



Student Grievances Related to ABA Compliance

As a law school in pursuit of ABA-accreditation, the School will hold itself to the [ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools](#). Per ABA Standard 510, any student at an accredited school may bring a formal grievance to the school administration “[of] a significant problem that directly implicates the school’s program of legal education and its compliance with the [ABA] Standards.”

Students seeking to file a formal grievance related to the program of legal education and compliance with the ABA Standards shall do the following:

1. Submit the grievance in writing to the Associate Dean for Academics. The grievance may be made by email, U.S. mail, or personal delivery. The grievance must be signed by the student.
2. Describe in detail the behavior, program, process or other matter that is the subject of the complaint, and explain how the matter implicates the law school’s program of legal education and compliance with specific ABA Standard(s).
3. Provide the name, official School of Law email address, and street address of the complaining student for further communication about the grievance.

When the Associate Dean for Academics receives a student grievance, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The Associate Dean shall acknowledge receipt of the grievance in writing within 10 business days. Acknowledgement may be made by email, U.S. mail, or personal delivery.
2. Within two weeks of acknowledgement of the grievance, the Associate Dean, or their designee, shall provide a written response to the substance of the complaint or inform the student that additional investigation is needed.
 - a) If further investigation is needed, the student will be provided with information about what steps are being taken to investigate the grievance and an estimated date for the completion of the investigation by the School of Law. The written response to the grievance will specify what steps are being taken to address the grievance.
3. After the student receives the written response to the grievance, a student may appeal the resolution of the grievance to the Dean of the School of Law. Any decision made on appeal by the Dean shall be final.
4. A copy of the grievance and a summary of the process and resolution of the grievance shall be kept in the office of the Associate Dean for Academics for a period of ten years from the date of final resolution of the grievance.