

We, the undersigned, write to express our strong opposition to the pending proposal to eliminate Interpretation 305-3 (currently part of ABA Accreditation Standard 305) and to allow students enrolled in externships to receive both compensation and academic credit. We believe such a change will harm both field placement programs and law students.

We refer the Council to comments submitted by the Clinical Legal Education Association, opposing the proposal to eliminate Interpretation 305-3. We urge the ABA Council to protect the educational value of field placement education by maintaining the current rule prohibiting compensation when externship students also receive academic credit.