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To: ABA Council on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

From: Society of American Law Teachers (“SALT”)

Date: July 23, 2014

Re: Update on SALT Activities

Thank you in advance for this opportunity to share with the Council this latest update on the work SALT pursues on behalf of its members. SALT continues to actively promote its mission of creating a more diverse and inclusive system of legal education and legal profession; enhancing legal education through innovative teaching methodologies and incorporating issues of social justice into curricula; and extending the power of law to underserved communities.

Since the last report to the Council, SALT has continued its B.A. to J.D. program with a particular emphasis on students of color. This program is a collaborative effort. In March 2014, SALT worked with the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity and the University of Denver Sturm College Of Law to hold a B.A. to J.D. Pipeline Program in Denver. The program featured professional programs aimed at undergraduates and prelaw advisors, perspectives from diverse lawyers and a mock law school class. SALT is proud to host programs that facilitate the entry of students from all backgrounds into the legal academy. In addition to the ability to enhance earning potential, legal education is even more critical in the effort to empower students to become leaders in politics, business, education and community reform.

SALT also sponsored several public interest and social justice retreats. These retreats allowed law students a critical opportunity to meet with public interest and social justice practitioners, law faculty, and students from other law schools. Over the past year, SALT supported the following retreats: Robert Cover Retreat: Lawyer for Civil Rights in the 21st Century in Peterborough, New Hampshire, the Norman Amaker Public Interest Law and Social Justice Retreat in northern

Illinois, and the Trina Grillo Retreat 2014: Mobilizing & Utilizing Law Students in Times of Crisis, which was held in March in Los Angeles.

In February, SALT also co-sponsored a “Breaking In” program for new law teachers and administrators in conjunction with the 2014 Southeast-Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference at Thurgood Marshall School of Law Houston, Texas.

In April, SALT was proud to serve as one of the sponsors for the Title VII at 50 academic conference held in New York. Hosted by St. John’s Law Review, the Journal for Civil Rights and Economic Development and the St. John’s Journal of International and Comparative Law, in conjunction with the NYU Center for Labor and Employment Law, the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development, the St. John’s Center for Labor and Employment Law, and the St. John’s Center of International and Comparative Law, the symposium featured speakers who examined the past, present and future of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. More than 100 people attended the two-day symposium.

In the last two months, the SALT Working Group for the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) submitted a Short Primer on U.S. Federalism and a Report on Racial Discrimination in the Legal Profession in response to the Periodic Report of the United States of June 12, 2013 to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. SALT has partnered with the U.S. Human Rights Network in this effort and achieved consultative status at the U.N.

Within the academy, SALT continues its efforts to promote leadership among members. In September, SALT will hold its Biennial Conference Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership sponsored by the University of Washington, SALT and Seattle University School of Law. The purpose of this conference is to provide information and guidance to prospective law school administrators and deans. The conference will also help participants determine what other forms of university and law school leadership roles may be right for potential leaders.

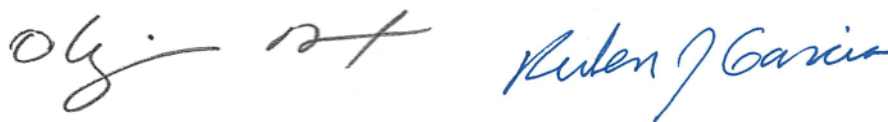
On October 10 and 11, SALT will hold its biennial teaching conference in Las Vegas with the theme “Legal Education in a Time of Change: Challenges and Opportunities,” at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). SALT also will co-host with LatCrit the annual Junior Faculty Development Workshop on October 9 at UNLV to support junior faculty members with teaching, scholarship and service advice. Professor Margaret Kwoka of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law will also be recognized at the teaching conference as the recipient of the 2014 SALT Junior Faculty Teaching Award. SALT members, through a

committee of volunteers, selected Kwoka in honor of her outstanding contributions to the legal academy.

Looking ahead, SALT will bestow the Great Teacher and M. Shanara Gilbert Human Rights awards at the SALT Annual Dinner, which will take place in Washington, D.C., on January 4, 2015. SALT will honor Professor Martha “Marnie” Mahoney of the University of Miami Law School as the SALT Great Teacher, and Professor Hope Lewis of Northeastern University School of Law as the Gilbert Human Rights award recipient.

As our report suggests, we are busy pursuing creative and expansive avenues to advance our core values of teaching excellence, social justice and diversity. We appreciate the hard work of our members in supporting our programs. We are also grateful to the Council for your invitation to submit comments to you. We appreciate the opportunity to update you on our efforts.

Submitted on behalf of the Society of American Law Teachers by,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Oly Duhart' and the signature on the right is 'Ruben Garcia'.

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