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RE: College of Law—Assessment Status Report

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This memorandum is a status report on assessment activities at the College of Law.

As you know, Associate Dean Jack Guttenberg has been working with Ev Cataldo and Marie Zeglen in developing a series of approaches that will enhance the College of Law's ability to assess the quality of our educational program.

The current assessment activities at the College of Law are the Ohio Bar Exam and the National Association of Law Placement ("NALP") annual reports on the employment of our recent graduates.

1. **Ohio Bar Exam.** The College of Law recently completed an analysis of the steps that we have taken to improve performance on the Ohio Bar Exam. Rather than rely solely on the passing rates for bar exam sittings, we have begin to track the bar performance by entering class. Thus, we will be able to better understand how various curricular and other programmatic changes are impacting bar performance.
2. **NALP Statistics.** Each spring we survey the employment status of our recent graduates, and this information helps us better understand the employment patterns among recent graduates. These statistics identify the type of employment, the geographic location, the size of the law firm, and the starting salary. They also represent a market-driven means of assessing how employers view the College of Law and our graduates, and the use of this data will permit the College of Law to make comparisons over time as well as comparisons with other law schools.
3. **Law School Survey of Student Engagement.** The College of Law has recently agreed to be a site for the Law School Survey of Student Engagement. This project, which is being supported by the Pew Charitable Trust and the Carnegie Foundation, is a law school version of the National Survey of Student Engagement. The project will be

administered by researchers from the University of Indiana, and it should give us considerable information about the quality of the law student experience at our College of Law as well as useful comparative information. It is our hope that the multi-year use of the survey will reveal strengths and weaknesses in our educational program.

4. **Other Surveys.** The College of Law is seeking information about law student surveys used in other law schools and administered to graduates. When we have more information about these alumni surveys, we will report such information to you.

Please advise me if you have any questions about this report.