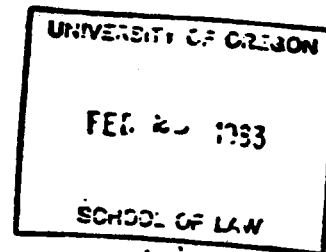


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TO: Deans of ABA Approved Law Schools

FROM: James P. White, Consultant on Legal Education
to the American Bar Association

SUBJECT: Statement of Council Policy Regarding
Interference in Law School Clinical Activities

At its meeting on February 6, 1983, the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association adopted the following policy statement regarding interference in law school clinical activities:

"The Council has received several reports of inappropriate interference in law school clinical activities. Improper attempts by persons or institutions outside law schools to interfere in the ongoing activities of law school clinical programs and courses have an adverse impact on the quality of the educational mission of affected law schools and jeopardize principles of law school self-governance, academic freedom, and ethical independence under the ABA Code of Professional Responsibility. In appropriate ways, the Council shall assist law schools in preserving the independence of law school clinical programs and courses."

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