

Statement (Supplement) to ABA Accreditation Task Force
ALDA Board of Directors
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The following statement reflects the views of the individual members of the Board of Directors of the American Law Deans Association and does not necessarily reflect the views of the ALDA membership.

The ALDA Board supports the formation of the Task Force and its purpose in reviewing our accreditation system. The ALDA Board is confident that the Task Force will do responsible and thoughtful work in providing guidance to improve the accreditation Standards and processes. The ALDA Board continues to support the ABA as the accrediting agency for legal education.

The ALDA Board has previously provided to the Task Force its Statement. At this time, we simply want to reiterate that the Task Force should articulate that the task of accreditation is to set forth and enforce the minimum standards necessary to provide a sound legal education. In particular, as set forth in our Statement, we believe that terms and conditions of employment are not such minimum standards. We also believe that diversity in legal education is a core value, as expressed in the amicus brief filed by the ALDA Board in the *Grutter* case.