

From the NC Attorney General's Office (8/15/17):

Today, the Attorney General's Office formally notified the U.S. Secretary of Education that, under North Carolina law, Charlotte School of Law is no longer licensed to operate in North Carolina. Charlotte School of Law is now required to be closed. If it won't, the Attorney General will take action to ensure it complies.

Many of the students recently enrolled in Charlotte School of Law now have rights under federal regulations that will help them with their student loans. Under the closed school discharge rule, students who were recently enrolled are entitled to complete loan forgiveness. Loan forgiveness will negate the credits they earned at Charlotte School of Law, however.

Attorney General Josh Stein:

"I want to express my disappointment for the students and their families affected by Charlotte School of Law's failure. While good lawyers have graduated from Charlotte School of Law, the school too often failed to deliver for its students. Charlotte School of Law told students they would be "ready to practice upon graduation," but fewer than one in five incoming students of the Class of 2016 graduated, passed the bar, and got a job that required the degree for which they spent more than \$100,000.

"My office will continue our efforts to protect all Charlotte School of Law students. First, today I wrote Secretary of Education DeVos to advocate on behalf of the student borrowers. I urged her to declare that exceptional circumstances exist with this closure – a move that would expand loan forgiveness rights to all the students who left Charlotte School of Law during or after the 2016 Fall semester. Second, my office stands ready to help students understand their rights at 919-716-6000 or 1-877-566-7226. Third, my investigation into Charlotte School of Law's adherence to North Carolina's consumer protection laws is ongoing."