

Ghosts of Standards Past



ABA Law School Library Accreditation Standards
through the years

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Goals

**How we got
from there to
here . . .**

**One hundred
years of ABA
law library
standards**



Acknowledgements



JEOPARDY

Places	People	Things	Words & Phrases	Events
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JEOPARDY

Collection

People

Things

Words that
start with A

Metaphors

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Words & Phrases

Adequate

Things



1928 - 1939

constant 7500 volumes

1940 - 1968

constant 7500 volumes

1940 - 1950

\$1500/annual 5 year average; \$1000 annual minimum

1951 - 1956

\$3000/annual 5 year average; \$2000 annual minimum

1957 - 1958

\$4000/annual 5 year average; \$3000 annual minimum

1959 - 1968

constant spending (1957 levels)

1959-1968

10,000 volumes

1961 - 1962

12,500 volumes

1963 - 1968

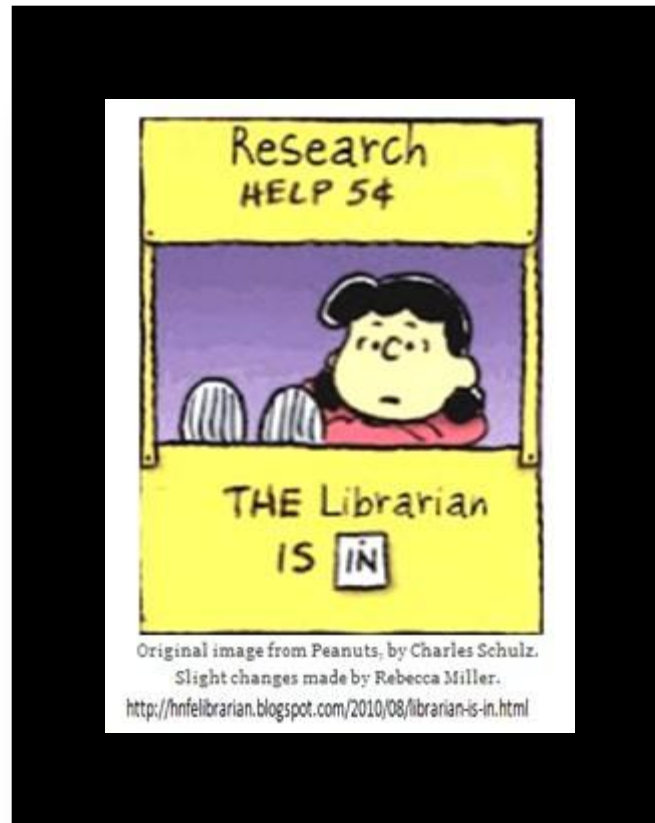
15,000 volumes with a growth plan

Events

LIBRARY PROBLEMS

1949

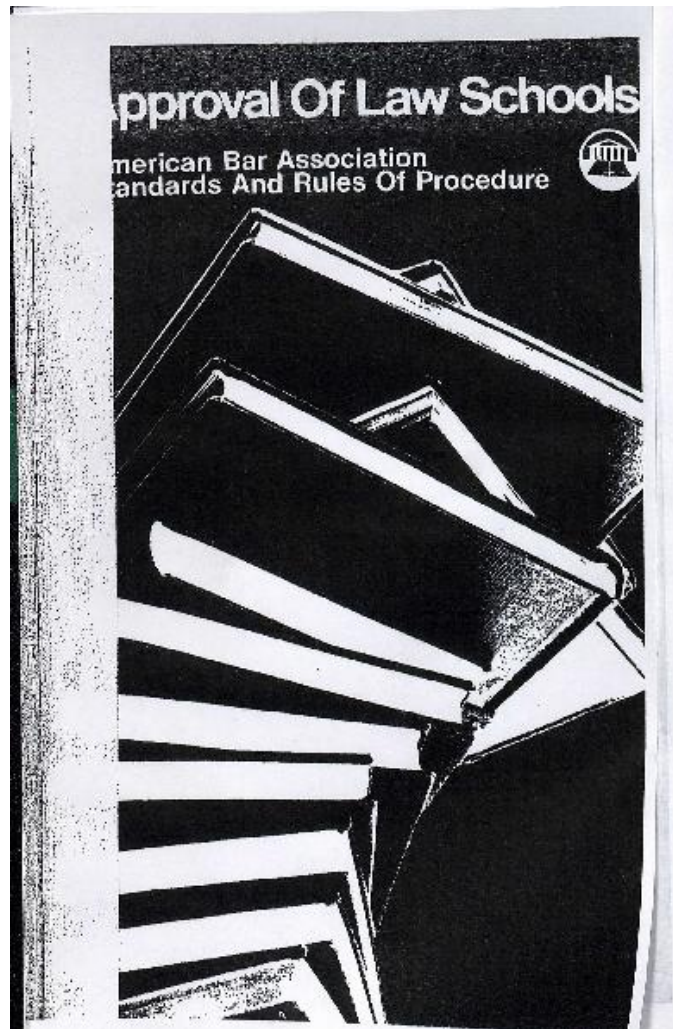
People



Places



Things



Things



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Events

McCrate



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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION RESOLVE CHARGES THAT
THE ABA'S PROCESS FOR ACCREDITING LAW SCHOOLS WAS MISUSED

1990s

Words & Phrases

- ❖ 1914 Redlich Report
- ❖ 1921/1928 Reed Reports I and II
- ❖ 1972 Packer & Erlich Report [*aka New Directions in Legal Education*]
- ❖ 1992 MacCrate Commission Task Force on Legal Education and Professional Development
- ❖ 1995 Wahl Commission Task Force to Review the Substance & Process of the ABA's Accreditation of American Law Schools
- ❖ 2002 ABA Task Force on the ABA's Accreditation Processes
- ❖ 2003 ABA Task Force on the ABA's Regulation of Foreign Programs
- ❖ 2007 ABA Accreditation Policy Task Force
- ❖ 2007 Carnegie Report [*Educating Lawyers*]
- ❖ 2012 ABA Task Force on the Future of Legal Education

Thank you

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Pending revisions