>:

"On August 12, 2013, Texas A&M University purchased the ongoing operations of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. On August 13, 2013, Texas A&M University School of Law, fully accredited by the American Bar Association, began operations at the same location in downtown Fort Worth."

and

"Originally established in 1989 as the Dallas/Fort Worth School of Law, the School of Law became part of Texas Wesleyan University in 1992."

- 6. The process by which TAMU acquired TWUSOL was undoubtedly substantially different than had TAMU sought to establish a new law school. Clearly, TAMU derived a significant benefit from the existence and successes of TWUSOL and the collective accomplishments of its alumni.
- 7. Despite the alumni being admonished by Watson to not claim to have attended TAMUSOL during the September 2013 meeting, TAMU and TAMUSOL have repeatedly and publicly marketed notable TWUSOL alumni proudly as alumni of TAMUSOL.
- 8. The distinction of being a TAMUSOL graduate, it would seem, is at the sole and subjective determination of the law school. TAMU's purchase of TWUSOL should not determine which the alumni it deems worthy of being able to hold themselves out as graduates of TAMUSOL. Such a position is not only insulting to the thousands of TWUSOL alumni that helped build the law school into an attractive target for acquisition by TAMU, but patently deceptive to the alumni, current students, prospective students and the public at large.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Aggie Vanishing Act," FW Weekly, Feb. 26, 2014, Eric Griffey, <a href="http://www.fwweekly.com/2014/02/26/aggie-vanishing-act/">http://www.fwweekly.com/2014/02/26/aggie-vanishing-act/</a>

<sup>2</sup>http://law.tamu.edu/AboutUs/AcquisitionbyTexasAMUniversity.aspx

- 9. In spite of Watson's statements that pre-acquisition graduates would not receive reissued TAMUSOL degrees, TAMUSOL has provided degrees to graduates who completed their coursework pre-acquisition and took no classes post-acquisition, but turned in their required pro-bono hours post-acquisition.
- 10. The website for TAMUSOL provides a list of 2013-2014 Board of Directors for the law school. The individuals listed on the website were elected to serve as TWSOL Alumni Board members and not TAMUSOL Board members. TAMUSOL has not provided information to TWSOL alumni for how to become involved with and run for leadership positions on the TAMUSOL Board in accordance with statements made by Watson and Short at the September 12, 2013 meeting.
- 11. The TAMUSOL is listed by the ABA's website with an accreditation date of 1994.<sup>3</sup> TWUSOL is not listed in the list of accredited schools, though when viewed by accreditation date, a note on TAMUSOL's listing states it was previously known by TWUSOL.<sup>4</sup>
- 12. The TAMUSOL website lists bar passage statistics from the February and July bars of 2010, 2011 and 2012.<sup>5</sup> These statistics were obtained while the program was known as TWUSOL and from the same alumni from which TAMU now seems intent on distancing itself.
- 13. Representations have been made by TAMUSOL that a TAMUSOL Alumni Association exists. Individuals currently listed as Board members on the TAMUSOL website were elected to serve as pre-acquisition Alumni Board members and not post-acquisition TAMUSOL Board members. Watson and Short informed alumni at the September 12, 2013 meeting that TAMUSOL will allow pre-acquisition alumni to get involved and be eligible to run for leadership positions on the TAMUSOL post-acquisition Alumni Board. There have been no communications from TAMUSOL to pre-acquisition alumni regarding the formation of the TAMUSOL Alumni Association Board, opportunities to get involved with the TAMUSOL Alumni Association or run for positions on the TAMUSOL Alumni Association Board.
- 14. In December 2013, The Tarrant County Bar Bulletin published Short's comments regarding the Fort Worth Business Press naming TAMUSOL among its 2013 Smart Move award winners.<sup>6</sup> Short's comments were also

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\_education/resources/aba\_approved\_law\_schools/in\_alphabetical\_order.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\_education/resources/aba\_approved\_law\_schools/by\_year\_approved.html

<sup>5</sup>http://law.tamu.edu/ProspectiveStudents/ABARequiredDisclosures.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.tarrantbar.org/UserFiles/files/docs/Web%20December%2013%20Bulletin.pdf

published on the TAMUSOL web site.<sup>7</sup> Touting TAMUSOL's commitment to the Fort Worth community, Short stated, "To date, Texas A&M law students have provided more than 120,000 hours of pro bono legal services, which equates to more than \$2.4 million in total legal services given to the community." Short later noted, however, TAMUSOL had only existed for three months at the time. TWUSOL started its Equal Justice program in 2003 and reported to the National Association of Law Placement that its students had logged 95,204 pro bono hours by 2012. Therefore, most if not all of the 120,000 pro bono hours reported by Short were donated by TWUSOL students, not by TAMUSOL students.

- B. Indicate the section(s) of the Standards alleged to have been violated and the time frame in which the lack of compliance is alleged to have occurred.
  - 1. Standard 509(a) requires that: "All information that a law school reports, publicizes or distributes shall be complete, accurate and not misleading to a reasonable law school student or applicant" (emphasis added).
  - 2. Standard 509(b)(8) requires law schools to publicly disclose "bar passage data."
  - 3. Standard 208 provides: "A law school may involve alumni, students, and others in a participatory or advisory capacity; but the dean and faculty shall retain control over matters affecting the educational program of the law school.
  - 4. Time frame for all violations August 12, 2013 (post-acquisition).
- C. Describe the steps taken to exhaust the law school's grievance process, describe the action taken by the law school to date, and provide a copy of the law school's response to the complaint as a result of prescribed procedures. Attach copies of relevant documents.
  - 1. A petition concerning this issue has been sent to TAMU, TAMUSOL and all parties in interest signed by more than 450 pre-acquisition graduates. The petition is attached as "Exhibit A".
  - 2. Numerous attempts to discuss the issue with TWU, TAMU and Provost Watson have been attempted to no avail.

<sup>7</sup> http://law.tamu.edu/LawSchoolNews/LawSchoolAwardedforSmartMoves.aspx

<sup>8</sup> http://www.nalplawschoolsonline.org/ndlsdir\_search\_results.asp?lscd=74409&yr=2012

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# Petition Regarding Diplomas for Pre-Acquisition Graduates of Texas A&M University School of Law

To: Texas A&M University System President Dr. Bowen Loftin and Board of Regents Texas Legislature
American Bar Association, Texas State Bar, and Ancillary Bar Associations
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Various Media

**PURPOSE:** This petition presents a request for Texas A&M University ("TAMU") to reissue diplomas granted to those who attended what is now called Texas A&M University School of Law ("TAMU School of Law") before its acquisition. This request is based on equitable arguments, the difficulties suffered by those of us who have diplomas from a non-existent law school, and the potential rewards to TAMU by taking corrective action.

- 1. While obtaining approval from the American Bar Association to acquire and rebrand the Texas Wesleyan University School of Law as a part of the A&M system, TAMU cited historical performance by TWU School of Law graduates. Only with that information did TAMU receive approval by the ABA for the acquisition.
- 2. During the post-acquisition September 12, 2013 meeting with TWU School of Law alumni, TAMU Provost Dr. Watson stated that TAMU would not reissue diplomas to pre-acquisition alumni, stating simply that these individuals did not graduate from A&M, so such an action would be illegal and would threaten A&M's accreditation.
- 3. Dr. Watson also informed us that TAMU would issue A&M diplomas to those who were graduating from the school post-acquisition in December 2013, though those students attended A&M for one semester at most, well short of the usual requirements for transfer students.
- 4. The undersigned TWU School of Law alumni are dismayed by these actions, particularly the assertion that TAMU has asked for and received a waiver from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to give A&M diplomas only to December 2013 graduates who received most of their credits pre-acquisition, but no one prior.
- 5. Also dismaying was an assertion made that an action reissuing diplomas would be illegal; after substantial research by a number of TWU School of Law alumni and statements made by Belle Wheelan, president of SACS, no law appears to exist that makes reissuing diplomas illegal. Nor does TAMU appear to have even requested permission from SACS for a waiver, and no such waiver is necessary.
- 6. Since acquiring and renaming TWU School of Law, TAMU School of Law has issued press releases extolling TWU School of Law graduates, taking credit for the work

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of those who made the Texas A&M University School of Law possible, while denying that they are TAMU School of Law alumni. TAMU representatives have indicated that TAMU is preparing a certificate that will recognize TWU School of Law graduates as associated with TAMU in some way, but this is not a sufficient remedy. Our law school did not cease to exist, but was only renamed. Our diploma should be updated accordingly.

- 7. By these actions, TAMU has jeopardized its relationship with pre-acquisition graduates, many of whom are in positions throughout Texas to hire not only attorneys, but all types of professionals. TAMU has the opportunity to garner a real loyalty and benefit for all its alumni by doing little more than simply allowing more than 3800 professionals into its community.
- 8. The treatment of pre-acquisition alumni by both TWU and TAMU leave us without an academic home. Our records are kept at a campus on which many have never stepped foot. Our diplomas refer to a non-existent school, though at any time we can go to the campus and visit professors who taught us property, tort, and family law.
- 9. Pre-acquisition graduates who seek reciprocity with other states or additional education are often confronted with process uncertainty and delays because TWU School of Law is not listed on the ABA's list of accredited schools.
- 10. In discussions with TAMU agents regarding this issue, the standard retort is, "You didn't graduate from TAMU, so you are not A&M alumni and may not be issued an A&M diploma." This simple syllogism ignores the fact that TAMU did not start its own law school but acquired and renamed the one that we attended. It is not as though our law school disappeared, and TAMU began one from scratch. The ABA lists TAMU School of Law with an accreditation date of 1994, and not the date of TAMU's acquisition.
- 11. TAMU's treatment of this problem significantly decreases the value of our degrees because we cannot represent on our resumes that we attended an existing law school. Given the current job market, obtaining a position at a large firm is difficult for graduates from even the best law schools in the country, let alone graduates of a school whose name is not on the ABA's list of accredited law schools.
- 12. Texas Wesleyan University School of Law alumni request reissued diplomas to all pre-acquisition graduates who requests it. In so doing, A&M will restore a proper relationship with those who made possible the Texas A&M University School of Law, and which will benefit all A&M alumni, not only those from the newly acquired School of Law. A decision to reissue diplomas to TWU School of Law alumni is a matter of respect for the work that made TAMU School of Law possible, and the right thing to do.

**REQUESTED:** The undersigned pre-acquisition TAMU School of Law alumni requests that TAMU reissue diplomas to those who made the renamed Texas A&M University School of Law possible, by simply reissuing the diplomas to those who request it, requesting permission from the SACS, or seeking statutory changes as necessary.

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- 2. Robert Blankenship
- 3. Todd Christian Ogden
- 4. Wally Wadsworth, 1999
- 5. Ryan Conway
- 6. Gabe Acevedo
- 7. Joseph Farah
- 8. Mollie Hines
- 9. Connie Pyatt-Dryden
- 10. Jamie Browning
- 11. Michael Hammond, 2004
- 12. Lisa Landolt
- 13. David Wynne
- 14. Carol Longoria, 2012
- 15. Wendy Lamond-Broughton
- 16. Larry Mike
- 17. Eliezar Eidenbom
- 18. Judy Cureton
- 19. Vera Bennett, 1995
- 20. Paula Zdrojewski Bennett
- 21. Megan Graham Callahan
- 22. Lisa Turner
- 23. Alexis Kern
- 24. Claire Blankenship
- 25. James Hawkins
- 26. Terry Bentley Hill
- 27. Gemma Moffa
- 28. Kathryn Freed-Collier
- 29. Jenny Browning Ledbetter
- 30. Lindsay Williams
- 31. Danielle Huddleston McCurley
- 32. Jamie Nichols Guzman
- 33. Kellie Brady
- 34. Karen Telschow Johnson
- 35. Danielle Rupp, 2012
- 36. Desireé Slaybaugh
- 37. Tracey Hardy Schlake
- 38. Michael Johnson
- 39. Patrick Jarrett
- 40. James F. McAlister
- 41. Jana McGowen
- 42. Kira Talip

- 43. Katherine Knapp Lengyel, 2008
- 44. Chris Barber, 2000
- 45. Aundria Hairell 2007
- 46. Laura Wycoff Holder
- 47. Deborah Hicks Skawinski
- 48. Clara Soto
- 49. George Gooch
- 50. Richard Gonzales
- 51. John Aguon
- 52. Enrique Holguin
- 53. Jonathan Martz
- 54. Mary Judith Mallett Cureton
- 55. Trevor M. Rose, 2009
- 56. David L. Pratt, II
- 57. Becky Sooter
- 58. Amy Johnson Almendarez
- 59. Jason Hawks
- 60. Julya Billhymer
- 61. Reena Joi Warner, 2013
- 62. Leslie Burgoyne
- 63. Jonathan M. Frederick, 2010
- 64. Gina Permann Daniel, 2009
- 65. Geoffrey Keller, 2004
- 66. Richard James Cree, 2009
- 67. Lauren Schrack
- 68. Kevin D. Faciane, 2000
- 69. Kevin Mullen, 2001
- 70. Douglas R. Johnson
- 71. Cody Hand, 2003
- 72. Kristen (Pannell) Hensley, 2003
- 73. Tammie Moore, 1996
- 74. Trey Brown, 2002
- 75. Jeffey A. Stewart, 2008
- 76. Sommer Stellflue, 2008
- 77. Michael Andrew Muñoz, 2002
- 78. Jennifer Mahnke Muñoz, 2003
- 79. Sonia De Ochoa, 2011
- 80. Jac Schuster
- 81. Jathan Van Winkle
- 82. Tyler Wallach
- 83. Holland Hernandez
- 84. Paula Hartsfield

85.	Cort H. Bethmann
86.	Cristina Salazar, 2012

87. Adam Kielich

88. Dottie Sheffield, 2005

89. Shauna R. Billingsley, 2003

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95. Farheen Siddiqi96. Cary Schroeder

97. Theresa Copeland, 200498. Brooke Baker Chadwick

99. George Elias Emery 100. Kristina W. Berry 101. Christie Glenn

102. Christopher Chad Lampe, 2007

103. Gene Sera 104. Peter Nguyen 105. Debbie Hause

106. Kate Hennessey Smith 107. David Frisby, 2003 108. Bill W. Bolding, 2000

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126. Theresa Kurzy Berend

127. Robyn McWilliams

128. Kimberly Newcomer, 2009

129. David McClelland

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- 179. Riley Massey
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- 186. Brooke Ulrickson Allen
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- 189. Adam Swartz
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- 206. Christine Qualls, 2001
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- 214. Ryan Matthews, 2004
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- 216. Cliff Williams, 2010
- 217. Justus Anderson
- 218. Kristin (Braden) Braamber, 2008
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- 221. Bekki (Ward) Harjo, 2006
- 222. Hardeep Sehgal

- 223. Elisse (Vickers) Woelfel, 2006
- 224. Brenden Reid Garfield, 2011
- 225. Brent Gleason
- 226. Garrick A. Farria
- 227. Sharon Lowry
- 228. Keith Pillars
- 229. Lisa Zahn
- 230. Caroline Akers Peterson, 2004
- 231. William J. Brotherton
- 232. Patrick Almand
- 233. Tracey Lynn Justice
- 234. Carole Runnels Lein, 2006
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- 236. Duane Kidman, 1999
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- 255. Clint Zettle, 2012
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315. Julia McCarthy McEntire, 2002

316. Brandy Bramlett

317. Mary Clymer Brownlee

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324. Joshua D. Jacobs, 2010

325. Jillian French

326. Jamie Saleh, 2006

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328. Jesus David Garza, 1998

329. Jason Sodd, 2001

330. Michael Castro

331. M. Paul Cloud

332. Deanne Wagner (Knudson), 1994

333. Johnny J. Lanzillo IV

334. R. Scott Magee

335. John Jarvis, 1996

336. Joshua Dietz

337. Nicole Knox

338. Matt Buckalew

339. Blakely I. Mohr

340. Nick Manousos

341. Zainab K. Rizvi, 2006

342. William E. Hymes, 2000

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344. Evan Clark

345. Jeff Stuver

346. Paula M. Rosales Aldana, 2007

347. Danny Cook

348. Craig M. Mixson

349. Edward Choy

350. Angie Hadley, 2004

351. Lori Ann Bodino

352. William R. DeLoney, 1995

353. Alan Nash Lomax, 2010

354. Charles E. Orbison, 1998

355. Clint C. Blackman III, 1994

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356. Emerson Arellano 357. Karin Cagle

358. Christina Ward, 2013

359. Karen Alexander

360. Jennifer Dillon

361. Bradley Logan Bolinger, 1995
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364. Jerry L. Gribble, II
365. Mark W. Wiser, 2004
366. Shawn Leigh, 1998
367. Lori Sherwood, 1999
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379. William Patrick Delgado380. Russell Garrett, 1995381. Robbie McClung382. Steven Mendoza

383. Scott Gray

384. Stevenson Moore V 385. Steven J. Laureanti 386. Jeff Rutledge, 2010 387. Casey R. Hall 388. Carl Mangine, 2001 389. Amanda R. Williams 390. Shane Britton, 1997 391. Sean Cosgrove, 2008

392. Janice May, 2002 393. Karen Anders, 1999 394. Saniya A. Hemani 395. Zackary D. Callarman, 2013

396. Steven Howdeshell, 2010 397. Stephen B. Moon

398. Lesa Sherre Sweet 399. Robert Tad Ground, 1996

400. Jenna Martin, 2010 401. Kendall Wright McKimmey, 2003

402. Lincoln J. Monroe, 1996 403. Scott Broussard, 1994

404. Tommy Johnson 405. Chuck Hill, 2012 406. Joseph Kimball 407. Diego A. Lopez, 1994

408. Mary Anne (Haren) Gallagher, 1993

409. Andrea C. Timmons, 2000 410. Perry Cunningham, 2013

411. Mark Lane

412. Kimberly Eckmann 413. Ronald Harden 414. Kyle Shaw, 1997 415. Traci Clements 416. Lori Reeves, 2000 417. Amie Augenstein

418. Jane C. Du

419. James M. Worley, Jr., 2003

420. Melissa Wilks

421. Lloyd Gregory Tate, 1994 422. Pamela S. Fernandez, 2004

423. Renee Culp Marks 424. Richard Steeno

425. Cherry Lee Davis Chapman, 2003

426. William M. Stevens 427. Todd Rash, 2007 428. Adam Miller

429. Heath E. Allen, 2004 430. Kimberly S. Norton, 1994 431. Conrad John Netting V, 2012

432. Katherine McColley
433. Ronald S. Rash, 1999
434. James McLaughlin
435. Timothy R. McWilliams
436. Melinda R. Owens, 2009
437. Dustin Coates, 2012
438. Rebecca McCauley Bell
439. Michael Pruneda, 1999

440. Lindsey Alayne Pruitt, 2008 441. LaDonna Key, 2004

442. Ellen Schutz

443. Jessica Sangsvang, 2008

444. James Kelly

445. J. Diane Cummings 446. Clayton Everett 447. Steven Lombardo 448. Daniel B. Smith

449. Crystal Strickland, 2010

450. Thomas Sim

451. Kelly (Cunningham) Taber, 1999

452. Brandon S. Earp

- 453. Tammy D. Wilbon-Smith, 2007
- 454. Courtney Robinson, 2012
- 455. Carolyn Sue Windham, 2006
- 456. Lesley L. Hicks, 2000
- 457. Matthew C. Aycock, 2006
- 458. Walden Shelton, Jr., 1998
- 459. John J. Corbin, 2002
- 460. Sharon Johnson
- 461. Robert T. Lipps, 1995
- 462. Blue W. Rannefeld
- 463. Jason Fuselier, 2010
- 464. Karon L. Washburn Rowden, 2001
- 465. Jae Lee
- 466. Amy Savell Jenkins
- 467. Sandra Lynn Sprott, 2005
- 468. Forrest Taylor Smith, 2011
- 469. Jeffrey S. Adamcik, Esq., 2000
- 470. Brian Bolton
- 471. Abigail Kweller, 2011
- 472. Gary Leach, 1995
- 473. Carol Adkins Warren, 2003
- 474. Cynthia Cooper Spigel, 2002
- 475. Carlos Miguel Quinonez, 2012
- 476. Nicole Thibault
- 477. Jeff Fletcher
- 478. Heather Ozuna, 2011
- 479. Butch Dunbar, 1999
- 480. Kevin Walden
- 481. Matthew A. Simpson, 1994
- 482. Derrick Elliott, 2007
- 483. Eric Gruetzner, 2002
- 484. Yoshito Yamamoto, 2005
- 485. Annette Planey, 1994
- 486. Jennifer R. Barnick Goode, 2003
- 487. Michael R. Kurmes, 2010
- 488. Tracy Short, 1998
- 489. Kenneth R. Royer, 1999
- 490. Jack Wilson, 1996
- 491. Nancy Nwurzman
- 492. Talmage Hardy Thomas, Jr.
- 493. Joseph Profeta, 2007
- 494. Adam Hahn, 2007
- 495. Todd Marsh, 2008
- 496. Sharon K. Sherman, 2001
- 497. Paul Ghassemi Dell, 2007
- 498. Matthew Graham

499. James Robert Hudson, 1997 500. Katheryn C. Waters Shane, 2000

### NOTES:

- 1. This list current as of July 3, 2014. An updated list is maintained at: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m</a>
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  <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m">wy7YHckwToU/pub</a>
- 2. Additional information regarding this petition is available from the following individuals:
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  - b) Caroline Akers Peterson
  - c) Matthew Graham
  - d) David Wynne, 817-332-2202 david@davidwynnelaw.com
  - e) Wally Wadsworth
  - f) Chris Barber
  - g) Kathryn Freed-Collier
  - h) Chad Lampe
  - i) Jay Hawkins
  - i) Cameron Lenahan
  - k) Michael J. Hammond
  - I) Brent Gleason
  - m) Lake Berry
  - n) Mollie Hines
  - o) Chuck Hill
  - p) Holland Hernandez
  - q) Carol Longoria

## Texas A&M University - 2014 Standard 509 Information Report

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Website: http://law.tamu.edu/

ABA Approved Since 1994



The Basics	
Type of school	PUBLIC
Term	Semester
Application deadline	3/31/2015
Application fee	\$ 55
Financial aid deadline	
Can first year start other than fall?	No

<b>Tuition and Fees (acad</b>		
	Resident	Non-Resident
Full-Time	\$ 33,092	\$ 33,092
Part-Time	\$ 24,068	\$ 24,068
Tuition Guarantee Program		No

# Living Expenses (academic year\*) Estimated Living Expenses for singles Living on Campus \$21,828

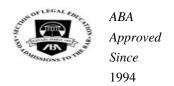
Living Off Campus \$ 21,828 Living at Home \$ 21,828

Conditional Scholarships			
Students Matriculating in	# Entering with	# Eliminated	
2013-2014 Academic Year	89	48	
2012-2013 Academic Year	137	84	
2011-2012 Academic Year	126	81	

GPA and LSAT Scores (calendar year**)				
	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	
# of apps	2,004	1,714	290	
# of offers	797	719	78	
# of matriculants	192	155	37	
75th Percentile GPA	3.41	3.41	3.34	
50th Percentile GPA	3.21	3.22	3.18	
25th Percentile GPA	2.93	2.92	2.95	
# not incl. in GPA percentile calc.	3	2	1	
75th Percentile LSAT	156	156	155	
50th Percentile LSAT	154	154	153	
25 Percentile LSAT	152	152	151	
# not incl. in LSAT percentile calc.	0	0	0	

Grants and Scholarships (prior academic year*)										
	Tota	al	Full-Ti	ime	Part-Time					
	#	%	#	%	#	%				
Total # of students	771	100	469	60.8	302	39.2				
Total # receiving grants	697	90.4	440	93.8	257	85.1				
Less than 1/2 tuition	656	85.1	405	86.4	251	83.1				
Half to full tuition	37	4.8	32	6.8	5	1.7				
Full tuition	4	0.5	3	0.6	1	0.3				
More than full tuition	0	0	0	0	0	0				
75th Percentile grant amount			\$ 7,538		\$ 1,397					
50th Percentile grant amount			\$ 1,288		\$ 1,397					
25th Percentile grant amount			\$ 1,288		\$ 1,397					

J.D. Enrollment and Ethnicity (academic year*)															
	M	len	Wo	men	Ot	her	Full	Time	Part	-Time	First	- Year	To	otal	J.D. Deg Awd
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Hispanics of any race	52	14.4	48	14.1	0	0	65	14.2	35	14.3	58	15.8	100	14.2	30
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0.6	2	0.6	0	0	3	0.7	1	0.4	2	0.5	4	0.6	1
Asian	10	2.8	11	3.2	0	0	12	2.6	9	3.7	10	2.7	21	3	9
Black or African American	15	4.1	36	10.6	0	0	30	6.6	21	8.6	26	7.1	51	7.3	11
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two or more races	10	2.8	8	2.4	0	0	9	2	9	3.7	8	2.2	18	2.6	6
Total Minority	89	24.6	105	30.9	0	0	119	26	75	30.7	104	28.3	194	27.6	57
White	262	72.4	227	66.8	0	0	327	71.4	162	66.4	254	69	489	69.7	170
Nonresident Alien	1	0.3	2	0.6	0	0	3	0.7	0	0	3	0.8	3	0.4	1
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	10	2.8	6	1.8	0	0	9	2	7	2.9	7	1.9	16	2.3	4
Total	362	51.6	340	48.4	0	0	458	65.2	244	34.8	368	52.4	702	100	232



Curriculum (prior academic year*)		
	Full-Time	Part-Time
Typical first-year section size	73	76
# of classroom course titles beyond first-year curriculum	105	
# of upper division classroom course sections		
Under 25	100	
25 - 49	35	
50 - 74	17	
75 - 99	12	
100+	1	
# of positions available in simulation courses	480	
# of simulation positions filled	266	109
# of seminar positions filled	116	57
# of positions available in faculty supervised law clinic courses	137	
# of faculty supervised law clinic positions filled	87	42
# of field placement positions filled	107	19
# of students who enrolled in independent study	9	3
# of students who participated in law journals	168	33
# of students who participated in interschool skills competitions	47	13
# of credit hours required to graduate	90	

J.D. Attrition (prior academic year*)										
	Academic	Transfer	Other	Total						
	#	#	#	#	%					
1st year	19	4	11	34	7.6					
2nd year	0	0	1	1	0.5					
3rd year	1	0	0	1	1.6					
4th year	0	0	0	0	0					

Transfers In (prior academic year*)							
Total #		0					
See Appendix for list of schools applicable for schools with mor	s from which students transferred (only te than 5 transfers.)						

Faculty and Administrators (calendar year**)										
	Total		Men		Women		Other		Minorities	
	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall	Spr	Fall
Full-Time	28	26	16	17	12	9	0	0	6	6
Deans, librarians & others who teach	13	12	4	3	9	9	0	0	1	1
Part-Time	22	26	12	18	10	8	0	0	0	0
Total	63	64	32	38	31	26	0	0	7	7
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First Time Take	ers: 185						
Jurisdiction	Takers	Takers Passers Pa		Pass 9	% State	e %	Diff. %
Texas	180	156		86.67	85.	08	1.59
		rting ⁄₀	Avg. School Pass %		Avg. State Pass %		vg. Pass Diff. %
	97	30	8	6.67	85.08		1.59

Bar Passage Rates (February and July 2012)										
First Time Takers: 223										
Jurisdiction	Takers	Passers		Pass of	% State	% Diff. %				
Texas	196	10	167		82.06	3.14				
		Reporting %		School ss %	Avg. State Pass %	Avg. Pass Diff. %				
	87.	87.89		5.20	82.06	3.14				

Bar Passage Rates (February and July 2011)										
First Time Take	ers: 222									
Jurisdiction	Takers	Pas	sers	Pass 9	% State 9	% Diff. %				
Texas	215	18	188 87.44		86.24	1.20				
	Repo	rting ⁄₀	Avg. School Pass %		Avg. State Pass %	Avg. Pass Diff. %				
	96	.85	87	.44	86.24	1.20				



April 12, 2013

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges 1866 Southern Lane Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Enclosed you will find a prospectus for Texas A&M University's (TAMU) proposed acquisition of the Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (TWUSL) in Fort Worth, Texas. Also enclosed is a teach-out plan and agreement prepared by TWUSL. As notified in a letter to SACSCOC, which is included as a prospectus appendix item, we respectfully request approval for this acquisition at the June 2013 meeting of SACSCOC Board of Trustees.

While the proposed TAMU-TAMHSC merger is part of a substantive change request that includes a proposed law school acquisition, we submit this prospectus as an independent component of that two-part request. We have consulted with SACSCOC Vice President Cheryl Cardell and other staff members about the best approach for our requests, and we understand that it would be possible for the SACSCOC Board to consider the proposed TAMU-TAMHSC merger as a separate request. We also understand this means it is possible for one or both substantive change requests to be either approved or denied independent of each other.

If approved, TWUSL would become "Texas A&M University School of Law at Texas Weslayan University." Administratively, TAMUSL would become an additional academic school parallel to the existing ten schools and colleges currently at TAMU. The current school is fully accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

The attached letter from Texas Wesleyan University president Fred Slabach was written after consultation with Dr. Wheelan. It requests that, if the SACSCOC Board of Trustees authorizes the acquisition in June 2013, the official date of SACSCOC approval be deferred to August 15, 2013 with a 30-day implementation date no later than September 14, 2013. This special request is made in order to accommodate ABA approval timelines. Our proposed implementation date, therefore, is "Within 30 days of the requested approval date of August 15, 2013." A copy of a subsequent letter from TAMU president R. Bowen Loftin to Dr. Wheelan endorsing this request for an alternative approval date is attached. Please let us know if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

R. Bowen Loftin, President Texas A&M University Frederick G. Slabach, President Texas Wesleyan University

cc: Cheryl D. Cardell

Karan L. Watson Helena Bussell Pamela R. Matthews

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December 19, 2012

Dr. Belle Wheelan, President Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges 1866 Southern Lane Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

This letter is one of two that together constitute joint notification to inform you of the intent of Texas A&M University to acquire the Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (Address: 1515 Commerce St., Fort Worth, TX 76102). Under the proposed agreement, the school would be known as the Texas A&M University School of Law at Texas Wesleyan University. Under the agreement, Texas A&M would acquire ownership and operational control of the law school. A virtually identical letter from Texas Wesleyan University is coming to you under separate cover.

The agreement is pending and would occur only following explicit approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). Approval by the American Bar Association is also required.

We understand that we are to follow procedure 1 for Mergers, Consolidations, Change of Ownership, Acquisitions, and Change of Governance, Control, Form, or Legal Status. Our projected timeline calls for submitting a joint prospectus to you by April 15, 2013 for consideration at the COC Board's June 2013 meeting, recognizing that this means an implementation date of July 2013.

We look forward to receiving further direction from the Commission with regards to required actions.

Sincerely,

R. Bowen Loftin, President

Texas A&M University

c: Frederic Slabach, President, Texas Wesleyan Karan Watson, Provost, Texas A&M Helena Bussell, SACSCOC Liaison for Texas Wesleyan Pamela Matthews, SACSCOC Liaison for Texas A&M

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