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| IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA’S DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW FOR WAIVER OF APPROVAL FROM THE MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION | * * * * * * * | IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND |
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**ORDER WAIVING MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION APPROVAL
OF LAW SCHOOL CLINICAL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, under Maryland Rule 19-220(a)(2), a “clinical program” is defined as “a law school program for credit in which a student obtains experience in the operation of the legal system by engaging in the practice of law that (A) is under the direction of a faculty member of the school and (B) has been approved by the Section Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.”; and

WHEREAS, the Court has been informed by the Maryland State Bar Association (“MSBA”) that the MSBA has eliminated its Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar (the “Section”); and

WHEREAS, as of this date, the MSBA has not sought the Court’s approval to transfer the approval responsibility under Maryland Rule 19-220(a)(2)(B) to another component within the MSBA; and

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law (“UDC Law School”), sought approval from the MSBA of UDC Law School’s clinical program under Maryland Rule 19-220(a)(2)(B) so that UDC Law School’s clinical

program students may be eligible to engage in the supervised practice of law in Maryland under the terms of Maryland Rule 19-220, and was informed that the MSBA had disbanded the Section; and

WHEREAS, UDC Law School's Associate Dean of Clinical and Experiential Programs has represented in a letter to the State Board of Law Examiners, dated November 1, 2022, among other things, that: (1) UDC is an American Bar Association ("ABA")-approved and accredited institution operating in compliance with each of the ABA Standards for law schools; (2) UDC Law School's part-time students must take one ten-credit clinic and its full-time students must take two seven-credit clinics to graduate; (3) UDC Law School's students complete 42.5 hours of work per clinic credit; (4) UDC Law School's students are required to take professional responsibility as a pre- or co-requisite to their first clinic; (5) UDC Law School's clinics provide substantial experience that involves advising or representing one or more actual clients or serving as a third-party neutral; (6) students in UDC Law School's clinical program work under faculty supervision with no more than eight students per clinical professor; and (7) UDC Law School's Maryland-licensed clinical professors seek to work with law students to represent clinical clients in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that it is in the interest of justice to grant a waiver of the requirement under Maryland Rule 19-220(a)(2)(B) of approval of UDC Law School's clinical program by the MSBA for the fall semester of 2022 and the spring semester of 2023; it is this 21st day of November, 2022,

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that:

(1) The requirement of approval by the Section Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the MSBA under Maryland Rule 19-220(a)(2)(B) is waived with respect to UDC Law School's clinical program for the fall semester of 2022 and the spring semester of 2023; and

(2) The provisions set forth in Maryland Rule 19-220(a)(4), (b), (c), and (d) remain in effect with respect to UDC Law School's clinical program for the fall semester of 2022 and the spring semester of 2023.

/s/ Matthew J. Fader
Chief Judge

/s/ Shirley M. Watts

/s/ Michele D. Hotten

/s/ Brynja M. Booth

/s/ Jonathan Biran

/s/ Steven B. Gould

/s/ Angela M. Eaves

Filed: November 21, 2022

/s/ Gregory Hilton
Clerk

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Gregory Hilton, Clerk