ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW/NICHOLS COLLEGE

AGREEMENT:
Made this 30th day of July, 2009, between Nichols College of Dudley ("Nichols"), Massachusetts, and Massachusetts School of Law of Andover ("MSLAW"), Massachusetts.

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this agreement is to provide the mechanism by which students from Nichols and MSLAW may attend classes at either institution and use credits from those classes towards and Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Juris Doctor (JD) or a combined MBA/JD Degree. This agreement by Nichols and MSLAW recognizes the common objectives, content, and student competencies exist in programs in specific disciplines common to both institutions. Based on the identification of common course content and competencies, and appropriate arrangement can be made for students to pursue course work at Nichols and MSLAW and to be awarded a Masters in Business Administration degree from Nichols and/or a Juris Doctor degree from MSLAW upon completion of his or her studies at these institutions.

CONDITIONS FOR ARTICULATION:
The following conditions of articulation are hereby set forth:

1. The students eligible for participation in this joint program must meet all admissions requirements and be enrolled at either Nichols or MSLAW, as matriculated students in good standing.

All eligible students may enroll and take classes that are offered by either the MBA program at Nichols or MSLAW. Students may transfer six credit hours of course work taken at either institution for course credit towards the MBA or JD degrees.

The courses offered in the MBA program which are eligible for transfer credit are:
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Courses offered in the Juris Doctor program and eligible for transfer credit are:

Accounting and Finance
400 – Bankruptcy

Economics
319 – Business and the Economic Aspects of the Law

Management Decision Making
118 – Contracts
219 – Employment Discrimination Law
300 – Business Associations
313 – Insurance Law
326 – Administrative Law
363 – Labor Negotiation & Arbitration
375 – Mediation, Conciliation & Negotiation Skills Training
386 – Drafting Patent & Trademark Applications
387 – UCC
405 – International Law
446 – Publishing and Entertainment Law
536 – Entrepreneur Law
539 – Privacy and Technology Issues
543 – Law of Electronic Commerce

2. Students must achieve a satisfactory grade for these courses. In no event will a grade lower than a C be considered a satisfactory grade which is eligible for transfer credit. A cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher is needed for graduation at Nichols and 2.0 at MSLAW. If the student falls below the required G.P.A., the student is put on probation.

3. The student who decides to pursue a joint degree or a second degree after having completed the MBA or JD degree must apply using normal application procedures, meet all applicable deadlines and pay all application fees. MSLAW does not require students to take the LSAT as part of the application process. Nichols will not require eligible students to take the GMAT as part of the application process.

- At the request of a student, a Dean of Academic Administration (or the equivalent) will evaluate the student’s qualifications and certify that the conditions in paragraphs 1 and 3 above have been met. The Dean will then forward an appropriate recommendation for admission to the other institution based on the stated conditions in the Articulation Agreement. In making this recommendation, the Dean of Academic Administration will consider the student’s moral character and the academic promise as a factor in arriving at a recommendation.
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- Upon receipt of the student's application and the Dean of Academic Administration's certification, and favorable recommendation, and finding that the conditions in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 5 above have been met, the graduate program will admit the student as a regularly matriculated student eligible to pursue his or her graduate degree, unless there are compelling reasons why that recommendation should not be followed.

4. This agreement shall commence upon the date of execution of this agreement and shall continue until such time as the agreement is terminated by either of the parties.

5. This agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by either party giving a full year's notice in writing to the other party. However, such termination shall not take effect with regard to students already enrolled, until such time as those students have completed their respective course of study in either institution.

6. Each school will charge students its normal tuition and fees and will keep the entirety of these funds.

7. Students wishing to receive either the MBA from Nichols or the JD from MSLAW under this agreement must meet the normal application deadlines and pay the normal graduation fees. Students in this program will be eligible for graduation after completing their course of study and satisfying all graduation requirements.

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