



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING DIVISION**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 2018

RE: ABA's Withdrawal of Approval of Arizona Summit Law School

This communication is being sent from the Certification and Licensing Division to clarify the status of applicants who graduated from Arizona Summit Law School seeking admission to practice law in Arizona. The American Bar Association issued a Memorandum on June 8, 2018 regarding the ABA approval of Arizona Summit Law School. *See attached.*

Per Rule 34(b)(1)(D), Rules of the Supreme Court, there are certain requirements for individuals to apply for admission which include:

*"D. the applicant is a graduate with a juris doctor from a law school provisionally or fully approved by the American Bar Association **at the time of graduation** (emphasis added) or the applicant is a graduate with a juris doctor and has been actively engaged in the practice of law in some other state or states for at least three of the last five years prior to filing an application for admission to practice in Arizona; and"*

If you are presently a graduate, you meet the rule requirement to sit for the exam. If you have not yet graduated, we understand that Summit's approval remains effective until July 9, 2018 unless Summit timely files an appeal which extends its approval status. We also understand this timeline would be applicable for those individuals with temporary admission to practice under Rule 38 (d), Rules of the Supreme Court.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office via email at attorneyadmissions@courts.az.gov.

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Withdrawal of Approval: Arizona Summit Law School

The Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (the "Council"), at its meeting on May 10-12, 2018, considered the status of Arizona Summit Law School (the "Law School") and determined to withdraw the approval of the Law School, located at 1 North Central Avenue, Suite 1400, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. The Council's May 2018 determination follows its finding of continuing non-compliance with Standards 301(a), 309(b), and 501(b) and Interpretations 501-1 and 501-2.

The Law School has a right to appeal this decision to the Appeals Panel pursuant to Rule 4 and Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure. The appeal must be filed no later than July 9, 2018.

The withdrawal of approval will not be effective until the later of either: (i) the expiration of the Law School's time to appeal this decision, as outlined above; or (ii) should the Law School appeal, the date on which the Appeals Panel decision on the Law School's appeal is transmitted to the Law School if the Council's decision is affirmed.

The Law School has been directed to file a teach-out plan pursuant to Rule 34 within 10 business days of the posting of this notice. If the Law School reports to the Managing Director within that 10-day period its intention to appeal the decision, the direction to file the teach-out plan will be stayed until further direction is given to the Law School.

The Council Decision Letter requires the Law School to publish this notice or a link to this notice on its website in a form and place acceptable to the Managing Director. This statement is also being published on the website of the Section of the Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

This public memorandum is being issued pursuant to Rule 53(c)(6) of the Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools.

Barry Currier, Managing Director
June 8, 2018