



Memo

To: The Benchers
From: Policy and Legal Services Department
Date: April 2, 2014
Subject: Follow up to Enquiries from the February 28, 2014 Benchers Meeting

In Part 3 of the memorandum dated March 31, 2014, it was noted that the University of British Columbia was considering disclosure issues in connection with its response. Those issues have now been addressed, and that University's response is attached.

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Attachment

From: Schmidt, Jeremy [<mailto:schmidt@law.ubc.ca>]
Sent: March-31-14 3:15 PM
To: 'MLucas@lsbc.org'
Cc: Bobinski, Mary Anne
Subject: FW: REMINDER: Request for Information - Follow up to Bencher meeting of February 28

Dear Mr. Lucas,

I can now confirm that, out of the eight (8) TWU graduates who have attended UBC Law since 2006, none (0) have been involved in University non-academic student misconduct proceedings.

Unfortunately, there is no easy way of searching our records for information with respect to your question for the period prior to 2006.

Let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Jeremy

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From: Bobinski, Mary Anne [<mailto:bobinski@law.ubc.ca>]
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Subject: RE: Request for Information - Follow up to Bencher meeting of February 28

Greeting Michael,

Thank you for your email. The law school is, of course, interested in aiding the Law Society in this matter to the extent that this is legally and administratively possible, and I have consulted with the University Counsel Office in order to determine this.

The answer depends in part on whether, if there are any records relating to discriminatory conduct by TWU graduates enrolled in UBC Law, the Benchers would want to review the complete administrative and formal University records relating to the complaint or whether information which was more statistical in nature would suffice.

The law school is not legally authorized to release any information which would identify students. However, the law school would be prepared to work with other University administrative units to put together a statistical report in a non-identifying format that would provide the number of TWU graduates attending UBC Law who have been involved in formal

student misconduct proceedings, with some brief summary description of the nature of the issue leading to the proceeding, to the extent possible in terms of the nature and accessibility of the administrative records available. I should note that if the number of TWU students is small, there is a possibility that we would not be able to release even the statistical information because of the risk of identification.

In addition, it is important to note that we would only be able to provide a statistical, non-identifying report in relation to formal student misconduct proceedings. Complaints of an informal nature, or complaints which were not escalated to engage University policies and procedures around student misconduct, would not be registered in an accessible format.

TWU has been in existence for several decades, and my assumption is that the Bencher interested in this information would want a report for the duration of the time that TWU graduates have been coming to UBC Law. Again, however, I am not sure at present the extent to which this is administratively possible.

If the approach above sounds like it would meet the purpose of the inquiry, please let me know. Also, could you please let me know the time frame for your request.

Best regards,
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Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 5:09 PM

To: Bobinski, Mary Anne

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Dear Dean Bobinski:

At the most recent bencher meeting on February 28, 2014, in the context of consideration of the process for making a determination as to whether a law degree from Trinity Western University (TWU) would be acceptable for the purpose of academic qualification under Law Society Rule 2-27(4.1), a Bencher asked if it would be possible to obtain information concerning the conduct of TWU graduates who have been admitted into existing law schools in British Columbia. Specifically, the request was to ascertain whether there have been complaints or other concerns relating to discriminatory conduct by such individuals whilst attending law school.

Any information you can provide to assist in addressing this request for information would be greatly appreciated.

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