



American Bar Association Accreditation Process for all New Law Schools

We are pleased to announce Concordia University School of Law received provisional approval by the American Bar Association (ABA) thereby allowing graduates to sit for the bar exam.

All new law schools must receive provisional approval from the ABA. The earliest any new law school can apply is in its second year of operation.

» CONCORDIA LAW HAS COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING:



STEP 1 – PREPARATION:

Preparation for provisional approval

- Curriculum approved by regional accreditor
- State authorization to grant Juris Doctor degree received
- Recruit and enroll inaugural class



STEP 2 – APPLICATION:

Apply to ABA Council for provisional approval

- Application and self-study submitted



STEP 3 – VISIT:

ABA site team visits Law School

- Assessment made
- Site Team provides report to ABA Accreditation Committee



STEP 4 – ASSESSMENT:

ABA Accreditation Committee review

- Review application and site team report
- Meet with law school representatives
- Provide recommendation to ABA Council



STEP 5 – DECISION:

ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education decision

- Council reviews recommendation
- Meet with law school representatives
- Make decision on application

◦ DECISION OPTIONS:

- Provisional Approval
- Continue Review**
- Application Denied



STEP 6 – CONTINUE REVIEW:

Fact Finder Visit

- Visit law school for further assessment
- Review application
- Submit report to ABA Accreditation Committee
- Steps 4 and 5 repeated

CONCORDIA LAW IS HERE!



STEP 7 – DECISION APPROVED:

The ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education granted provisional approval June 2015