

STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT

July 16, 2010

To: ABA Standards Review Committee  
c/o Becky Stretch, Assistant Consultant on Legal Education

We strongly support the fundamental principles and policies of the American Association of University Professors on issues of academic freedom and tenure. Having read the letter sent to the American Bar Association Standards Review Committee by our colleague Robert A. Gorman on July 5, 2010, relating to the accreditation Standards that deal with tenure and "security of position," we endorse the contentions and conclusions set forth in that letter. (We sign this endorsement as individuals, and not on behalf of any organization or institution.)

Respectfully,

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