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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans of ABA-approved Law Schools

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SUBJECT: Fall 2007 Enrollment Statistics

The American Bar Association today released statistics regarding student enrollment in Juris Doctor programs at 197 ABA-approved law schools. The comprehensive data shows that the overall Fall 2007 J.D. enrollment is 141,433 students, compared to 141,031 students in the Fall 2006 – an increase of 402 students.

The following is a comparison of Fall 2006 and Fall 2007 enrollment at 197 ABA-approved law schools. The data are taken from Part 2 of the ABA Annual Questionnaires from 2006 and 2007.

	2006	2007	Net Change	Percent Change
Total Law School Enrollment	148,698	149,745	1,074	0.7% increase
Total J.D. Enrollment	141,031	141,433	402	0.3% increase
Total First Year J.D. Enrollment	48,937	48,964	27	0.1% increase

	2006	2007	Net Change	Percent Change
Total Male J.D. Enrollment	74,946	75,383	437	0.6% increase
Total Female J.D. Enrollment	66,085	66,050	-35	0.1% decrease

	2006	2007	Net Change	Percent Change
Total Male First Year Enrollment	26,322	25,799	-523	2.0% decrease
Total Female First Year Enrollment	22,615	23,165	550	2.4% increase

Males comprise 53.2% of the total J.D. enrollment for 2007 while females comprise 46.8%.

Males comprise 52.7% of the first year enrollment for 2007 while females comprise 47.3%. In 2006, males comprised 53.7% of the first year enrollment while females comprised 46.3%.

	2006	2007	Net Change	Percent Change
Total Minority J.D. Enrollment	30,557	30,598	41	0.1% increase
Total Minority First Year Enrollment	10,898	10,992	94	0.9% increase

Please note that the law schools in Puerto Rico were not included in the minority enrollment counts.

In 2007, minorities comprise 21.6% of the total J.D. enrollment. In 2006, minorities comprise 21.6% of total J.D. enrollment.

In 2007, minorities comprise 22.4% of the first year enrollment. In 2006, minorities comprise 22.3% of first year enrollment.

This information will be included in the 2007-2008 Statistical take-off reports.