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To: ALDA Members  
From: David E. Van Zandt  
Re: ABA Accreditation Task Force Hearing (2/9/07)

On behalf of the ALDA Board, I made a brief supplemental statement to the ABA Accreditation Task Force at the hearings at the ABA Mid-Year meetings in Miami on Friday, February 9, 2007. I attach that supplemental statement. I also attach my rough summary of the other testimony at the hearings (with apologies in advance for any misrepresentations of or omissions from a speaker's statement, which is entirely unintentional). Generally, at the hearing, there was much discussion of the idea of setting minimum competencies that all law graduates should obtain.

As you will see from the summary, I was asked two questions. Kent Syverud asked if the ALDA Board was surveying the ALDA membership for its views on what the role of diversity should be in the Standards, and I said we were, but that it was not clear whether the ALDA Board would take a position on that issue. Jose Garcia-Pedrosa asked if the ALDA Board's position was that the Standards should not require tenure for anyone in legal education, and I responded yes.

In my e-mail to the ALDA membership in late January on the ALDA Philosophy and Governance, I mentioned the fact that the ALDA Board is discussing the issue raised by Kent. In the supplemental Statement, the ALDA Board states that the ALDA Board did identify diversity as a core value of legal education in its amicus brief in the Grutter case. The ALDA Board now expressly requests that you provide us with your view of how the Standards should incorporate our commitment to diversity if they should be so incorporated.

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