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**DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SECTION OF LEGAL EDUCATION AND
ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

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At its July 15, 2020, meeting, the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (the “Council”) considered the request of the Syracuse University College of Law (the “Law School”) for an emergency variance from Standard 306(e) under Standard 107(a)(1). The Council had before it the Law School’s variance request (the “Variance Request”), submitted through the process established by the Council.

After reviewing the Law School’s Variance Request, the Council concludes that the COVID-19 pandemic satisfies the extreme hardship requirements set forth in Standard 107(a)(1), and grants the Law School a variance from the credit limitations of Standard 306(e) for the 2020-2021 academic year.

In accordance with Standard 107, the variance is limited to the expected duration of the extraordinary circumstances on the basis of which it is granted. Should the COVID-19 pandemic subside prior to the start of the spring 2021 semester, the Council may terminate this variance.

The Council calls the Law School’s attention to the requirement that a variance from one Standard does not release the Law School from the obligation to maintain compliance with all other Standards.