

September 5, 2003

The Honorable Alex Sanders
The Charleston School of Law
P. O. Box 535
Charleston, SC 29402

Dear Judge Sanders:

This is to confirm that at its meeting on September 4, 2003, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education approved conditional licensure for The Charleston School of Law to offer a program leading to the J.D. degree. The approval is to advertise and enroll students for classes beginning in September 2004.

The conditions for the licensure are that 1) no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested; 2) that CSOL submit to the Commission updated material to document compliance with the licensing requirements and the recommendations of the team as enumerated in the Team Report; 3) that a team visit the Charleston facility in May 2004 to confirm compliance; 4) that the team and the staff provide updated reporting and final recommendations to the Committee and the Commission in summer 2004; 5) that the institution establish a timeline under which it will gain ABA accreditation; report to the CHE staff on each step in the timeline; provide to the CHE staff a copy of correspondence to and from ABA, and discontinue advertising and enrolling students into the program if it becomes apparent that it is unable to meet its timeline to gain ABA accreditation; and 6) in the event that the school, or its officers or agents, should make an attempt to cause the school to become a part of the College of Charleston or any other public institution, the license granted to the school shall be null and void and immediately revoked.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Conrad D. Festa
Executive Director