STANDARDS FOR ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL (Approved March 5, 2013; Amended April 23, 2019)

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Availability of Standards: The Assistant Dean for Student Affairs shall make these Standards available on the law school’s website and provide printed copies to students on request.

B. Definitions:

1. “Written notice” means notice sent via letter to the student’s address on file in One.IU and via email to the student’s official university e-mail address.

2. “Academic Probation Subcommittee” refers to the subcommittee of the Student Affairs Committee charged with evaluating students placed on Academic Probation and establishing conditions for their continued enrollment.

3. "Semester" refers to either the fall or spring semester. It does not include the summer term. The term “session” includes semesters and terms, including summer terms.

C. Computation of Grade Point Average (GPA): In determining the number of credit hours a student has accumulated and in computing the student’s grade point average:

1. any course in which the student has received a grade of F shall be counted;

2. pursuant to Section I.A.1 of the Student Handbook, any required course that the student must repeat shall be averaged and counted only once;

3. any course, other than a required course repeated pursuant to Section I.A.1 of the Student Handbook, that the student has repeated shall be counted each time;

4. any course in which the student has received an Incomplete shall not be counted.

D. Computation of GPA for Transfer Students: For purposes of these Standards the grade point average of a transfer student shall be computed based solely on the coursework the student has taken while a J.D. candidate at this school.

E. Second Decimal Place Precision: For the purpose of determining grade point averages for academic probation and dismissal, any grade point average that is x.xx5 or higher is rounded up to the next hundredth decimal place. For example, a 2.295 grade point average is rounded up to a 2.30 but a 2.294 is rounded down to a 2.29.

F. Monitoring: As soon as practicable following the conclusion of every fall, spring, and summer academic session, the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs shall review the academic standing of all students and shall determine which of those students have achieved a cumulative grade point average under 2.50.
G. **Student Contact Information:** All students enrolled in law school have a duty to keep their contact information on One.IU up to date. The timeliness of a notice of academic warning, academic probation, or dismissal is conclusively established when a letter was sent to the address on file and was emailed to the student’s official university e-mail address.

II. **ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL**

A. **Statement of Policy:** In accordance with the American Bar Association Standard 308, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law has sound academic standards, including clearly defined standards for good standing and graduation. The law school shall monitor students’ academic progress and achievement from the beginning of and periodically throughout their studies. Furthermore, the law school shall not continue the enrollment of a student whose inability to do satisfactory work is sufficiently manifest that the student’s continuation in school would inculcate false hopes, constitute economic exploitation, or detrimentally affect the education of other students.

B. **Minimum GPA Requirements:**

1. **Good Standing:** A cumulative grade point average of 2.30 or better is required for a student to be in good standing.

2. **First Semester under 2.50:** Students with a cumulative GPA under 2.50 at the end of their first semester of their first (1L) year will receive an academic warning letter from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. A student who receives an academic warning letter is required to meet with the Director or Associate Director of Academic and Bar Success to develop and implement an academic achievement plan; failure to meet with the Director or Associate Director shall result in inability to register for further courses through an advising hold on One.IU. The student should also take advantage of all required or recommended academic support services. The failure to take full advantage of academic support services after receiving an academic warning will be considered by the Subcommittee regarding any student who is later placed on academic probation.

3. **Subsequent Sessions under 2.00:** Dismissal: Students with a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0 at the end of their first two semesters or any subsequent session shall be dismissed from law school. The Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (“Assistant Dean”) shall give written notice of dismissal to each such student.

4. **Subsequent Sessions between 2.00 and 2.30:** Academic Probation: Students whose cumulative GPA at the end of their first two semesters or any subsequent session is less than 2.30 but more than 2.00 shall be placed on academic probation. The Assistant Dean for Student Affairs shall give written notice of this event and these Standards to such students.

5. **Subsequent Sessions Between 2.30 and 2.50:** Academic Warning: Students
whose cumulative GPA at the end of their first two semesters or any subsequent session is less than 2.50 but more than 2.30 shall receive an academic warning letter from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. A student who receives an academic warning letter is required to meet with the Director or Associate Director of Academic and Bar Success to develop and implement an academic achievement plan; failure to meet with the Director or Associate Director shall result in inability to register for further courses through an advising hold on One.IU. The student should also take advantage of all required or recommended academic support services. The failure to take full advantage of academic support services after receiving an academic warning will be considered by the Subcommittee regarding any student who is later placed on academic probation.

C. Academic Probation Hearing: Each student placed on academic probation shall have a hearing before the Academic Probation Subcommittee as soon as practicable to establish conditions of academic probation for the student.

1. Considered Factors: The Academic Probation Subcommittee will take the following factors into consideration during the hearing:
   a. how far below 2.30 the student’s cumulative GPA has fallen,
   b. the steps previously taken and intended to be taken by the student in order to improve academic performance,
   c. whether the student has complied with the recommendations of the Director or Associate Director of Academic and Bar Success after receiving an academic warning letter (if applicable),
   d. the student’s demonstrated capacity to perform satisfactory work in the future,
   e. the student’s demonstrated determination to improve academic performance,
   f. whether personal circumstances underlying the poor performance are likely to be resolved soon, and
   g. other factors deemed relevant by the Academic Probation Subcommittee.

2. Academic Probation Conditions: The Academic Probation Subcommittee may, at its complete discretion, impose or recommend any educationally reasonable conditions on the student. Such conditions may include:
   a. developing a plan for academic progress with the Director or Associate Director for Academic and Bar Success,
   b. meeting regularly with the Director or Associate Director for Academic and Bar Success,
   c. attending special instructional sessions,
   d. meeting regularly with a mentor,
e. achieving a certain minimum session GPA, to be set by the Subcommittee, during the academic probation session(s),

f. enrolling or not enrolling in specific courses,

g. enrolling in fewer credit hours per session,

h. taking a leave of absence, or

i. other conditions deemed appropriate by the Subcommittee.

3. Modification of Conditions: A student on probation is entitled to request at any time that a condition be removed or modified; such request shall be submitted in writing to the Assistant Dean and shall be acted upon promptly by the Subcommittee, which may approve the removal or modification upon a showing of good cause.

D. Written Notice: As soon as practicable after the academic probation hearing, the Director or Associate Director for Academic and Bar Success on behalf of the Academic Probation Subcommittee shall give to the student written notice of the conditions set by the Academic Probation Subcommittee. The Director or Associate Director for Academic and Bar Success shall place a copy in the student’s file.

E. Review of Compliance: Six to eight weeks after the hearing, the Director or Associate Director for Academic and Bar Success shall review student compliance with the conditions and shall report any concerns to the Subcommittee.

F. Failure to Fulfill Conditions: A student on academic probation who does not fulfill the conditions set by the Academic Probation Subcommittee may, after written notice and reasonable opportunity to respond, be dismissed, required to withdraw, or required to take a leave of absence, at the discretion of the Academic Probation Subcommittee. The Assistant Dean of Student Affairs shall give written notice of such action to the student.

G. Mandatory Academic Dismissal: A student on academic probation who fails to maintain session GPAs of 2.30 or does not raise cumulative GPA to at least 2.30 in the session within which the student reaches 20 credit hours on academic probation shall be dismissed. The Assistant Dean of Student Affairs shall give written notice of dismissal to the student. A student who achieves a 2.30 cumulative GPA at the end of the probation period has successfully completed academic probation.

H. Restriction on Readmission: Any student who has been dismissed pursuant to these Standards will not be readmitted. A dismissed student may, however, apply as a new student in the third or later academic year following their dismissal. Upon a showing of good cause to the law school admissions committee, however, any student who has been dismissed pursuant to these Standards may apply as a new student in the second academic year following their dismissal.

I. Implementation: These Standards shall apply to every student who begins his or her study at the law school after the semester during which the faculty approves these standards.