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RE Rule Amendment

In 2012, in the interests of national uniformity, the various Law Societies in Canada delegated the evaluation of law schools to the Federation of Law Societies. The Federation empanelled the Canadian Common Law Program Approval Committee to this end. After a long review of the circumstances at TWU, that committee made its determination to approve of the school and its curriculum. Now we want to revisit that determination at the local level. I do not believe that we have the resources, financial or otherwise, to undertake a proper study of a law school's curriculum.

TWU has launched proceedings against the Law Societies of Upper Canada and Nova Scotia, based on their rejection of the law school. The same may happen to us. I believe that we have many other projects, to spend our meagre dollars on, than to be involved in court proceedings over this issue.

I recommend that the Rule NOT be amended as proposed. We can continue to evaluate students based on their academic qualifications, and can adopt the evaluation of each law school, as made by the national Approval Committee. We do not need to embark on a separate evaluation of a particular university's Mission in order to do so.

I propose that the proposed Rule change be amended to delete paragraphs 40.1(1) (b) and 40.1(2), therefrom.

Yours truly,

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signed pursuant to the *Electronic Commerce Act*

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