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# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW AT ANDOVER, INC. DBA MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & REPORTS REQUIRED FOR AUDITS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE JULY 31, 2024 AND 2023

# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW JULY 31, 2024 AND 2023 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors Massachusetts School of Law at Andover, Inc. dba Massachusetts School of Law 500 Federal Street Andover, Massachusetts 01810

#### **REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Massachusetts School of Law at Andover, Inc. dba Massachusetts School of Law (hereafter referred to as "Massachusetts School of Law", or the "Institution"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of July 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, cash flows and statements of functional expenses for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Massachusetts School of Law as of July 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Massachusetts School of Law and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Massachusetts School of Law's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

# AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Massachusetts School of Law's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Massachusetts School of Law's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Financial Responsibility Supplemental Schedule, as required by 34 C.F.R. Section 668.172 and 34 C.F.R. Appendix A to Subpart L of Part 668, the cohort default rate, and profitability, acid test ratio and tangible net worth are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The Financial Responsibility Supplemental

Schedule, the cohort default rate, and profitability, acid test ratio and tangible net worth are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Financial Responsibility Supplemental Schedule, the cohort default rate, and profitability, acid test ratio and tangible net worth are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

#### OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 11, 2025 on our consideration of Massachusetts School of Law's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Massachusetts School of Law's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Paul & Jung CPA une

David A Levy CPA LLC Needham, Massachusetts March 11, 2025

# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JULY 31, 2024 AND 2023

ASSETS	 2024		2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 922,937	\$	557,981
Accounts Receivable			
-Students	193,091		134,608
-Other	4,500		637,882
Investments	8,257,731		7,900,540
Bookstore Inventory	3,339		27,365
Prepaid Expenses	 -		2,874
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	9,381,598		9,261,250
PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND LIBRARY BOOKS, NET	1,843,109		1,985,599
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 11,224,707	\$	11,246,849
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 32,826	\$	77,755
Deferred Tuition	28,126		47,948
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	 60,952		125,703
TOTAL LIABILITIES	 60,952		125,703
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS			
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	8,444,246		8,289,149
Net Investment in Property and Equipment	2,602,436		2,744,926
TOTAL NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	 11,046,682		11,034,075
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	 117,073	_	87,071
TOTAL NET ASSETS	 11,163,755		11,121,146
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 11,224,707	_\$	11,246,849

# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2024 AND 2023

Operating				2024				2023
Revenue		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions	-	Total	_	Total
Earned Tuition and Fees	\$	5,266,883	\$	-	\$	5,266,883 \$		5,114,447
Net Investment Income/(Loss)		1,134,039		-		1,134,039		481,828
Bookstore Sales/Other		157,336		-		157,336		726,992
Fundraising/Donations/Other		-		50,000		50,000		50,000
Released from Restriction		19,998		(19,998)		-		-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	-	6,578,256	• •	30,002	-	6,608,258		6,373,267
Expenses								
Program Services:								
Educational		3,900,020		-		3,900,020		3,494,613
Management and General:								
Supporting Services		2,665,629		-		2,665,629		2,341,499
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	-	6,565,649		-	-	6,565,649	_	5,836,112
Change in Net Assets								
FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		12,607		30,002		42,609		537,155
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CHANGE IN INEL ASSELS	\$	12,607	\$	30,002	\$	42,609	\$_	537,155
NET ASSETS- BEGINNING OF YEAR		11,034,075		87,071		11,121,146		10,583,991
NET ASSETS- END OF YEAR	\$	11,046,682	\$	117,073	\$	11,163,755 \$	_	11,121,146

# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2024 AND 2023

		2024		2023				
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total		
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 11,034,075	87,071	11,121,146	\$ 10,533,991	50,000	10,583,991		
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FOR THE PERIOD	12,607	30,002	42,609	500,084	37,071	537,155		
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$ 11,046,682	117,073	11,163,755	\$ 11,034,075	87,071	11,121,146		

# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JULY 31, 2024 AND 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	 2024	2023
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ 42,609 \$	537,155
Adjustments to reconcile Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets		
to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	142,490	134,562
Accounts Receivable		
-Students	(58,483)	(12,277)
-Other	633,382	(637,882)
Bookstore Inventory	24,026	28,201
Prepaid Expenses	2,874	129,266
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	(44,929)	34,387
Deferred Tuition	 (19,822)	(4,221)
Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	 722,147	209,191
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of Leasehold Improvements	-	(264,280)
Investments	(357,191)	118,172
Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	 (357,191)	(146,108)
Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	364,956	63,083
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	557,981	494,898
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 922,937 \$	557,981
Supplementary Information:		
Cash Paid For:		
Income Taxes	\$ - \$	-
Interest Expenses	\$ - \$	-

# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2024

			Program S	ervices						
Description	 Academic Instruction	Bookstore Operations	Library Library Operation & & Maintenance	Plant Library Operation & & Maintenance	Student Services	Total	Management & General Expenses	(	2024 Grand Total	
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,625,758		208,652	61,410	357,032	2,252,852	1,209,348	\$	3,462,200	
Fringe benefits	392,002		50,310	14,807	86,087	543,206	291,598		834,804	
Advertsing and recruiting costs						-	481,991		481,991	
Utilities				293,699		293,699			293,699	
Provision for bad debts						-	345,109		345,109	
Depreciation and amortization			142,490	-		142,490			142,490	
Common Area Assessment				1,833		1,833			1,833	
Office supplies and expense						-	94,402		94,402	
Insurance				107,919		107,919	15,758		123,677	
Update and upkeep costs			54,958	29,228		84,186			84,186	
Repairs and maintenance				138,808		138,808	13,319		152,127	
Professional fees						-	43,358		43,358	
Janitorial & Cleaning Services				80,962		80,962			80,962	
Bar Course Expenses					90,564	90,564			90,564	
Meetings						-	4,457		4,457	
Trial team					21,800	21,800			21,800	
Telephone						-	28,882		28,882	
Supplies		69,485	72	2,243		71,800			71,800	
Commencement					29,199	29,199			29,199	
Postage			118			118	7,581		7,699	
Professional development	18,119		-		-	18,119			18,119	
Security services				4,882		4,882			4,882	
Equipment rental						-	7,117		7,117	
Bank Fees						-	597		597	
Other	14,618					14,618	-		14,618	
Computer Supplies			2,965			2,965	80,778		83,743	
Inspection Fees						-	28,607		28,607	
Internet Fees						-	12,537		12,537	
Taxes and filing fees						-	190		190	
Grand Total	\$ 2,050,497	69,485	459,565	735,791	584,682	3,900,020	2,665,629	\$	6,565,649	

# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2023

			Program S	ervices					
Description			Library	Plant			Management	2023	
Description	 Academic Instruction	Bookstore Operations	Library Operation & & Maintenance	Library Operation & & Maintenance	Student Services	Total	& General Expenses	 Grand Total	
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,545,030		202,699	53,078	371,598	2,172,405	1,129,286	\$ 3,301,691	
Fringe benefits	370,582	-	48,618	12,731	89,129	521,060	270,865	791,925	
Advertsing and recruiting costs						-	398,348	398,348	
Utilities				215,621		215,621		215,621	
Provision for bad debts						-	223,316	223,316	
Depreciation and amortization			134,562	-		134,562		134,562	
Common Area Assessment				8,138		8,138		8,138	
Office supplies and expense						-	62,172	62,172	
Insurance				53,403		53,403	18,056	71,459	
Update and upkeep costs			72,944	26,365		99,309		99,309	
Repairs and maintenance				64,781		64,781	10,034	74,815	
Professional fees						-	37,229	37,229	
Janitorial & Cleaning Services				78,829		78,829		78,829	
Bar Course Expenses					27,404	27,404		27,404	
Meetings						-	7,808	7,808	
Trial team					6,091	6,091		6,091	
Telephone						-	13,263	13,263	
Supplies	21,273	16,029	464			37,766		37,766	
Commencement					22,665	22,665		22,665	
Postage						-	7,901	7,901	
Professional development	19,972		-		6,315	26,287		26,287	
Security services				13,373		13,373		13,373	
Equipment rental						-	4,607	4,607	
Bank Fees						-	3,909	3,909	
Other	12,919					12,919	1,000	13,919	
Computer Supplies						-	115,455	115,455	
Inspection Fees						-	30,528	30,528	
Internet Fees						-	7,637	7,637	
Taxes and filing fees						-	85	85	
Grand Total	\$ 1,969,776	16,029	459,287	526,319	523,202	3,494,613	2,341,499	\$ 5,836,112	

# Incorporation

Massachusetts School of Law at Andover, Inc., (the Institution) was organized on April 25, 1988, pursuant to the incorporation laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish and operate a law school as a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Institution began its first academic semester on August 22, 1988.

# Educational Programs

The Institution has a fall semester that begins in August, a spring semester that begins in January, and two summer sessions that occur in June and July. All revenues and expenditures are reported totally within the fiscal year in which the sessions are predominantly conducted.

# Licenses and Accreditation

The Massachusetts School of Law is currently accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). The Institution is also accredited by the Massachusetts Board of Regents as of May 1990 to grant the degree of Juris Doctor. This permits graduates of the Massachusetts School of Law to take the bar examination and be admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Other states, including California, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, permit graduates of the Massachusetts School of Law to take their bar examination and practice law in those states.

# A) Form of Presentation

The Financial Statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Revenues and gains are recognized when earned, and expenditures and losses are recognized when incurred.

# <u>B)</u>\_Classification and Reporting of Net Assets

The Institution reports two classes of net assets and the changes in those net assets in the statements of financial position and statements of activities respectively. The two classes of net assets are as follows:

# 1) Net Assets Without Donor Restriction

Net assets that are not restricted by donor-imposed stipulation. This includes all resources over which the Board of Directors has discretionary control. The board may elect to designate such resources for specific purpose. This designation may be removed at the board's discretion. As of July 31, 2024 and 2023, the Institution had \$11,046,682 and \$11,034,075 respectively in Net Assets without Donor Restriction.

# 2) Net Assets With Donor Restriction

Net Assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that permit the Institution to use or expend the donated assets as specified. This represents resources accumulated through donations or grants for specific operating or capital purposes. Restrictions on such resources will cease when the requirements of the donor or grantee have been satisfied through expenditure for the specified purpose or program or through the passage of time. As of July 31, 2024 and 2023 the Institution had \$117,073 and \$87,071 respectively in Net Assets with Donor Restriction.

# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JULY 31, 2024 AND 2023

# NOTE 1: NATURE OF BUSINESS & SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# C) Contributions, Gains and Other Support

Contributions are recognized when received from the donor. Unrestricted contributions are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets.

The Institution records interest and dividends on its marketable securities when earned. Gains or losses are recorded when realized. Unrealized gains or losses are recorded based upon changes in the fair value of investments held.

# D) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash equivalents include highly liquid assets with an original maturity of three months or less. Cash and Cash Equivalents consist of cash on hand, checking, and money market accounts.

#### E) Functional Expense Allocation

The costs of providing programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in these financial statements. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated between program services and support services. Expenses that can be identified with a specific program or support service are allocated directly according to the expenditure classification. All other indirect costs require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. This allocation is based off of total revenue attributable to each program and support function.

#### F) Inventory Bookstore

Inventory consists of books purchased primarily for resale to the students. It is stated at the historical cost determined on a First-In-First-Out (FIFO) basis.

#### G) Property and Equipment

Property and Equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. The cost of property and equipment is depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Depreciation and amortization are computed on the straight-line method over the estimated useful asset lives.

# H) Advertising Costs

Advertising costs, except for direct-response advertising, are charged to operations when incurred. The costs of direct-response advertising are capitalized and amortized over the period during which future benefits are to be received. There were no direct-response advertising costs for the current fiscal year. Total advertising expenses for the fiscal years ended July 31, 2024 and 2023, were \$481,991 and \$398,348, respectively.

#### I) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates.

# J) Concentration of Economic Dependency

The Institution derives a significant portion of its revenue from student financial assistance originating from the U.S. Department of Education's Title IV Higher Education Act of 1965. For the students to receive financial assistance at the Institution, it must maintain eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education.

#### K) Uncertain Tax Positions

The Institution accounts for uncertain tax positions in accordance with FASB ASC 740.

# L) Donated Services

Donated services have not been reflected in the accompanying financial statements since they do not meet the criteria for recognition in accordance with GAAP.

#### M) Revenue and Cost Recognition

The Institution bills tuition throughout the period of enrollment and recognizes the revenue on a pro rata basis over the period of instruction. As of the end of the fiscal year, the Institution had tuition from academic periods where the associated revenue has not yet been earned in accordance with GAAP. Accordingly, these amounts have been recorded as unearned tuition in the accompanying balance sheets. If a student withdraws from the Institution, the standards of the U.S. Department of Education, the state education authority, the accrediting commission that accredits the Institution and the Institution's own internal policies (collectively, "Refund Policies") limit a student's obligation for tuition and fees to the school depending on when the student withdraws during the period of enrollment. The greater the portion of the enrollment period that has elapsed at the time the student withdraws, the greater the student's obligation to the school. The Institution records revenue after applying all applicable refund policies.

#### N) Fair Value Measurement

The Institution reports its qualified assets and liabilities in accordance with the Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure Standards and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These standards define fair value, establish a framework for measuring fair value, and expand disclosures about fair value measurements. This policy establishes a Fair Value framework that prioritizes the inputs and assumptions used to measure fair value. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy and a description of the valuation techniques used for instruments measured at fair value are as follows:

- Level 1- Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date.
- Level 2- Pricing inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, which are either directly observable or that can be derived or supported from observable data as of the reporting date.
- Level 3- Pricing inputs include those that are significant to the fair value of the financial asset or financial liability and are generally less observable from objective sources. These inputs may be used with internally developed techniques that result in management's best estimate of fair value.

A qualifying asset or liability's level within the framework is based upon the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Institution's qualifying assets or liabilities are recorded at fair value using Level 1 inputs.

The reported values of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are categorized as follows as of July 31, 2024:

				Fair Va	lue Mea	asurements usi	ing:		
		Totals		uoted prices in Active Markets dentical Assets	U	ficant Other rvable Inputs		Significant nobservable Inputs	
	_		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		
Certificates of Deposit	\$	189,190	\$	189,190	\$	-	\$	-	
Investments		7,861,117		7,861,117		-	\$	-	
Other		207,424		207,424					
Totals	\$	8,257,731	\$	8,257,731	\$	-	\$	-	

# O) <u>Reclassification</u>

The presentation of certain prior year balances have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

#### P) <u>New Pronouncements & Adoption</u>

On February 25, 2016, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The objective of this ASU is to increase transparency and comparability in financial reporting by requiring balance sheet recognition of leases and note disclosure of certain information about lease arrangements. This ASU codifies FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 842, Leases, and makes conforming amendments to other FASB ASC topics. Under the new provisions, all lessees will report a right-of-use asset and a liability for the obligation to make payments for all leases with the exception of those leases with a term of 12 months or less. ASU No. 2016-02, as amended by ASU No. 2020-05, is effective for nonpublic entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. The Institution adopted this new standard effective August 1, 2023. The adoption of the standard did not have an impact on the recognition of contributed nonfinancial assets.

In September 2020, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2020-07, *Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets* (Topic 958). This standard requires nonprofits to change their financial statement presentation and disclosure of contributed nonfinancial assets, Or gifts in-kind. The standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021, and interim periods within annual reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The Institution adopted this new standard effective August 1, 2021. The adoption of the standard did not have an impact on the recognition of contributed nonfinancial assets.

#### NOTE 2: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, ALLOWANCE FOR BAD DEBTS AND DEFERRED TUITION

Accounts Receivable at the balance sheet date consist of amounts related to revenue from current or former students for classes that have been completed, or obligations of current students for tuition in progress for which payment has not been received in accordance with GAAP.

#### Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Institution maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts and has established a reserve based on the likelihood of collection. Bad debts are written off using an allowance account. As of July 31, 2024 and 2023, the allowance account was \$64,400 and \$138,860, respectively.

#### Accounts Receivable & Deferred Tuition

Upon student admission, the contract price is recorded in a subsidiary ledger. As the student progresses through the program, the institution earns the contract tuition ratably. Accounts receivable represent balances owed to the school for education provided but not yet paid for. Deferred tuition represents payments paid on account in excess of amounts earned for tuition.

As of July 31, 2024 and 2023, the students' accounts receivables and deferred tuition balances were as follows:

	2024	 2023
Deferred Tuition	\$ 28,126	\$ 47,948
Accounts Receivable	257,491	273,468
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Account	 (64,400)	 (138,860)
Accounts Receivable, Net	\$ 193,091	\$ 134,608

As of July 31, 2024 and 2023, the Institution has other receivables of \$4,500 and \$637,882, respectively. This was comprised of rent receivable in the current year and Employee Retention Tax Credit receivables in the prior year. The Employee Retention Credit was received in August 2023.

As of July 31, 2024 and 2023, the Institution had deferred rental income of \$0 and \$4,500, respectively.

#### NOTE 3: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Institution evaluates subsequent events through March 11, 2025, the date of this report. No material subsequent events have occurred that require recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.

#### **NOTE 4: BOOKSTORE INVENTORY**

As of July 31, 2024 and 2023, the Institution had bookstore inventory balances of \$3,339 and \$27,365, respectively.

# **NOTE 5: PREPAID EXPENSES**

As of July 31, 2024 and 2023, the Institution had prepaid expenses in the amount of \$0 and \$2,874, respectively. Prepaid expenses as of July 31, 2023 related to credits received from vendors.

#### **NOTE 6: INVESTMENTS**

Investments, exclusive of physical plant, are recorded at fair value; investments received by gift are recorded at market value. Estimated fair values of the Institution's financial instruments (all of which are held for non-trading purposes) as of July 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$8,257,731 and \$7,900,540, respectively.

Amortized costs approximate fair value of cash and cash equivalents. Fair values of other investments are based upon quoted market prices.

Net investment income consists of the following:

	_	2024	2023
Beginning Market Value	\$	7,900,540 \$	8,018,712
Realized and Unrealized Gain / (Loss)		1,045,796	351,255
Interest, Dividend and Capital Gain Income		15,776	154,961
Investment advisory fees		(4,381)	(24,388)
Total Investment Income		1,057,191	481,828
Transfer In / (Out)		(700,000)	(600,000)
Ending Market Value	\$	8,257,731 \$	7,900,540
Non Investment Interst Income	\$	76,848 \$	-

# NOTE 7: PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND LIBRARY BOOKS

Physical plant, equipment, and library books are stated on the balance sheet at cost at date of acquisition or, in the case of gifts, fair market value at date of donation. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets on a straight-line basis.

The major classification of property, plant, equipment, and library books as of July 31, 2024 and 2023 was as follows:

Assets	Estimated Life	2024	2023
Real Estate	40 Years	\$ 4,797,942	\$ 4,797,942
Land		450,000	450,000
Library Books & Microforms	6 Years	502,016	502,016
Computer and Office Equipment	5 Years	272,870	272,870
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5-7 Years	146,977	146,977
Building Improvements	20-25 Years	609,602	609,602
Maintenance Equipment	5 Years	1,864	1,864
Property & Equipment, Gross		 6,781,271	6,781,271
Less: Accumulated Depreciation & Amorti	zaiton	(4,938,162)	(4,795,672)
Property & Equipment, Net		\$ 1,843,109	\$ 1,985,599
Amortization		-	-
Depreciation		 142,490	134,562
		\$ 142,490	\$ 134,562

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expenses, whereas major betterments are capitalized.

#### NOTE 8: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accounts payable and accrued expense balances as of July 31, 2024 and 2023, were comprised of the following:

	 2024		2023
Due to Vendors	\$ 21,899	\$	63,788
Payroll Liabilities	-		3,934
Credit Card Payable	 10,927	_	10,033
	\$ 32,826	\$	77,755

#### **NOTE 9: PENSION PLAN**

The Institution sponsors a defined contribution pension plan that covers substantially all full-time employees. The plan qualifies under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b)(1) as a tax deferred annuity plan. Contributions are made at a rate of 5% of an eligible employee's base salary. Contributions were \$152,122 and \$144,179 for the years ended July 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### NOTE 10: REFUNDS AND REPAYMENTS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

As of July 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no unpaid refunds to the U.S. Department of Education or to lenders who issued SFA loans. Accordingly, no part of the current liabilities consists of repayment obligations. The Institution processes and posts students' refunds within 45 days of the date a student withdraws or is terminated from the Institution.

#### NOTE 11: CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Institution maintains many banks accounts with large regional banks. The balances of these accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured \$250,000 limit. It is the Institution's policy to try to ensure that the balance in any bank does not exceed \$250,000 at any time. It is, however, not practicable for an Institution of this size to maintain cash balance below \$250,000 at all times, due to the ongoing cash needs of the Institution.

Concentration of credit risk with respect to accounts receivables are limited due to the large number of customers comprising the Institution's customer base.

#### NOTE 12: INCOME TAXES

The Institution is a non-profit entity formed for charitable purposes and is exempt from Federal and State Income Taxes under Section 501(c)(3). As such, no income tax is due from the Institution. Donors may deduct contributions made to the Intuition within Internal Revenue Code Regulations. The Institution is subject to a tax on any unrelated business income. The Institution's policy is to classify income tax related interest and penalties in interest expenses.

#### NOTE 13: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Institution participates in Federal programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), which are administered by the U.S. Department of Education. The Institution must comply with the regulations promulgated under the HEA. The below information is required by the U.S. Department of Education and is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

As of July 31, 2024 and 2023, the Institution had no related party transactions.

# NOTE 14: AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

The Institution monitors the liquidity required to meet its operating needs. Financial assets without donor restrictions that are available for general operating use within one year of the Statements of Financial Position date are as follows as of July 31, 2024 and 2023:

Financial Assets Without Donor Restriction		
Available for General Operating Use	 2024	 2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 922,937	\$ 557,981
Accounts Receivable	193,091	134,608
Investments	 8,257,731	 7,900,540
	\$ 9,373,759	\$ 8,593,129
Cash Runway Given Assets Available as of July 31,		
Financial Assets Available	9,373,759	8,593,129
Total Operating Expenses	6,565,649	5,836,112
Months of Operating Net Assets Without Donor		
Restriction to Cover Operating Expenses	18	18
Current Ratio		
Total Current Assets	9,381,598	9,261,250
Total Current Liabilities	60,952	125,703
Current Ratio	 153.92:1	 73.68:1

#### NOTE 15: DONATIONS WITH RESTRICTIONS

During the year ended July 31, 2022, the Institution was awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Cummings Foundation, of which \$50,000 was received during the year ended July 31, 2022, and the remaining \$50,000 was received during the year ended July 31, 2023. During the year ended July 31, 2024, the Institution received an additional \$50,000 grant from the Cummings Foundation. These funds are restricted in use for the development of the Master's in Law and Business program at the Institution. As of July 31, 2024, the full grant was received and \$32,927 has been applied to the development of the Master's in Law and Business program, with the remaining \$117,073 remaining restricted.



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# **REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND ON OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN**

ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (No Material Weaknesses Identified, No Significant Deficiencies Identified, No Reportable Instances of Noncompliance or Other Matters Identified)

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors Massachusetts School of Law 500 Federal Street Andover, Massachusetts 01810

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Massachusetts School of Law, which comprise the statement of financial position as of July 31, 2024 and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 11, 2025.

# INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered Massachusetts School of Law's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Massachusetts School of Law's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Massachusetts School of Law's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis.

A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of Massachusetts School of Law's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audits we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

# **REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Massachusetts School of Law's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Such tests included compliance tests as set forth in the Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* or the Uniform Guidance.

# PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Paul & Jung CPA une

David A Levy CPA LLC Needham, Massachusetts March 11, 2025

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# A. PROFITABILITY, ACID TEST RATIO, TANGIBLE NET WORTH

#### CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

The Institution's profitability for the current and previous two years are as follows:

Description		2024	2023	2022
Unrestricted Revenues	\$	6,558,258	6,323,267 \$	4,797,415
Release from Temp Restricted Funds		19,998	12,929	-
Total Expenses (excluding Taxes)	_	(6,565,649)	(5,836,112)	(6,174,437)
Change in Net Assets	_	12,607	500,084	(1,377,022)
Tax Expenses	_	-		-
Net Change in Net Assets after tax	\$	12,607	500,084 \$	(1,377,022)

#### ACID TEST RATIO

The Institution's current ratio as of the current and previous audit years was as follows:

Description		2024	2023
Current Assets	\$	9,381,598 \$	9,261,250
Current Liabilities		60,952	125,703
Acid Test Ratio	_	153.92:1	73.68:1

# TANGIBLE NET WORTH

The tangible net assets of the Institution as of the current and previous audit years:

Description	2024	2023
Total Assets \$	11,224,707 \$	11,246,849
Less: Total Liabilities	(60,952)	(125,703)
Net Asssets Unrestricted	11,046,682	11,034,075
Net Asssets Restricted	117,073	87,071
Less: Intangible Assets		
Tangible Net Assets \$	11,163,755 \$	11,121,146

# **B.** COHORT DEFAULT RATE

According to the USDOE, an Institution is not considered to be administratively capable, if its cohort default rate for Federal Stafford/SLD Loan or for Direct Loans made to students for attendance at the school equals or exceeds 30% for the three most recent financial years, or if the most recent cohort default rate is greater than 40%. The Institution must continue to have a default management plan in effect if it equals or exceeds these thresholds. Currently, the 3-year Cohort Default Rate published online by the USDOE for the Institution is 0.0% (FY 2021).

# C. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

The U.S. Department of Education determines an Institution to be financially responsible if the Institution has a composite score of at least 1.5, the Institution has sufficient cash reserves to make the required refunds, including the return of Title IV funds (these requirements are known as the refund reserve standards), the Institution is current in its debt payments, and the Institution is meeting all of its financial obligations, including making required refunds, including the return of Title IV funds and making repayments to cover FSA program debts and liabilities. For an Institution to participate in any Title IV, HEA program, the Institution must be financially responsible (34 C.F.R. § 668.171(a)). An Institution that is not financially responsible because its composite score is between 1.0 and 1.4 but meets all other standards of financial responsibility may participate in the Title IV programs under the Zone Alternative, as described in 34 C.F.R. § 668.175(d). In general, Institutions participating under the Zone Alternative receive a letter from ED notifying the Institution of this condition of its participation. These Institutions are required to use the cash monitoring or reimbursement payment method of funding (34 C.F.R. § 668.175(d)(2)(i)).

# **Composite score**

The composite score standard combines different measures of fundamental elements of financial responsibility to yield a single measure of a school's overall financial responsibility. This score, which has not been calculated by the U.S. Department of Education, is currently 2.7 for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2024 as detailed below:

Ratio		Strength Factor	Weight	Composite Scores
1.4196	10	3.0000	40%	1.2000
0.9946	6	3.0000	40%	1.2000
0.0078	1	1.3892	20%	0.2778
				2.6778
	1.4196 0.9946	1.4196 10 0.9946 6	1.4196103.00000.994663.0000	1.4196103.000040%0.994663.000040%

2.7

# **TOTAL Composite Score - Rounded**

This ratio as of fiscal year ended July 31, 2023, was 3.0.

Lines		Primary Reserve Ratio:		
		Expendable Net Assets:		
	Statement of Financial Position - Net assets			
24	without donor restrictions	Net assets without donor restrictions		11,046,682
	Statement of Financial Position - Net Assets with			
30	Donor Restrictions	Net assets with donor restrictions		117,073
	Statement of Financial Position - Related party			
4	receivable and Related party note disclosure	Secured and Unsecured related party receivable	-	
	Statement of Financial Position - Related Party			
4	Receivable and Related party note disclousure	Unsecured related party receivable		-
	Statement of Financial Position - Property, Plant	Property, Plant and Equipment, net (includes		
8	and Equipment, Net	Construction in progress)	1,843,109	
	Note of the Financial Statements - Statement of			
FS Note	Financial Position - Property, Plant and	Property, plant and equipment - pre-		
line 8A	Equipment - pre-implementation	implementation		1,477,552
	Note of the Financial Statements - Statement of			
	Financial Position - Property, Plant and	Property, plant and equipment - post-		
FS Note	Equipment - post-implementation with outstanding	implementation with outstanding debt for original		
line 8B	debt for original purchase	purchase		-
	Note of the Financial Statements - Statement of			
	Financial Position - Property, Plant and	Property, plant and equipment - post-		
FS Note	Equipment - post-implementation without	implementation without oustanding debt for		
line 8D	outstanding debt for original purchase	original purchase		365,557
FS Note	Note of the Financial Statements - Statement of			
line 8C	Financial Position - Construction in process	Construction in process		-
	Statement of Financial Position - Lease right-of-			
9	use-assets, net	Lease right-of-use asset, net	-	

Excluded	Note of Financial Statements - Statement of		
	Financial Position - Lease right-of-use asset pre-	Lease right-of-use assets pre-implementation	
Leases	implementation	Lease right of use assets pre imperientation	
	Note of Financial Statements - Statement of		
M9 Note	Financial Position - Lease right-of-use asset post-	Lease right-of-use assets post-implementation	_
Leases	implementation		
10	Statement of Financial Position - Goodwill	Intangible Assets	-
17	Statement of Financial Position - Post-	Dest surplement and associate the Webs	
17	empolyment and pension liabilities	Post-employment and pension liabilities	-
	Statement of Financial Position - Note Payable		
14, 20, 22	and Line of Credit for long-term purposes (both	Long town debt for long town give soos	
14, 20, 22	current and long term) and Line of Credit for	Long-term debt - for long term purposes -	
	Construction in process		
M24, 20,	Statement of Financial Position - Note Payable		
22, Note	and Line of Credit for long-term purposes (both	Long-term debt - for long term purposes pre-	
Debt A	current and long term) and Line of Credit for	implementation	-
	Construction in process		
M24, 20,	Statement of Financial Position - Note Payable		
22, Note	and Line of Credit for long-term purposes (both	Long-term debt - for long term purposes post-	_
Debt B	current and long term) and Line of Credit for	implementation	
Debt B	Construction in process		
M24, 20,	Statement of Financial Position - Note Payable		
22, Note	and Line of Credit for long-term purposes (both	Line of Credit for Construction in process	_
Debt C	current and long term) and Line of Credit for		
	Construction in process		
21	Statement of Financial Position - Lease right-of-	Lease right-of-use of asset liability -	
	use of asset liability		
Excluded			
Line 21	Statement of Financial Position - Lease right-of-	Pre-implementation right-of-use leases	-
Note	use of asset liability pre-implementation		
Leases			
Line 21	Statement of Financial Position - Lease right-of-		
Note	use of asset liability post-implementation	Post-implementation right-of-use leases	-
Leases		A muitice with denor restrictions	
25	Statement of Financial Position - Annuities	Annities with donor restrictions	-
26	Statement of Financial Position - Term Endowments	Term endowments with donor restrictions	-
27	Statement of Financial Position - Life Income	Life income funds with donor restrictions	
27	Funds		_

29	Statement of Financial Position - Perpetual Funds	Net assets with donor restrictions: restricted in perpetuity Total Expenses and Losses:	-
43	Statement of Activities - Total Operating Expenses, (Total from Statement of Activities prior to adjustments)	Total expenses without donor restrictions - taken directly from Statement of Activities	6,565,649
(35), 45, 46, 47, 48, 49	Statement of Activities_Non-Operating (Investment return appropriated for spending), Investments, net of annual spending gain (loss), Other components of net periodic pension costs, Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension, Change in value of split-interest agreements and Other gains (loss)-(Total from Statement of Activities prior to adjustments)	Non-Operating and Net Investment (loss)	(1,134,039)
(35), 45	Statement of Activities - (Investment return appropriated for spending) and Investments, net of annual spending, gain (loss)	Net Investment losses	(1,134,039)
47	Statement of Activities - Pension-related changes other than periodic pension	Pension-related changes other than net periodic costs	-

		Modified Net Assets:	
24	Statement of Financial Position - Net Assets	Net assets without donor	
24	without Donor Restriction	restrictions	11,046,682
20	Statement of Financial Position - Total Net	Net assets with donor	
30	Assets with Donor Restriction	restrictions	117,073
10	Statement of Financial Position - Goodwill	Intangible assets	-
	Statement of Financial Position - Related party	Secured and Unsecured	
4	receivable and Related party note disclosure	related party receivable	
	receivable and Related party note disclosure		-
	Statement of Financial Position - Related party	Unsecured related party	
4	receivable and Related party note disclosure	receivables	
	1.5		-
10		Modified Assets:	11 22 4 505
12	Statement of Financial Position - Total Assets	Total assets	11,224,707
Excluded	Note of Financial Statements - Statement of		
Line 9	Financial Postion - Lease right-of-use asset pre-	Lease right-of-use assets pre-	
Note	implementation	implementation	
Leases			-
Excluded			
Line 21	Statement of Financial Postion - Lease right-of-	Pre-implementation right-of-	
Note	use asset liability pre-implementation	use leases	
Leases			-
10	Statement of Financial Position - Goodwill	Intangible Assets	-
	Statement of Financial Position - Related party	Secured and Unsecured	
4	receivable and Related party note disclosure	related party receivable	
	receivable and Related party note discussive	Tended party receivable	-
	Statement of Financial Position - Related party	Unsecured related party	
4	receivable and Related party note disclosure	receivables	
	receivable and Related party note discussive		-
1	T	Net Income Ratio:	
51	Statement of Activities - Change in Net Assets	Change in Net Assets Without	
51	Without Donor Restrictions	Donor Restrictions	42,609
	Statement of Activities - (Net assets released		
38, (35),	from restriction), Total Operating Revenue and	Total Revenues and Gains	
50	Other Additional and Sale of Fixed Assets,	Total Revenues and Gams	
	gains (losses)		5,474,219

# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JULY 31, 2024

	Statement of Financial Position			Statement of Activities	
Line			Line		
1	Cash and cash equivalents	922,937		Change in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	
2	Accounts receivable, net	197,591		Operating Revenue and Other Additions:	
3	Prepaid expenses / Inventory	3,339	33	Tuition and fees, net	5,266,88
4	Related party receivable - unsecured	-	34	Contributions	50,00
4	Related party receivable - secured	-	35	Investment return appropriated for spending	-
5	Contributions receivable, net	-	36	Auxiliary enterprises	157,3
6	Student loans receivable, net	-	37	Net assets released from restriction	-
7	Investments	8,257,731	38	Total Operating Revenue and Other Additions	5,474,2
8	Property, plant and equipment, net	1,843,109		Operating Expenses and Other Deductions:	
9	Lease right-of-use asset, net	-	39	Education and research expenses	3,757,5
10	Goodwill / Intangible Assets	-	40	Depreciation and Amortization	142,49
11	Deposits	-	41	Interest Expense	-
12	Total Assets	11,224,707	42	Auxiliary expenses	2,665,6
			43	Total Operating Expenses	6,565,6
13	Line of credit - short term	-	44	Change in Net Assets from Operations	(1,091,4
14	Line of credit - short term for CIP	-		Non-Operating Changes	
15	Accrued expenses/Accounts payable	32,826			
16	Deferred revenue	28,126	45	Investments, net of annual spending, gain (loss)	1,134,0
17	Post-employment and pension liability	-	46	Other components of net periodic pension costs	-
18	Line of credit - operating	-	47	Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension costs	-
19	Other liabilities	-	48	Change in value of split-interest agreements	-
20	Notes payable	-	49	Other gains (losses)	-
21	Lease right-of-use asset liability	-	50	Sale of fixed assets, gains (losses)	-
22	Line of credit for long term purposes	-		Total Non-Operating Changes	1,134,0
23	Total Liabilities	60,952			
24	Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	11,046,682	51	Change in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	42,6
	Net Assets with Donor Restrictions			Change in Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	
25	Annnuities	-	52	Contributions	-
26	Term endowments	-			
27	Life income funds	-	53	Net assets released from restriction	-
28	Other restricted by purpose and time	117,073			
29	Restricted in perpetuity	-	54	Change in Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	-
30	Total Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	117,073			
31	Total Net Assets	11,163,755	55	Change in Net Assets	42,6
32	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	11,224,707	56	Net Assets, Beginning of Year	-
			31	Net Assets, End of Year	42,6

Calculating the Composite Score	Lines		
	24+30-29-(25+26+27)-10-		
Primary Reserve Ratio = Expendable Net Assets	(8+9)+17+(M14+M20+M21+M22)-4	9,320,646	1.4196
/ Total Expenses and Losses Without Donor Restrictions	43+46+48+49	6,565,649	
Equity Ratio = Modified Net Assets	24+30-10-4	11,163,755	0.9946
/ Modified assets	12-10-4	11,224,707	0.9940
Net Income Ratio = Change in Net Assets Without Donor			
Restrictions	51	42,609	0.0078
/ Total Revenues and Gains Without Donor Restrictions	38-35+50	5,474,219	

Note for Line 8 - Net Property, Plant and Equipment

A.	Pre-Implementation Property, Plant and Equipment		1,477,552
B.	Post-Implementation Property, Plant and Equipment		-
	Vehicles	-	
	Furniture	-	
	Computers	-	
C.	Construction in progress		-
D.	Post-Implementation Property, Plant and Equipment		365,557
	Total		1,843,109

A. This is the ending balance on the last financial statement submission prior to the implementation of the regulations -- Less any depreciation or disposals

- B. This is the balance of assets purchased aftrer the implementation of the regulations that was purchased by obtaining debt
- C. Asset value of the Construction in progress
- D. Post-Implementation Property, Pland and Equipment with no outstanding debt.

Notes for Line 14, 20 and 24 - Long-term debt for long term purposes

Α.	Pre-Implementation Long-term debt		-
В.	Allowable Post-Implementation Long-term Debt		-
	Vehicles	-	
	Furniture	-	
	Computers	-	
C.	Construction in progress - debt		-
D.	Long-term debt not for the purchase of Property, Plant		-
	and Equipment or liability greater than assets value		
	Total		-

A. This is the ending balance on the last financial statement submission prior to the implementation of the regulations -- Less any depreciation or disposals

- B. This is the balance of assets purchased aftrer the implementation of the regulations that was purchased by obtaining debt
- C. Asset value of the Construction in progress
- D. Post-Implementation Property, Pland and Equipment with no outstanding debt.

Note for Line 9 - Lease right-of-use assets

A.	Lease right-of-use assets - pre-implementation	-	Removed from assets
В	Lease right-of-use assets - post-implementation	_	
	Total	_	

Note for Line 21 - Lease right-of-use asset liability

А.	Lease right-of-use assets - pre-implementation	-	Removed from assets
B.	Lease right-of-use assets - post-implementation	_	
	Total	-	



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM, ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE** (Unmodified Opinion on Compliance, No Material Weaknesses or Significant Deficiencies in Internal Control over Compliance Identified)

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors Massachusetts School of Law 500 Federal Street Andover, Massachusetts 01810

#### **OPINION ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM**

We have audited Massachusetts School of Law's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on Massachusetts School of Law's major federal program for the year ended July 31, 2024. Massachusetts School of Law's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, Massachusetts School of Law complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major programs for the year ended July 31, 2024.

#### BASIS FOR OPINION ON SFA PROGRAMS

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (Government Auditing Standards); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Massachusetts School of Law and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Massachusetts School of Law 's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

# **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT FOR COMPLIANCE**

Management is Responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Massachusetts School of Law's federal programs.

# AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF COMPLIANCE

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Massachusetts School of Law's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding each major federal program's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Massachusetts School of Law's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

# **OTHER MATTERS**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Finding 2024-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Massachusetts School of Law's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Massachusetts School of Law's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

#### **REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE**

A *deficiency* in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness* in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* in internal control over compliance is a deficiency or a combination of ver compliance is a deficiency or a combination of ver compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance that weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

# PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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David A Levy CPA LLC Needham, Massachusetts March 11, 2025

# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Period Ended July 31, 2024

Federal Grantor	Federal ALN Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S Department of Education:		
Student Financial Assistance Cluster		
Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268	\$ 4,923,320
Total Student Financial Assistance Clu		\$ 4,923,320
Total Expenditures of U.S. Departmen	t of Education	\$ 4,923,320
Total Expenditure of Federal Award	ls	<u>\$4,923,320</u>

#### **PURPOSE OF SCHEDULE**

Office of Management and Budget Uniform Guidance requires a schedule of Expenditures of Federal awards showing total expenditures for each federal award program as identified in the Assistance Listing Number (ALN).

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity-The accompanying schedule includes all federal award programs for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2024. The reporting entity is defined in Notes to Financial Statements as of July 31, 2024.

B. Basis of presentation-The information in the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulation* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Massachusetts School of Law, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of Massachusetts School of Law.

1. Pursuant to the Uniform Guidance, federal awards are defined as assistance provided by a federal agency, either directly or indirectly, in the form of grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, loans, loan guarantees, property, interest subsidies, insurance or direct appropriations.

2. Major Programs- The Uniform Guidance establishes the levels of expenditure or expenses to be used in defining major federal financial award programs. Major programs for the school have been identified in the attached Schedule of Findings and Questioned costs.

C. Basis of Accounting-The information presented in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented on the accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with the reporting in the Institution's financial statements.

D. Indirect Cost Rate - The school has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under Uniform Guidance.

E. Subrecipients – There were no funds passed through to subrecipients

#### I. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

#### **Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

<ul> <li>Material weaknesses identified</li> <li>Significant weaknesses identified</li> <li>Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?</li> </ul>	Yes Yes Yes	<u>X</u> No <u>X</u> No <u>X</u> No
Federal awards Internal control over major program:		
<ul><li>Material weaknesses identified?</li><li>Significant deficiencies identified?</li></ul>	Yes	<u>X</u> No <u>X</u> No
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major p	orogram:	Unmodified
• Any Audit Findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	X Yes	No

# Identification of major programs

ALN Number	Name of Federal Program		
84.268	Federal Direct Loan Program		

Dollar Threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

# **II.** FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

- A. Internal control- None
- B. Compliance Findings- None

# **III.** FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

A. Internal Control- None

# B. Compliance Findings- See Finding 2024-001

# MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE ONE YEAR PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2024

#### **CURRENT AUDIT**

## Finding 2024-001: NSLDS Status Reporting Error

<u>Criteria:</u> In accordance with 34 CFR 682.610 (c), Institutions are to report the enrollment status of students who received Title IV aid to NSLDS. This enrollment information is updated in NSLDS and, as appropriate, is reported to guarantors, lenders, and servicers of federal student loans. A student's enrollment status determines eligibility for in-school status, deferment and grace periods as well as for the Department's payment of interest subsidies to loan holders. SSCR/Enrollment Reporting is not only critical for effective administration of the Title IV student loan programs but is also required so that the Department can engage in budgetary and policy analysis.

*Condition:* A student status was not reported to NSLDS in a correct way.

<u>Cause</u>: The Institution did not follow its own procedures to ensure that NSLDS enrollment reporting was submitted correctly and in a timely manner.

*Effect:* The USDOE does not have timely and accurate information pertaining to student's enrollment status which can affect loan deferments among other things.

*Nature, Extent of Issue, and Questioned Costs:* In 1 instance out of 61 files reviewed, the student's enrollment status change was not reported to NSLDS in a correct manner. Upon notification from the Auditor, the Institution updated the effective date on the student's NSLDS enrollment reporting.

	No. of Students	FPELL	FDLP	FSEOG	Total
Universe	216	0	5,018,915	0	5,018,915
Sample Size	61	0	1,299,472	0	1,299,472
Sample for this Attribute	61	0	1,299,472	0	1,299,472
Instances of Non Compliance	1	0	10,271	0	10,271
Level of Materiality	Immaterial				

**<u>Recommendation</u>**: We recommend that the Institution continue to follow its own procedures to ensure that all future enrollment reporting is submitted both correctly and timely.

*Views of Responsible Official:* The Institution concurs with this finding and has procedures in place as outlined in the Corrective Action Plan to ensure compliance with requirements.

The office of David A Levy CPA LLC performed the Student Financial Aid Audit for the year ended July 31, 2023. There were no instances of noncompliance noted within the sample population.

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### CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2024

Audit Firm:David A Levy CPA LLCAudit Period:August 1, 2023- July 31, 2024

#### **CURRENT AUDIT**

AUDIT FINDING	Finding 2024-001 NSLDS Status Reporting Error		
MANAGEMENT'S Comments on findings and recommendations	We concur with the auditor's finding and identification of a deficiency in our internal controls.		
ACTIONS TAKEN OR PLANNED	We will increase internal controls to ensure all NSLDS status reporting is done correctly.		
EMPLOYEE/ DIVISION RESPONSIBLE	Financial Aid Director		
TIMELINE AND ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	Immediately		

#### PRIOR AUDIT

There were no instances of noncompliance noted within sample population during the prior audit, and therefore, no corrective action plan was required, and no current status is applicable.

Kathleen Perey, Director of Financial Aid Massachusetts School of Law