# Summary of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law 3L Bar Program

The following requirements apply to the 3L Bar program:

1) by August 31 of their third year participating students must successfully complete all graduation requirements as stated in Section II(G) of the Statement of Student Policies, with the following modifications[1]:
   a) students must have successfully completed and be enrolled in academic credits which, by the end of the fall 3L semester, will result in a minimum of 81 hours of academic credit, of which at least 68[2] must be graded with a cumulative weighted average of 2.0 or higher and of which at least 59[23] must be obtained from courses that involve attendance at regularly scheduled class sessions; and
   b) for students enrolled in a Clinic during fall of their third year, the deadline for successfully completing the Professional Skills Requirement is October 31. Clinics have sole discretion in admitting students, however, and no clinic shall be forced to accept a student into the program in order for a student to complete this requirement in time to be certified for the February bar examination;

2) participating students may not serve as editors of the *Arizona State Law Journal* or *Jurimetrics* during their third year;

3) students may not participate in the 9-credit D.C. or L.A. externships and also participate in the 3L Bar Program;

4) because the purpose of taking the 3L Bar is to allow students to be licensed earlier than they would if they took the bar post-graduation, it is vitally important that students complete the bar's character and fitness application in a timely manner; the College of Law therefore strongly encourages students to complete their character and fitness application by December 15th prior to the February exam;

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[1] For students taking the bar exam in February 2014, those students have until October 31, 2013 to successfully complete the Graduation Writing Requirement; all other requirements are due by August 31, as noted. For students taking the exam anytime other than February 2014, the Graduation Writing Requirement must be completed by August 31.

[2] Students must, by the time they graduate, complete a total of 88 hours of academic credit, of which 72 must be graded with a cumulative weighted average of 2.0 or higher. If a student enrolled in the 3L Bar Program has earned more than 81 hours of academic credit by the end of the fall 3L semester and is <u>not</u> enrolling in one of the post-bar graded courses, that student must complete more than 68 graded credits by the end of the fall 3L semester in order to reach the 72 graded credits by the time of graduation.

[3] Students must, by the time they graduate, earn a minimum of 63 hours of academic credit in courses that involve attendance at regularly scheduled class sessions. If a student enrolled in the 3L Bar Program has earned more than 81 hours of academic credit by the end of the fall 3L semester and is <u>not</u> enrolling in one of the post-bar courses (as opposed to the experiential placement), that student must complete more than 59 hours of academic credit in courses that involve attendance at regularly scheduled class sessions by the end of the fall 3L semester in order to reach the 63 required credits by the time of graduation.

5) the College of Law recommends that participating students take the MPRE prior to the February bar exam;

6) the curriculum in the 3L Bar Program shall consist of the following:
   a) in January and February, students may not enroll in or complete any academic credits; and
   b) in March and April, up to seven academic credits can be earned as follows:
      i) one two-credit, graded course entitled "Transition to Practice";
      ii) one additional, two-credit graded course (to be determined); and
      iii) a two- or three-credit (at the discretion of the placement) pass/fail experiential placement, preferably a continuation of a law school clinic (as a veteran) or specified externship; and

7) the College of Law retains full discretion regarding admission into the 3L Bar Program in order to be able to certify that each student participating is "academically prepared for early testing."