Title: Law School DENIED Access to Federal Student Loan Dollars

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Synopsis: The Department of Education announced that on December 31, 2016, it will end access to federal student financial aid for the Charlotte School of Law, a for-profit InfiLaw institution. Charlotte Law owes its inability to secure federal loans to its non-compliance with American Bar Association standards and to its own misrepresentations to students regarding the likelihood that they’d be able to pass the bar exam

Talking Points:

* The article questions, “What are Charlotte Law students supposed to do now? Will they be forced to turn to private lenders to finance the rest of their legal educations at a school that recently posted its worst July bar exam passage rate — 45.24 percent — in nearly a decade?”
* The Department of Education cites one example of CSL’s misrepresentations to students being from an interview with Charlotte Business Journal. In it, a representative of CSL stated “[i]f you look at bar pass rates between 2009 and 2013, we were consistently at or above the state bar average pass rate,” which was described by the DOE as a “false and/or misleading” statement. The DOE concluded that “substantial misrepresentations about the success that CSL graduates have on bar examinations constitute substantial misrepresentations about both the “appropriateness of [CSL’s] courses and programs to the employment objects that [CSL] states its programs are designed to meet.”