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A new law school in China has announced its intent to seek accreditation from the American Bar Association, so graduates could potentially practice law in the U.S. (States commonly require a degree from an ABA-accredited law school as a prerequisite for taking the bar exam.)

[Peking University School of Transnational Law](#), whose first 55-student class will start this fall, will teach classes on American law in English, reports the [National Law Journal](#). The law school's dean is [Jeffrey Lehman](#), a former dean of the University of Michigan Law School, who plans to use the Socratic method. The school says it will award juris doctor degrees after three years of successful study.

No foreign law school is now accredited by the ABA, nor has any foreign law school sought accreditation, according to an ABA spokesperson. However, she says ABA accreditation standards don't require that a law school be based in the U.S., the National Law Journal writes.

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For some reason, I'm not sure I like the sound of this. Doesn't this increase the potential for outsourcing. Will this open the floodgates of foreign schools all over the world getting accreditation from the ABA? I don't know the facts yet, and I'm not really presuming anything, but I feel like its tough enough to find a job in this market. Doesn't the "American" Bar Association owe a responsibility to American licensed lawyers first rather than opening the doors for big firms to outsource all of the work for cheap?

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