



Law School Admission Council
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President

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Dear Erwin,

For more than 50 years, the Law School Admission Council, through its Board of Trustees and volunteers, has worked to broaden access to legal education, enhance diversity within the legal profession, and support member schools.

It is unfortunate that our recent inquiry about Arizona Law's admission policies was misunderstood and characterized as a threat to the school and an obstacle to innovation and experimentation in legal education. This was not our intent. Simply put, this inquiry is not about the GRE or any other standardized tests. Rather, LSAC's bylaws require member schools to meet and maintain certain membership eligibility criteria. We believe our invitation to Arizona Law to provide input was appropriate and necessary, given reports that Arizona Law no longer requires that *any* of its applicants take the LSAT, which on its face is in violation of our bylaw provision that member schools *require that substantially all* of their applicants take the LSAT.

We understand that the Accreditation Committee of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar will review the Arizona/GRE study and address the validity of alternative tests as well as other issues related to Standard 503. The resolution of these issues may well impact LSAC's membership requirements. Therefore, barring other substantial developments, the Board has decided to maintain the status quo of existing LSAC members for the time being.

LSAC encourages and supports innovation, experimentation, and diversity in law school admissions and legal education. For example, LSAC expects to partner with the Khan Academy to provide free online test preparation; we supported the Standard 503 variances that permitted law schools to admit some applicants without LSAT scores; we conduct and fund research on testing and alternative admission decision-making models, including the use of non-cognitive measures; and over the past ten years we have provided over \$10 million in grants to member law schools and organizations that share LSAC's commitment to diversity to support initiatives like the PLUS and DiscoverLaw programs.

We trust that those who have expressed their concern will understand that the Board of Trustees needs to gather relevant facts and engage in thoughtful, deliberate discussions of all of the issues related to LSAC's current membership requirements and provision of mostly free services to its members. As we engage in these discussions, we welcome input from, and will consider the impact of our decision on all stakeholders in legal education.

Sincerely,

Daniel O. Bernstine
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