

On November 21, 2019, Thomas Jefferson School of Law was notified of the Appeals Panel's decision to affirm the determination of the ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar to remove the Law School from the list of ABA-approved schools. The Council's decision to remove the Law School from the list of ABA-approved schools will be effective December 17, 2019. The Law School remains accredited by the California State Bar's Committee of Bar Examiners.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law has a proud and rich fifty-year history of educating successful and diverse lawyers who serve as leaders in the community and in access to justice. Therefore, beginning Summer 2020, the Law School will admit new students for a JD degree as a California State Bar approved Law School. These new students will be eligible to sit for the California bar upon graduation, and can become eligible to practice in a number of other states after meeting criteria set out by the bar associations in those states. The Law School is also focused on ensuring that its current students will graduate with an ABA-degree pursuant to an ABA-approved teach-out plan here at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Currently enrolled and new students will be eligible for federal loans.

As it has for fifty years, the Law School will continue to play an important role in ensuring that students from diverse communities have opportunities to join the legal profession, serve people and communities in need, and pursue rewarding and satisfying careers. We are proud of our talented and passionate students and equally proud of our graduates and their work.