

stuckeyroy@gmail.com  
843-588-6677

Roy Stuckey  
P.O. Box 1650  
Folly Beach, SC 29439

June 25, 2008

Members of the Council  
ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar  
321 N. Clark St., 21<sup>st</sup> Flr.  
Chicago, Illinois 60610

RE: Interim Report of the Outcome Measures Committee

Dear Council Members:

I urge you to accept the recommendations of the Outcome Measures Committee. This is an historic opportunity to improve legal education in the United States.

I have two comments about the report. On page 55, the report says: "A change to an outcome-based approach would obviously not be cost-free. Indeed, it is likely that such a shift would result in substantial new fiscal burdens for the law schools." This conclusion is premature. One cannot begin to calculate the fiscal impact of an outcome-based approach until one has identified the desired outcomes that schools should be trying to achieve.

Also, law schools may be able to reduce, or even to avoid, any fiscal implications of an outcome-based approach by using adjunct faculty, student peer training, computer-assisted learning, and other innovative educational practices. Legal educators in England and Wales seek to achieve outcome-based results using far fewer financial resources than are available to legal educators in the United States.

In sum, the possible fiscal impact of an outcomes-based approach cannot be determined until the desired outcomes are identified and the means to achieve them are evaluated.

My second comment regards the need for post law school educational and training requirements. This topic was beyond the scope of the Committee's charge, but it needs to be part of the Council's discussion. It is unrealistic to expect law schools to prepare students fully for practice in three years.

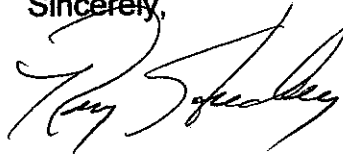
Once we establish which outcomes we can realistically expect law schools to achieve, we must examine whether those outcomes will adequately equip graduates to represent clients without supervision. I believe we will conclude that there is a need for

post graduate education and supervised practice experience before a law school graduate should be fully licensed to represent clients.

The issue of post graduate requirements is a discussion best saved for a later time, but it is an issue that we should not ignore.

I commend the Committee on its report. I look forward to following the Section's reaction to it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Stuckey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roy" being particularly prominent.

Roy Stuckey  
Distinguished Professor Emeritus  
University of South Carolina School of Law

cc: Randy Hertz