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**DATE:** May 8, 2014  
**TO:** Members, Commission on Higher Education  
**FROM:** Richard C. Sutton, Executive Director

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education's Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) will convene two public hearings, one on May 16 and one on May 19, 2014, to receive information from interested parties related to its pending recommendation to the Commission regarding the application for initial licensure by InfiLaw LLC (InfiLaw) to operate the Charleston School of Law (CSOL).

Please see the attached announcement for details.

cc: Dr. Mick Zais, S.C. State Superintendent of Education  
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Press and Interested Parties

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

### Public Hearings to Receive Information Relevant to the Criteria for Licensing of NonPublic PostSecondary Institutions (SC Code of Laws Ann. Section 59-58-10 *et seq.* and SC Code of Regulations Chapter 62 Sections 1-28)

*with regard to the application for initial licensure by InfiLaw LLC  
to offer the J.D. degree and L.L.M. in Admiralty and Maritime Law degree,  
Charleston School of Law, Charleston S.C.*

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The hearings will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

**DATE:** Friday, May 16  
**TIME:** 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Nursing Auditorium (Building 970 - Rooms 107-108)  
Trident Technical College—Main Campus  
7000 Rivers Avenue  
North Charleston, SC 29406

**DATE:** Monday, May 19  
**TIME:** 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Academic Center Auditorium (AC 116)  
Midlands Technical College—Airport Campus  
1260 Lexington Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29170

Following the May 19 hearing, the Committee is expected to convene that same day for a formal review and vote on its recommendation to the full Commission. Details of that meeting will be announced soon.

The purpose of these hearings is to receive relevant evidence that has a direct bearing on the statutory and regulatory criteria governing the licensing of nonpublic postsecondary institutions as it pertains to the application of InfiLaw to operate the Charleston School of Law under new ownership. The Commission has already received hundreds of pages of commentary from many interested parties, which have been carefully examined and evaluated by CHE staff. Prior to making its recommendation the afternoon of May 19 to the full Commission for consideration at its next scheduled meeting, CAAL is providing these two additional opportunities to ensure that

all relevant evidence pertinent to the application has been brought to the attention of the Commission.

Attorney Kenneth Wingate, former Chair of the Commission, will preside at both hearings. All current Commissioners have been invited to attend. No action will be taken at the hearings. Commissioners may pose questions to invited presenters, but are otherwise not expected to respond.

Individuals representing various constituencies (the applicant, CSOL owners, CSOL student government association, alumni association, law review, faculty, administration, legislators, state bar association, *et al.*), have been invited to speak at the hearings. Those presentations will be subject to strict time limits.

If any time remains in the session after those presentations have concluded, Commissioners may hear from other individuals who have previously registered their request to speak. Those comments will be limited to one minute per person. To register please send an email stating your full name, affiliation (student, faculty, community member, etc.), and contact information (postal mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number) and the date/location of the hearing at which you wish to speak to: [public@che.sc.gov](mailto:public@che.sc.gov). Please note that only a limited number of requests may be accommodated, subject to time available.

All presentations must address the criteria for licensure as stated in law. The statutes and regulations governing the Commission's licensure authority are found in SC Code of Laws Ann. Title 59, Chapter 58, Sections 10-140 and SC Code of Regulations Chapter 62, Sections 1-28.