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Dear President Dr. Schmidly and Dean Scarnecchia:

The Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools has asked that I thank the University of New Mexico School of Law for participating in the Association's periodic membership review. As part of its review of your school at its May 2008 meeting, the Executive Committee considered the following information: the reports filed by the site evaluation team and the AALS reporter who visited your school on November 11-14, 2007, on behalf of the Association of American Law Schools and the American Bar Association; the letter to AALS Executive Director Monk from Dean Scarnecchia and President Schmidly dated March 18, 2008; and the April 2008 recommendation of the Association's Membership Review Committee.

I am pleased to inform you that the Executive Committee has determined that your school complies with the obligations of membership. The Executive Committee notes the many strengths of the law school, including its support for a diverse faculty and student body, its clinical program, and its commitment to faculty development. The Executive Committee notes that the law school has increased its support for research and scholarship, is committed to assisting faculty members improve their teaching, and has added an external faculty scholarship mentor system for its untenured faculty. In addition, the Executive Committee notes that the law school and university are working together to enhance law school technology and

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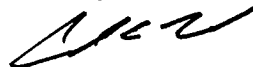
improve access by persons with disabilities. Your membership in the Association is therefore continued.

The membership review process is useful, not only to call attention to matters of concern regarding a school's ability to meet membership requirements, but also because it provides an opportunity to provide constructive advice about matters that do not warrant a further report. In that spirit, the Executive Committee notes that Bylaw 6-8 requires that a member school maintain a library that is adequate to support and encourage the instruction and research of its faculty and students. The site team report notes that, although the library and its staff were highly regarded by faculty and students, there appears to be very little shelf space to accommodate future collection growth. The Executive Committee urges the law school to consider options for increasing space available for materials, unavailable in electronic or other non-volume formats, needed to support the school's increased focus on scholarly research.

Although the site evaluation and AALS reports are not for publication, you may publish this letter reporting the actions of the Executive Committee. In accordance with Executive Committee Regulation 5.6(c), members of the full-time faculty and professional staff of the law school, the governing board, and appropriate officials in the university administration are entitled to read or receive a copy of this letter.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. If I can be of any assistance, please call.

Sincerely,



Carl C. Monk
Executive Director

Note: The following people were absent for all or part of the MRC meeting: Michael Brintnall, Beverly Moran, and Frank T. Read.

cc: Executive Committee
Membership Review Committee
Gilbert A. Holmes, Dean, University of Baltimore School of Law

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