

The Supreme Court of Ohio

Law School Accreditation Advisory Committee January 15, 2026, Meeting, via Zoom Minutes

Present: Administrative Director Robert W. Horner, III (*Chair*), Mary Amos Augsburger, Dean Kent Barnett, Amanda Gould, Dean Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Senator Nathan Manning, Deputy Administrative Director Gina Palmer, Representative Brian Stewart, and Dr. Frank Woodside, III.

Staff Present: September Coyne and Zach Holscher.

Press Present: Eric Heisig (Bloomberg Law News).

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order and asked staff to conduct a roll call for attendance. The Chairman introduced Eric Heisig to the Committee.

Analysis of Work Plan Elements

Chairman reviewed the materials. He led a discussion regarding the delegation of research assignments. The members of the Committee agreed to the following assignments:

1. **Ohio State Bar Association**

Feedback from legal employers regarding:

- a. Interest in ensuring Ohio's law students are practice ready when graduating from law school
- b. Necessity/importance of attorneys having the ability to be licensed to practice law in other jurisdictions (i.e. Portability)

2. **Ohio Law School Deans**

Feedback from schools regarding:

- a. Importance of degree portability
- b. Data regarding number of Ohio law students seek to practice in other states
- c. Total costs associated with ABA standards compliance

3. **SCO Administrative Staff**

Information regarding:

- a. Administrative Cost Estimate for building/operating an Ohio-based accreditation system
- b. Support (financial and staffing) for policy implementation as part of Ohio-based accreditation model (e.g. "clinical" program support)
- c. Department of Education process regarding state-based accreditation

Scheduling of the March Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2026.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.