



OAKLAND
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

Memo

TO: Sarah Keidan, Legal Assistant Program Coordinator
FROM: Richard T. Thompson, Chancellor
DATE: September 4, 1996
SUBJECT: **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION APPROVAL**

Well done! I am aware of the length and depth of your struggles. Our students and our college are well served through your dedication. My appreciation to your colleagues as well for I know most successes are not solitary efforts.

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cc: D. Fisher
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TO: Richard Thompson, Chancellor
All Campus Presidents and Deans
All Counselors, College-wide
All Business Administration Faculty and Support Staff, College-wide
Martin Orlowski and Staff, Office of Planning and Analysis
George Cartsonis, Human Resources--College Public Relations
Maurice McCall, College Registrar
Willie Lloyd, College Placement Office
All Student Financial Aid and Public Relations Personnel

FROM: Sarah Keidan, Legal Assistant Program Coordinator

RE: American Bar Association Approval

DATE: August 19, 1996

The American Bar Association (ABA) has granted a five -year "Approval" to Oakland Community College's Legal Assistant Program at its biannual meeting, held in Orlando, Florida, earlier this month.

"Approval" is akin to accreditation. The ABA is the best known and most respected national organization responsible for setting standards in the legal profession; we have worked hard to merit their recognition and are proud of the fact that we have accomplished this goal.

Now not only is our program "Approved" by the ABA, but also it is accredited by the American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE), the national association of paralegal program coordinators and directors. AAfPE accreditation, available only to programs which are in substantial compliance with ABA guidelines, was earned in December 1995.

My personal thanks to all of the OCC family who committed their expertise and energies to helping us accomplish both forms of recognition.

Now when you think of what makes Orchard Ridge Campus a special place, please add to your list that it is the home of OCC's Legal Assistant Program, one of the best in the country.

