



A few Phoenix Law students in their future school, August 2006. Front row: Cesar Rivera, Jon Carlson, Chhayal Patel. Back row: Angela Rao, Brian Foutz, John Starkey, Laurieann Larsen.

On June 11, the American Bar Association gave provisional accreditation to the Phoenix School of Law, Arizona's only private law school.

Law schools must receive approval from the ABA for their students to take the bar exam. Before granting approval, an ABA panel reviewed factors including the school's curriculum, facilities, library, admissions and faculty. After three years of maintaining these standards, a law school is eligible for full accreditation.

The Phoenix School of Law opened its doors in January

2005. This was the school's first attempt at meeting the ABA's standards. Led by Dean Dennis J. Shields, the school administration aims to achieve full ABA accreditation in 2010.

The school's parent company is Infilaw, a consortium of law schools that includes the Florida Coastal School of Law, the Charlotte (N.C.) School of Law, and the Phoenix School of Law.

The last time we caught up with students at the school was August 2006. When we visited, construction was under way at transforming their site at Central Avenue and Indian School in Phoenix. **BY**