Dear Sir or Madam,

Florida Coastal School of Law requires rigorous grading curves for all of its courses, especially first-year required courses. During the 2005-2007 academic years, the mean (average) grade in first-year courses, other than Lawyering Process, was 2.46. The mean for Lawyering Process courses was 2.64. The mean grade in upper division required courses was 2.72. The mean grade in upper division elective courses was 2.80.

Effective in the 2008-09 academic year, new grade curves were implemented. The new curves require the following means with an acceptable deviation of no more than .10: first-semester required courses, 2.5, and non-first semester courses, 2.7. The mean in Lawyering Process courses must fall between 2.2 and 2.8.

As a result of this grading policy, the grade averages for Florida Coastal students may appear low when compared with those of students from other law schools. For this reason, we strongly encourage potential employers to pay close attention to the student's class rank which will indicate how well the student performed relative to other students in his/her class.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide you with more information about the Law School's grading policy.

Sincerely,

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