

## **II. Academic Disqualification, Probation, and Grievances**

### **B. Probation**

#### 1. Eligibility for Probation

- a. A student academically disqualified for failing to complete any required course on the second attempt is eligible to apply to continue in the academic program on probation.
- b. A student academically disqualified after the second semester of law study with a cumulative grade point average of at least 1.90 is eligible to apply to continue in the academic program on probation. A student academically disqualified after the second semester of law study with a cumulative grade point average of less than 1.90 is disqualified from registration for continuation in the academic program, and is not eligible to continue in the academic program. Such student may only apply for admission to the School of Law as a new first year student in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies of the School of Law concerning admissions.
- c. Notwithstanding the (b) above, any student who has previously been on probation whose cumulative grade point average at the end of the probationary period or any subsequent semester is less than 2.00 is disqualified from registration for continuation in the academic program, and is not eligible to continue in the academic program. Such student may only apply for admission to the School of Law as a new first year student in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies of the School of Law concerning admissions.

#### 2. Probation Committee

The Dean will appoint at least three members of the law faculty to serve as the Probation Committee. The Probation Committee will receive and consider such applications as are properly filed and forwarded by the Assistant Dean (or his/her designee). The Probation Committee will act upon and determine the merits of each application under the standards set out in this Policy. Applications will be received and handled in confidence by the Office of Student Life and the Probation Committee. However, the filing of an application will be considered the filing party's consent to such limited revelations by the Office of Student Life and by members of the Probation Committee as are necessary for the performance of their respective responsibilities. These may include, but are not limited to, such revelations as are required to inquire of third parties as to matters asserted in or relevant to the application and to utilize administrative personnel in the processing of the application. The student may be requested to furnish other information by the Assistant Dean (or his/her designee) or the Probation Committee. The student must furnish such other information.

#### 3. Standards for Probation

An academically disqualified student will only be allowed to continue the academic program on probationary status. Probation will only be granted to an eligible student who, in the judgment of the Probation Committee:

- a. has honestly and objectively considered and reflected on the substandard academic performance and identified the true reason(s) therefore;

- b. exhibits maturity of conduct and good judgment;
- c. has demonstrated a serious interest in and dedication to legal study or entry into the profession, or can reasonably be expected to demonstrate such interest and such dedication in the future;
- d. is likely to successfully complete the required course or courses or achieve the required cumulative average in the probationary period; and
- e. appears capable of satisfactorily completing the program of legal education and being admitted to the bar.

#### 4. Conditions of Probation

A student who is placed on probation will have the terms and conditions of the probation set by the Probation Committee. Such terms and conditions will be communicated to the student contemporaneously with notification of probation. The student's continued enrollment in the School of Law will constitute full and complete acceptance of the terms and conditions of the probation.

#### 5. Time Limit

Any application for continued enrollment on probation must be filed within four months from the last day of final exams for the semester in which the student became academically ineligible. Thereafter, such student may only apply for admission to the School of Law as a new first year student in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies of the Admissions Committee. Such application will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Admissions Committee.