Law Schools in California Policy

California institutions with law schools, including freestanding law schools, seeking accreditation or candidacy may apply to the Commission if:

1. As applicants for candidacy, the law school has been at least provisionally accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.
2. As applicants for accreditation, the law school has been fully accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.
3. In both instances, the institution meets the eligibility criteria of the Commission for candidacy or accreditation.

The Standards of Accreditation (the Standards) and policies of the Commission will form the bases for the evaluation of all such schools and for Commission decisions. The standards or criteria of other accrediting or licensing organizations will not be used in lieu of the Standards.

The institution should submit with its application all reports received within the preceding five-year period from other accrediting agencies, including the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.