MISSION STATEMENT:

In the Jesuit tradition of academic rigor, pursuit of justice, and service to others, the College of Law will educate future members of the Bar to be skilled advocates and sensitive counselors-at-law committed to ethical norms in pursuit of dignity for all.

OBJECTIVES/GOALS:

1. Train graduates through a rigorous academic program in the theory and practice of law to qualify them to sit for the bar examination.
2. Expand and enhance the Law Clinic to ensure that law students have opportunities to participate in pro bono and live client experiences.
3. Maintain an administrative organization that supports adequate training for students to help them become sensitive counselors at law.
4. Faculty dedicated to help students to become skilled and ethical advocates.
5. Law students will have the practical skills necessary to be able to engage in the practice of law successfully upon graduation.

ASSESSMENT (What assessment tools are you using and how do they address the objective/goals cited above?):

1. Report from each financial operation: Financial Aid, CLE, International Program, and Law Clinic to show all financial activities to comply with section 3.10 “Financial Resources” in the SACS notes – Goal/Objective 2, 3.
2. Each following department’s assessment forms: Center for International and Comparative Programs, Career and skills services, Library, Gillis Long, Clinic, Academic Success program, Center for Environmental Law – Goal/Objective 3.
3. Direct Assessment for each department: specific data generated by the activities of each department – Goal/Objective 2, 3.
4. Indirect Assessment: Surveys generated by the each department and their interaction with students, and clients. It will help determine the set of skills the students are learning in order to measure student learning outcome. It will help also determined the student experience – Goal/Objective 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
5. Curriculum review of classes and amendments to each curriculum – Goal/Objective 1, 4 and 5.
6. Bar examination results – Goal/Objective 1, 3 and 5.

WHERE ARE THE ASSESSMENTS LOCATED?

All assessments, survey results and reports are located within the office of the Law Dean in the College of Law and on the College of Law Intranet.

EVALUATION METHODS (How were the assessments evaluated?):

1. Collection of data from the activities of each department and from each class: grades, statistics drawn from each activity, categorization of the types of students, categorization of each departmental operation, financial data, ratios (staff to student, faculty to student) – Goal/Objective 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
2. Surveys from students, staff, clients from each department and class evaluation – Goal/Objective 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

RESULTS/OUTCOMES:

- Reassessment of each objective to determine whether the school has kept with its goals and
reassessment of each department to make sure they fit within goals of the school.

**USE OF RESULTS (What modifications, adjustments were made based upon the evaluation of the assessment materials?):**

- New leadership for Admissions, Career services and Skills. In Admissions, the person retired. For other centers, the results were deemed unsatisfactory and the leadership of the school chose to hire new directors to help the school keep with its objectives.

**RESOURCES/TIMELINE/APPROVALS (Based upon the modifications/adjustments included in the USE OF RESULTS section, identify the timeline, resources and approvals required to implement the change.):**

The administrative leadership faculty will continue to monitor the results of each department and each class to determine the level of improvement experienced and determine if further changes to the curriculum and operations are required.

Efforts are underway to better comply with SACS accreditation principles: sending staff to SACS conference in 2012 to learn about compiling better reports.

Departments with new leadership will undergo an evaluation in the middle of the school year to determine their objectives and if they line up with the school’s mission statement and objectives.

**SIGNATURE: DEPT. CHAIR/DIRECTOR**

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**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:**