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Dear President Hart and Dean Miller,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools, I extend our thanks to the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law for participating in the Association's periodic membership review. We recognize that the review process takes a significant amount of time, energy, and analysis, and want you to know that we very much appreciate your efforts.

Your letter describes the elimination of the school's structural deficit; successful initiatives to diversify the school's revenue streams; an increase in major gifts, donors, and university support; and a balanced operating budget as of summer 2015. Your letter also reports that the law school is in the process of restructuring its debt to the university with the goal of retiring the debt over the next five years. Financial operating results for FY 2013 and FY 2014 were positive and you project positive operating results for FY 2015 and FY 2016.

I am pleased to inform you that the Executive Committee has determined that your school now complies with the obligations of AALS membership. The Executive Committee congratulates you, your faculty, staff, and students on your achievements since the last evaluation of the school, and



is pleased to confirm your continued membership in the Association. We look forward to the continued contributions of your law school to legal education and to society in the years to come.

Although the site evaluation and AALS reports are not for publication, you may publish this letter reporting the actions of the Executive Committee. In accordance with Executive Committee Regulation 5.6(c), members of the full-time faculty and professional staff of the law school, the governing board, and appropriate officials in the university administration are entitled to read or receive a copy of this letter. If you have any questions, I welcome your call.

Sincerely,

Judith Areen

Executive Director

cc: Executive Committee

Membership Review Committee

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The Association of American Law Schools is, as its name states, an association of law schools. Membership signifies that a law school has met the rigorous requirements specified in the AALS Bylaws and Executive Committee Regulations.

Sabbatical Review

Member schools are reviewed every seven years. In preparation for a site visit, a school will complete the AALS questionnaire. This questionnaire seeks information relevant to the core values of the AALS that will assist the AALS reporter, Membership Review Committee, and Executive Committee in the membership review process. The AALS membership review process is meant to complement, and not duplicate, the ABA's accreditation process. Our questionnaire, therefore, focuses on the core values of AALS. At least twenty (20) days before the site visit, please send the AALS and the site reporter your completed questionnaire.

The AALS sends a reporter in conjunction with the ABA site team visit. This reporter writes a separate report that focuses on information pertaining to the core values of the AALS. The AALS Membership Review Committee uses this report, along with the completed AALS questionnaire, to assess a school's compliance with AALS membership requirements and core values.

For more information on the Membership Review process, please consult materials from the Site Evaluators Workshop a the 2017 AALS Annual Meeting.