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Dear Bruce Greenberg:

I am pleased to inform you that in February 2024, the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, acting on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Paralegals, granted reapproval to the Paralegal Studies Program at Cerritos College.

As you may know, the term of approval is for a period of seven years, beginning February 2023 and ending February 2030.

The next report to be submitted to the ABA will be the Interim Report, which is due during the third year of the program's approval; the report will be due on **January 15**, **2026**. Once again, the Interim Report will be submitted using the electronic reporting system which you used to submit your application for approval. You will receive a reminder message concerning the deadline for submission of the Interim Report about six months before it is due.

Following the interim report, the application of the program for reapproval, including a self-evaluation report, supporting documents, and fees, must be filed no later than **April 15, 2029.** Failure to submit the application for reapproval and the accompanying fee will result in the assessment of a \$250.00 late fee. Your institution will receive an invoice for the reapproval fee. You will again use the electronic reporting system to submit the application for reapproval.

In addition to meeting the reporting requirements and remaining in compliance, approved programs must pay an annual fee, which will be billed in February and is due by May 1 each year. Current information about the <u>Fee Schedule</u> is available on our website.

Should any major changes be made to your program between reports, please report such changes to the ABA by submitting a substantive change reporting form through the electronic reporting system. Guideline G-104.M of the ABA *Guidelines for the Approval of Paralegal Education Programs*, lists the major changes that must be reported. Also, please note G-501.A, which outlines the restrictions on advertising ABA approval and references to ABA approval in program literature. As required, please use the words "approval" or "approved" in describing your status. You may use the ABA Approved Paralegal Program logo on your website or marketing materials. By using the ABA Approved Paralegal Program logo, you are agreeing to abide by the <u>Terms of Use.</u> The <u>Logo Files</u> can be downloaded from our webpage.

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Once again, congratulations on your ABA approval, and thank you for your support of the ABA Approval process. If you find that you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Watson, Approval Process Manager, at Jessica.Watson@americanbar.org.

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success with your program.

Yours truly,

Thomas E. McClure, Chair

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