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Dear President Robbins and Dean Miller:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools, I extend our thanks to the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law for participating in the Association's periodic membership review. The AALS recognizes that the review process takes a significant amount of time and wants you to know that we very much appreciate your efforts.

The membership review process affords the Executive Committee the opportunity to offer constructive advice regarding your school. The Executive Committee notes that the University's Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy includes gender identity as a protected category but not gender expression. We call your attention to AALS Bylaw 6-3(b) which was revised in January of 2016 to require that member schools include both gender identity and gender expression as protected categories.

The Executive Committee commends you for the promotion of faculty scholarship through the creation of a new associate deanship focusing on research and innovation and for the significant scholarship by the faculty. The Executive Committee also congratulates you, your faculty,

staff, and students on your other achievements since the last evaluation of the school and is pleased to confirm your continued membership in the Association. We look forward to the contributions your law school will make to legal education and to society in the years to come.

Although the site evaluation and AALS reports are not for publication, you may publish this letter reporting the actions of the Executive Committee. In accordance with ECR 5.6(c), members of the full-time faculty and professional staff of the law school, the governing board, and appropriate officials in the university administration are entitled to read or receive a copy of this letter. If you have any questions, I welcome your call.

Sincerely,



Judith Areen  
Executive Director

cc: Executive Committee  
Membership Review Committee  
Professor Mark Tushnet, AALS Reporter



## Membership Review

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The Association of American Law Schools is, as its name states, an association of law schools. Membership signifies that a law school has met the rigorous requirements specified in the AALS Bylaws and Executive Committee Regulations.

### Sabbatical Review

**Member schools are reviewed every seven years.** In preparation for a site visit, a school will complete the AALS questionnaire. This questionnaire seeks information relevant to the core values of the AALS that will assist the AALS reporter, Membership Review Committee, and Executive Committee in the membership review process. The AALS membership review process is meant to complement, and not duplicate, the ABA's accreditation process. Our questionnaire, therefore, focuses on the core values of AALS. At least twenty (20) days before the site visit, please send the AALS and the site reporter your completed questionnaire.

The AALS sends a reporter in conjunction with the ABA site team visit. This reporter writes a separate report that focuses on information pertaining to the core values of the AALS. The AALS Membership Review Committee uses this report, along with the completed AALS questionnaire, to assess a school's compliance with AALS membership requirements and core values.

For more information on the Membership Review process, please consult materials from the Site Evaluators Workshop at the 2017 AALS Annual Meeting.