

**Blueprint for Quality
Enhancement School of Law
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I. Vision, Mission and Goals

A. Executive Summary

1. Vision Statement:

“The vision of the University of South Carolina School of Law is to be recognized as one of the leading public law schools in the region.”

This is an uninspiring “vision,” one not likely to distinguish the School of Law from any other. To the extent progress has been made in the past year, it has been slow, largely shown by the greater involvement of faculty in the life of the legal academy and by the hiring of highly qualified new faculty.

2. Mission Statement:

“The mission of the University of South Carolina School of Law is to provide students, through an in-depth legal education, with a foundation upon which they can build successful careers in the practice of law and public service; to contribute to the development of the law and legal theory through significant faculty scholarship on issues of state, national and international importance; and to advance the administration of justice through service to the legal profession, the state, and the nation.”

The School continues to do this, especially with respect to the State; the challenge is to expand the view to include the national and world.

3. Long-term Goals:

Goal 1 - Complete construction of a new building.

Goal 2 - Generate greater revenues from private funds, grants, and other sources to increase significantly the funding for student scholarships.

Goal 3 - Increase faculty scholarly productivity while maintaining high quality teaching and continued high level of service.

Goal 4 - Elevate law library to a major research facility.

Goal 5 - Improve academic credentials of entering students.

Goal 6 - Develop and implement a comprehensive and integrated plan to enhance interdisciplinary studies.

Goal 7 - Restructure the professional skills curriculum to meet student needs, to comply with the revision of the ABA's accreditation standards, and to capture a possible source of revenue.

Goal 8 - Significantly enhance the quality and quantity of communications to the academy, leaders of the legal profession, and alumni.

Goal 9 - Create an integrated, comprehensive, and accessible data base for the School.