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David Stallings, Dean
West Coast School of Law
7837 Danvers Street
Downey, CA 90240

Re: Termination of Registration of West Coast School of Law

Dear Dean Stallings:

Following the hearing held before its Educational Standards Subcommittee (Subcommittee) on January 30, 2009, the Committee of Bar Examiners (Committee) considered on January 31, 2009 what action to take regarding the October 17, 2008 Notice of Noncompliance issued to West Coast School of Law. The Committee determined that West Coast School of Law's registration as an unaccredited correspondence law school be terminated, effective immediately.

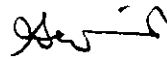
While the *Unaccredited Law School Rules and Guidelines for Unaccredited Law School Rules* have been in effect since January 1, 2008, you admitted during the hearing before the Subcommittee that West Coast School of Law did not comply with a number of rules and guidelines throughout 2008 and that you had only recognized the need to make substantial efforts to come into full compliance with the rules and guidelines after Educational Standards Consultant John Trunick's visit on December 26, 2008. While you conceded during the hearing that a reading the law program did not comply with the rules and guidelines, it was pointed out at the hearing that West Coast School of Law's website continued to advise the public that no professors were available for questions or explanations.

Your request for an extension of time to come into full compliance with the rules and guidelines was not granted. An extension was not warranted considering the number of conceded areas of noncompliance, your prior expression of an intention not to comply with certain guidelines, and the law school's continuing noncompliance through the date of the hearing.

West Coast School of Law must notify all currently enrolled students of the termination of its registration. Students may seek to qualify for credit for completed law study at West Coast School of Law through December 31, 2008. Please feel free to provide students with a copy of the enclosed Application for Evaluation of Law Study Completed and Contemplated if they would like a determination of how much law study credit will be granted. A \$100 fee is charged for this service.

Please advise me in writing of the name, address, and phone number of the custodian of records for West Coast School of Law by no later than February 9, 2009.

Sincerely yours,



George A. Riemer
Director for Educational Standards

Enclosure

cc: Gayle E. Murphy, Senior Executive, Admissions



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**APPLICATION FOR EVALUATION OF
LAW STUDY COMPLETED AND CONTEMPLATED**

Students, following registration as a General Applicant with the State Bar of California's Office of Admissions, may request: 1) an evaluation of whether they are exempt from the First-Year Law Students' Examination, or 2) an evaluation of law study completed and/or contemplated. Students seeking to have their proposed study plans reviewed after completing one year of law study must also complete the "Proposed Plan of Law Study" portion of this form. Law schools may submit an evaluation application on behalf of potential or currently enrolled students who have completed some law studies. To request an evaluation, the following materials must be submitted to: **The State Bar of California; Office of Admissions; 1149 South Hill Street; Los Angeles, CA 90015:**

1. A completed Application for Evaluation of Law Study Completed and Contemplated form (see below);
2. A check made payable to The State Bar of California for \$100.00; and
3. All applicable transcripts in their sealed school envelopes.

Student Name: _____

Admissions File Number: _____

Address: _____ Daytime Telephone No.: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email Address: _____

Law Schools Attended	Dates Attended			
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(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

If submitted by a law school official on behalf of a student, please provide the following information:

Name and Title: _____

Law School: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of student/law school official submitting the evaluation request)

Following receipt of a completed evaluation application form with all necessary documents, the law student or the law school official will be advised in writing of the student's status. An evaluation generally takes three to four weeks to complete.

