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SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE DESCRIPTION		

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	Program Name (to include discipline)	Credential (Diploma, Bachelor of Arts, etc.)	Instructional Level (undergrad/grad)
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THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE

October 14, 2021

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan
President
SACS Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Re: Program Closure – United States Business Law (LLM) Degree

Dear Belle,

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville's (UTK) College of Law faculty have decided to discontinue the United States Business Law (LLM) degree, effective immediately.

Attorney licensing rules in Tennessee have made it substantially more difficult for students in this program (who received a degree in law from a foreign institution prior to receiving this LLM degree) to sit for the Tennessee Bar Exam. Because this was the primary market for the program, students were no longer interested in the program. After studying possible ways to change and revive the program, the faculty decided to end the program and focus expansion efforts on other programs.

- No student has been enrolled in this program since the 2016-2017 academic year, so there is no teach-out plan.
- Faculty members were involved in the decision to close the program through the customary curricular process. No staff members will be impacted as a result of this change. Faculty and staff will be fully engaged supporting other programs in the College.
- The College of Law's accreditor, the American Bar Association (ABA), has been notified of the program's termination by the College.

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If you have questions, please contact me at 865-974-3635 or via email hhartman@utk.edu.

Warm regards,



Heather Hartman
SACSCOC Liaison

Enclosure

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