## SECTION OF LEGAL EDUCATION AND ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

## Section Releases Fall 2017 Standard 509 Information Reports

Information about admissions and other matters reported by American Bar Associationapproved law schools to the ABA Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar and required to be made public under <u>Standard 509</u> of the <u>Standards and Rules of Procedure for</u> <u>Approval of Law Schools</u> is now publicly available.

The material is collected by the section, which requires law schools each year to disclose data and information covering matters of interest to potential law students and others with an interest in legal education, including admissions and enrollments, tuition and living costs, financial aid, curricular information, faculty demographics, employment outcomes, bar passage and other areas. The data can be easily searched and sorted, allowing for school-by-school comparisons and analysis and should be useful to prospective law students, pre-law advisors, media outlets and others who study and write about legal education.

The spreadsheets, explanatory information and the ABA's database of Standard 509 reports are available at <u>www.abarequireddisclosures.org</u>. Some of this information has been collected and summarized in the News and Announcement listings on the <u>section's website</u> and in its <u>Legal</u> <u>Education Statistics</u> section. The section's 509 available reports go back only to 2011 although other historical statistics are available through the statistics link. There are several changes to the reports this year, and those changes are summarized <u>here.</u>

Employment outcomes and, for the first time this year, bar passage outcomes, are reported in separate questionnaires. The section expects bar passage data to be available in March 2018. Employment outcomes, reporting employment for the class of 2017 as of 10 months following graduation, should be available in April.