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Dear President McKernan, Chairman Tjaden, and Dean Hogg:

I am writing to report to you the action of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association taken at its meeting on June 6-8, 2003, with respect to the application of Western State University College of Law for full approval by the American Bar Association.

As you know, Dean Emeritus and Professor E. Thomas Sullivan, as Chair of the Council, presided during the School's appearance before the Council, but recused himself and did not participate in the Council's discussion or action on the School's application for full ABA approval. Dean Steven R. Smith also recused himself from participation in the Council's consideration of this matter and was not present in the meeting during the School's presentation, nor during the discussion and action by the Council. Dr. Irving Freeman also recused himself from this matter and did not participate in the discussion and action by the Council. Justice Elizabeth Lacy did not participate in the Council's discussion and action on this matter.

The School's application for full approval was considered in light of the report adopted by the Accreditation Committee of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar at its meeting on April 24-26, 2003, as transmitted to you on behalf of the Committee by letter dated May 14, 2003. The Conclusions of the Committee's report were as follows: