



The State Bar of California

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DATE: July 18, 2024

TO: Members, Board Executive Committee
Members, Board of Trustees

FROM: Louisa Ayrapetyan, Board Secretary, Office of the Executive Director

SUBJECT: Approval of Annual Appointments of Officers and Members of State Bar Subentities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This agenda item presents the candidates recommended for appointment to the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE), California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS), Council on Access and Fairness (COAF), Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (COPRAC), Client Security Fund (CSF) Commission, Lawyer Assistance Program Oversight Committee (LAPOC), Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC), and the Review Committee of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (RJNE), for the 2024–2025 committee year and the Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) Commission for the 2025–2026 committee year.

Officers are named by the Board, and each serve a one-year term, with the exception of officers for the CBE and the LSTFC. The current appointment practice, which staff recommends continuing, is that the current vice-chair should be recommended as chair for the upcoming committee year.¹

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This agenda item requests the Board Executive Committee to recommend the approval of the candidates listed in this memo to the full Board.

¹ See, [Appendix B to the Board of Trustees Policy Manual](#), Appointment and Composition Requirements or Guidelines: “For leadership continuity, committee staff will generally nominate the committee member serving as Vice-Chair to serve as Chair in the committee year following service as Vice-Chair.”

DISCUSSION

Each year, the State Bar recruits diverse candidates, including attorneys, public members, and former judicial officers, to serve on its committees. To ensure committee membership represents the rich diversity of Californians, the State Bar has expanded its subentity appointment recruitment efforts.

For the current cycle, the appointments staff launched a targeted campaign on January 16, 2024, through April 16, 2024. This included outreach to nonprofit, community, specialized, and local/affinity bar organizations. Current and alumni members were also encouraged to recruit. Multimodal outreach efforts were employed including direct email, social media, and individual outreach. A full summary of the State Bar's recruitment efforts can be found as Attachment J.

This comprehensive strategy yielded 177 applications, including 141 from attorneys, 10 from current and former judicial officers, and 26 from nonattorney public members. Additional information on these candidates can be found in this [workbook](#).

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS (CBE)

CBE consists of 19 members. The Supreme Court appoints 10 attorneys, while the governor, the Senate Rules Committee, and the Speaker of the Assembly each appoint 3 public members. At least 1 judicial officer and 1 attorney, admitted to the State Bar within three years, must be among the Supreme Court's appointees. The State Bar nominates candidates for the Supreme Court's consideration as per rule 9.4 of the California Rules of Court. The Board of Trustees submits a list of nominated candidates, identifying at least 3 candidates for each vacancy, if possible. The CBE terms last four years with the possibility of reappointment for a maximum of three terms.

Appointment of New Members and Alternates to CBE

Thirty-nine applications were received for one vacancy. In reviewing applications for appointment to CBE, a concerted effort was made to identify diversity on the basis of geography, as well as race, gender, and professional background. CBE leadership considered each applicant's ability to commit to public service as an additional factor in these considerations.

A list of applicants recommended as new members and alternates is provided below:
The recommended candidates are listed below:

Proposed New Member Candidates

1. Rebekah A. Frye (attorney member)
2. Flomy J. Diza (attorney member)
3. Michelle L. Bains (attorney member)

Proposed Alternate Candidate

1. Dr. Hall Randall Rubin (attorney member)

Brandon Stallings and Patricia Barahona, the Board's Appointments Liaisons, have reviewed and are in support of CBE leadership's recommendations.

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION (CBLS)

The CBLS consists of seven members, up to two of whom may be public members. The CBLS has prioritized diversity based on legal specialties represented, as well as race/ethnicity, gender, and profession. Demonstration of each applicant's ability to commit to public service weighed in on these considerations.

Appointment of New Members and Alternates to CBLS

Thirty-nine applications were received for CBLS positions, with four from public member applicants and 35 from attorney applicants. One letter of interest was received for each of the chair and vice-chair positions.

CBLS leadership and staff reviewed all applications for appointment. Recruitment of a second public member was prioritized due to current underrepresentation on the board.

The recommended candidates are listed below:

Proposed New Member Candidates

1. Lisa L. McGloiry (public member)
2. Damon Livingston Jenkins (attorney member)

Proposed Alternates

1. Katherine Bell (public member)
2. Abraham Benjamin (attorney member)

Appointment of Officers to CBLS

Staff recommends that Michael D. Lee be appointed to the chair position and that George P. Surmaitis be appointed to the vice-chair position, each for a one-year term.

Brandon Stallings and Patricia Barahona, the Board's Appointments Liaisons, have reviewed and are in support of CBLS leadership's recommendations.

COUNCIL ON ACCESS AND FAIRNESS (COAF)

COAF consists of judges, lawyers, and public members from diverse practice settings and constituencies. New members are expected to have a working knowledge of DEI issues, a record of leadership in improving outcomes, and the ability to engage in strategic visioning focused on measurable change.

Appointment of New Members to COAF

Thirty-five applications were received for COAF positions, with eight from public member applicants and 26 from attorney applicants, and one from a current judicial officer. One letter of interest was received for each of the chair and vice-chair positions.

COAF leadership and staff reviewed and discussed all applications for appointment. The recommended candidates are listed below:

Proposed New Member Candidates

1. Komal Chokshi (attorney member)
2. Cecilia de Leon (attorney member)
3. Yusuf Z. Zakir (attorney member)

Appointment of Officers to COAF

One letter of interest was received for the chair position and one letter of interest for the vice-chair position.

Staff recommends that Judge Michael Rhoads be appointed to the chair position and that Dean Chalak Richards Guinses be appointed to the vice-chair position, each for a one-year term.

Brandon Stallings and Patricia Barahona, the Board's Appointments Liaisons, have reviewed and are in support of COAF leadership's recommendations.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONDUCT (COPRAC)

COPRAC consists of 13 members, including a chair, vice-chair, and advisor, appointed by the Board of Trustees.

Appointment of New Members and Alternates to COPRAC

COPRAC leadership and staff reviewed and discussed all applications for appointment. This year, the terms of multiple members will end, including three committee members, the chair, and the advisor. One committee member's term was set to end in September 2024, but they submitted their immediate resignation in June 2024.

Thirty-nine applications were received for CORAC positions, with four from public member applicants and 39 from attorney applicants, one from a current judicial officer and one from a former judicial officer. One letter of interest was received for the chair position and two letters of interest were received for the vice-chair position.

COAF leadership and staff reviewed and discussed all applications for appointment. The recommended candidates are listed below:

Proposed New Member Candidates

1. Vikita Poindexter (public member)
2. Emil Ali (attorney member)
3. Novella Coleman (attorney member)
4. Kerri Riley (attorney member)

Proposed Alternate Candidate

1. Nima Mohebbi (attorney member)

Appointment of Officers to COPRAC

One letter of interest was received for the chair position and two letters of interest for the vice-chair position.

Staff recommends that Cassidy Chivers be appointed to the chair position and that Daniel O’Rielly be appointed to the vice-chair position, each for a one-year term.

In [July 2021](#), the Board approved the reinstatement of the advisor position. The advisor is a one-year appointment, filled by the individual who served as the committee chair in the immediate-preceding year, and is subject to Board appointment as part of the yearly committee appointment process. Staff recommends appointing Brandon Krueger, the outgoing chair, as the next advisor for a one-year term.

Brandon Stallings and Patricia Barahona, the Board’s Appointments Liaisons, reviewed and are in support of COPRAC leadership’s recommendations.

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMISSION (CSFC)

The CSF consists of five members serving four-year terms, appointed by the Board of Trustees. Members may be lawyers or public members. Out of five members, a maximum of three may be present or former licensees of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States. For 2024–2025, there will be two vacancies and the chair and vice-chair positions need to be named by the Board. The chair and vice-chair serve a one-year term and may be reappointed at the Board’s discretion, pursuant to section 4.9 Term of Membership of the Board Policy Manual.

Appointment of New Members and Alternates to CSFC

Eleven applications were received for CSFC positions, with 1 from a public member applicant and 10 from attorney applicants. One letter of interest was received for each of the chair and vice-chair positions.

CSFC leadership and staff reviewed and discussed all applications for appointment. The recommended candidates are listed below:

Proposed New Member Candidates

1. Melanie O’Day (attorney member)
2. Cheryl Stengler (attorney member)

Proposed Alternate Candidate

1. Kenneth Wolf (attorney member)

Appointment of Officers to the CSFC

One letter of interest was submitted for the chair position and one letter for the vice-chair position.

Staff recommends that Fenglan Liu be appointed to the chair position and that Monica Cooper be appointed to the vice-chair position, each for a one-year term.

Brandon Stallings and Patricia Barahona, the Board's Appointments Liaisons, have reviewed and are in support of CSF leadership's recommendations.

LAWYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (LAPOC)

Pursuant to [Business and Professions Code section 6231](#), the Board of Trustees appoints six members to LAPOC and must include:

- Two members who are licensed mental health professionals with knowledge and expertise in the identification and treatment of substance use and mental health issues;
- One member who is a physician with knowledge and expertise in the identification and treatment of alcoholism and substance use;
- One member of the board of directors of a statewide nonprofit organization established for the purpose of assisting lawyers with alcohol or substance use issues, which has been in continuous operation for a minimum of five years; and
- Two members who are lawyers, at least one of whom is in recovery and has at least five years of continuous sobriety.

Appointment of New Members to LAPOC

Eight applications were received for LAPOC positions, with one from a public member applicant and seven from attorney applicants. One letter of interest was received for each of the chair and vice-chair positions.

LAPOC leadership and staff reviewed and discussed all applications for appointment. The recommended candidates are listed below:

Proposed New Member Candidate

1. Dr. Catherine Young (attorney member)

Appointment of Officers to LAPOC

Staff recommends that Heather Benton be appointed to the chair position and that James Heiting be appointed to the vice-chair position, each for a one-year term.

Brandon Stallings and Patricia Barahona, the Board's Appointments Liaisons, have reviewed and are in support of LAPOC leadership's recommendations.

LEGAL SERVICES TRUST FUND COMMISSION (LSTFC)

The commission consists of 21 voting members; the Board of Trustees appoints six voting members. The chair and vice-chair of the LSTFC are selected by the chair of the Judicial Council and not by the Board.

Appointment of New Members and Alternates to LSTFC

The Board has two vacancies to fill for the 2024–2025 term. Of the 10 applications received, 3 were from public members and 7 were from attorneys.

LSTFC leadership and staff reviewed all applications, and two candidate interviews were conducted. To the extent possible, staff is coordinating amongst the various appointing entities to ensure a qualified, balanced, and diverse commission. The Judicial Council, the Senate, and the Assembly have separate nomination processes. A list of applicants recommended as new members and alternates is provided below:

Sixteen applications were received for LSTFC positions, with four from public member applicants, 10 from attorney applicants, and two from current judicial officers. The chair and vice-chair of the commission are to be selected by the chair of the Judicial Council.

LSTFC leadership and staff reviewed and discussed all applications for appointment. The recommended candidates are listed below:

Proposed New Member Candidates

1. Judge Kristin Rosi (attorney member)
2. Robert Stalker (attorney member)

Brandon Stallings and Patricia Barahona, the Board’s Appointments Liaisons, have reviewed and are in support of LSTFC leadership’s recommendations.

REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL NOMINEES EVALUATION (RJNE)

RJNE consists of two members of the Board of Trustees, one public member and one attorney member; one past member of the JNE Commission; and two at-large members appointed at the discretion of the Board. RJNE members serve four-year terms, except for the Board positions, which are filled annually by the Board chair at the commencement of the new Board year.

Appointment of Officer to RJNE

RJNE leadership and staff recommend reappointment of current chair Maureen Onyeagbako as 2024–2025 RJNE Chair.

Brandon Stallings and Patricia Barahona, the Board’s Appointments Liaisons, have reviewed and are in support of RJNE leadership’s recommendations.

JUDICIAL NOMINEES EVALUATION COMMISSION (JNE)

The commission consists of a maximum of 38 members, up to 20 percent of whom can be public members pursuant to State Bar rule 7.2 (A). State Bar rules require that one of the lawyer members be a former judicial officer, preferably of an appellate court. Commissioners serve a single three-year term and only the chair may serve a fourth year. The first JNE Commission meeting of the commission year occurs in June and the last meeting occurs the following April. The April meeting serves as the shadow meeting for the incoming first-year

commissioners sworn in at their orientation meeting in January. Each year, the third-year commissioners and the chair term off at the April meeting.

Appointment of New Members and Alternates to the 2024 JNE Commission

Sixty-one applications were received for JNE positions, with 14 from public member applicants, 44 from attorney applicants, and 3 from former judicial officers.

In reviewing applications for appointment to the commission, 2025 JNE leadership screened applicants for: (1) leadership in their areas of practice or employment; and (2) diversity of background and experience, and geography; and (3) volunteerism or community engagement. The criteria used to consider the lawyer applicants include length of time in practice, type of practice, and area of specialty.

Staff and JNE Commission leadership are committed to continue efforts to recruit qualified public members to increase the number of public member applicants in the coming year. A list of applicants recommended as new members and alternates is provided below:

Proposed New Member Candidates

1. Khuong Danny Ding Hang (public member)
2. Katherine Sanchez (public member)
3. Hon. Robert Dondero (Ret.) (former judicial officer)
4. Alan Goldhammer (attorney member)
5. Anya Ku (attorney member)
6. Christina Bazak (attorney member)
7. Darren Teshima (attorney member)
8. Erin Leedy (attorney member)
9. Gregory Schetina (attorney member)
10. Jason Gundel (attorney member)
11. John Polito (attorney member)
12. Michael Morse (attorney member)
13. Trevor Finneman (attorney member)

Proposed Alternate Candidates

1. Demetrius Robinson (public member)
2. Hon. Cynthia Ludvigsen (former judicial officer)
3. Brenda Pannell-Nash (attorney member)
4. Verónica Ramos (attorney member)

Appointment of Officers to the 2025 JNE Commission

Historically, the vice-chair position has been used to prepare a member of the commission to serve as the chair. The vice-chair has substantial responsibilities and serving in that position provides a hands-on training opportunity to develop the expertise necessary to perform the functions of the chair. Typically, the vice-chair is the only candidate for chair. That is the case in this appointments cycle. Lorena Peñaloza, the current vice-chair, is the only candidate for chair.

JNE leadership and staff recommends that Lorena Peñaloza be appointed to the chair position and that Stephen Hamilton be appointed to the vice-chair position, for the 2025–2026 term.

Brandon Stallings and Patricia Barahona, the Board’s Appointments Liaisons, have reviewed and are in support of JNE leadership’s recommendations.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

None

AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL

None

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

Goal 4. Protect the Public by Engaging Partners

- b. 1. Create and sustain partnerships with other organizations, entities, and stakeholder groups.
- c. 2. Increase the number and variety of stakeholders to include affinity bar associations and a broad range of organizations invested in the mission of the State Bar.
- c. 3. Engage diverse voices in the development and evaluation of State Bar policy.

RESOLUTIONS

Should the Board Executive Committee concur, it is:

Committee of Bar Examiners

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees nominate to the Supreme Court the list of candidates, as presented in Attachment A, for appointment to serve on the Committee of Bar Examiners, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment A, each for the remainder of the resigning member's term if a midterm vacancy is created.

California Board of Legal Specialization

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Michael D. Lee to serve as chair and George P. Surmaitis to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment B, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Lisa L. McGloiry and Damon Livingston Jenkins, as presented in Attachment B, to serve on the California Board of Legal Specialization, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment B, each for the remainder of the resigning member's term if a midterm vacancy is created.

Council on Access and Fairness

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Judge Michael Rhoads to serve as chair and Dean Chalak Richards Guinses to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment C, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Komal Chokshi, Cecilia de Leon, and Yusuf Z. Zakir, as presented in Attachment C, to serve on the Council on Access, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Committee of Professional Responsibility and Conduct

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Cassidy Chivers to serve as chair, Daniel O'Rielly to serve as vice-chair, and Brandon Krueger to serve as advisor as presented in Attachment D, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of

Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Vikita Poindexter, Emil Ali, Novella Coleman, and Kerri Riley, as presented in Attachment D, to serve on the Committee of Professional Responsibility and Conduct, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment D, each for the remainder of the resigning member's term if a midterm vacancy is created.

Client Security Fund Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Fenglan Liu to serve as chair and Monica Cooper to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment E, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Melanie O'Day and appointment of Cheryl Stengler, as presented in Attachment E, to serve on the Client Security Fund Commission, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment E, each for the remainder of the resigning member's term if a midterm vacancy is created.

Lawyer Assistance Program Oversight Committee

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Heather Benton to serve as chair and James Heiting to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment F, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Catherine Young, as presented in Attachment F, to serve on the Lawyer Assistance Program Oversight Committee, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

Legal Services Trust Fund Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Judge Kristin Rosi and Robert Stalker, as presented in Attachment G, to serve on the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Review Committee of the Commission on Judicial Nominees

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Maureen Onyeagbako to serve as chair, as presented in Attachment H, for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees appoints Lorena Peñaloza to serve as the chair of the 2025 Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) Commission and Stephen Hamilton as presented in Attachment I, to serve as the vice-chair of the 2025 JNE Commission, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the last business meeting of the 2025 JNE Commission on April 2025, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2026 JNE Commission on April 2026, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees appoints 13 new members to the 2025 JNE Commission as presented in Attachment I, each for a three-year term commencing upon administration of the oath of the office at the orientation meeting on January 2025, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the JNE Commission in April 2028, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment I, each for the remainder of the resigning member's term if a midterm vacancy is created.

Should the Board of Trustees concur, it is:

Committee of Bar Examiners

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, nominate to the Supreme Court the list of candidates, as presented in Attachment A, for appointment to serve on the Committee of Bar Examiners, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment A, each for the remainder of the resigning member's term if a midterm vacancy is created.

California Board of Legal Specialization

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the appointment of Michael D. Lee to serve as chair and George P. Surmaitis to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment B, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the appointment of Lisa L. McGloiry and Damon Livingston Jenkins, as presented in Attachment B, to serve on the California Board of Legal Specialization, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment B, each for the remainder of the resigning member's term if a midterm vacancy is created.

Council on Access and Fairness

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the reappointment of Judge Michael Rhoads to serve as chair and Dean Chalak Richards Guinses to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment C, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the

Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the appointment of Komal Chokshi, Cecilia de Leon, and Yusuf Z. Zakir, as presented in Attachment C, to serve on the Council on Access, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Committee of Professional Responsibility and Conduct

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the appointment of Cassidy Chivers to serve as chair, Daniel O’Rielly to serve as vice-chair, and Brandon Krueger to serve as advisor as presented in Attachment D, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the appointment of Vikita Poindexter, Emil Ali, Novella Coleman, and Kerri Riley, as presented in Attachment D, to serve on the Committee of Professional Responsibility and Conduct, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment D, each for the remainder of the resigning member’s term if a midterm vacancy is created.

Client Security Fund Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the reappointment of Fenglan Liu to serve as chair and Monica Cooper to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment E, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the appointment of Melanie O’Day and Cheryl Stengler, as presented in Attachment E, to serve on the Client Security Fund Commission, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board

of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment E, each for the remainder of the resigning member's term if a midterm vacancy is created.

Lawyer Assistance Program Oversight Committee

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the appointment of Heather Benton to serve as chair and James Heiting to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment F, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the appointment of Dr. Catherine Young, as presented in Attachment F, to serve on the Lawyer Assistance Program Oversight Committee, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

Legal Services Trust Fund Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the appointment of Judge Kristin Rosi and Robert Stalker, as presented in Attachment G, to serve on the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2028, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment G, each for the remainder of the resigning member's term if a midterm vacancy is created.

Review Committee of the Commission on Judicial Nominees

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the reappointment of Maureen Onyeagbako to serve as chair, as presented in Attachment H, for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2024, and expiring at the close of

the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 2025, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, appoints Lorena Peñaloza to serve as the chair of the 2025 Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) Commission and Stephen Hamilton as presented in Attachment I, to serve as the vice-chair of the 2025 JNE Commission, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the last business meeting of the 2025 JNE Commission on April 2025, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2026 JNE Commission on April 2026, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, appoints 13 new members to the 2025 JNE Commission as presented in Attachment I, each for a three-year term commencing upon administration of the oath of the office at the orientation meeting on January 2025, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the JNE Commission in April 2028, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment I, each for the remainder of the resigning member's term if a midterm vacancy is created.

ATTACHMENTS LIST

- A.** Committee of Bar Examiners Roster of Current Members and Proposed Members
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**Committee of Bar Examiners Roster
of Current Members and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Michael	Cao, MD		✓	October 2025
Vice-Chair, Alex	Chan	✓		September 2025
James	Bolton, PhD		✓	October 2025
Robert	Brody	✓		September 2024
James	Efting	✓		September 2024
Kareem	Gongora		✓	October 2025
Larry	Kaplan		✓	October 2026
Paul	Kramer, Jr.	✓		September 2024
Alexander	Lawrence, Jr.		✓	January 2025
Esther	Lin	✓		September 2025
Justice Shama Hakim	Mesiwala	✓		September 2027
Bethany	Peak	✓		September 2025
Justice Renee	Reyna	✓		September 2027
Vincent	Reyes		✓	January 2023
Ashley	Silva-Guzman	✓		November 2026
Alan	Yochelson	✓		September 2027
Proposed New Members				
Rebekah A.	Frye	✓		September 2028
Flomy J.	Diza	✓		September 2028
Michelle L.	Bains	✓		September 2028
Proposed 2024 Alternate				
Dr. Hall Randall	Rubin	✓		--

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ATTACHMENT B

**California Board of Legal Specialization Roster
of Current Members and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Jeffrey	Hammerschmidt	✓		September 2024
Vice-Chair, Michael	Lee	✓		September 2025
Grace	Alano	✓		September 2026
Pamela	Bennett		✓	September 2024
Dana	Rueckert	✓		September 2027
George	Surmaitis	✓		September 2027
Jake	Yoon		✓	September 2024
Proposed New Officers				
Michael (Chair)	Lee	✓		September 2025
George (Vice -Chair)	Surmaitis	✓		September 2025
Proposed New Members				
Lisa	McGloiry		✓	September 2028
Damon	Livingston Jenkins	✓		September 2028
Proposed 2024 Alternates				
Katherine	Bell		✓	--
Abraham	Benjamin	✓		--

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**Council on Access and Fairness Roster
of Current Members and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Judge Kristin	Rosi	✓		September 2024
Vice-Chair, Judge Michael	Rhoads	✓		September 2024
Novella	Coleman	✓		September 2024
Chalak	Richards		✓	September 2024
Stephanie	Santoro	✓		September 2024
Angelica	Salceda	✓		September 2025
Arinolayemi	Adegbonmire	✓		September 2027
Terra	Davis		✓	September 2027
Tristan EH	Higgins	✓		September 2027
Jazzirelle	Hill	✓		September 2027
Proposed New Officers				
Judge Michael (Chair)	Rhoads	✓		September 2025
Dean (Vice-Chair)	Chalak Richards Guinses		✓	September 2025
Proposed New Members				
Komal	Chokshi	✓		September 2028
Cecilia	de Leon	✓		September 2028
Yusuf	Zakir	✓		September 2028

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ATTACHMENT D

**Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct Roster
of Current Members and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Brandon	Krueger	✓		September 2025
Vice-Chair, Cassidy	Chivers	✓		September 2026
Chair, Sarah	Banola	✓		September 2024
Elizabeth	Bradley	✓		September 2025
Raquel	Brown		✓	September 2026
Mary Grace	Guzman	✓		September 2027
Joel	Mark	✓		September 2024
Eleanor	Mercado		✓	September 2025
William	Munoz	✓		September 2025
Daniel	O’Rielly	✓		September 2026
Vikita	Poindexter		✓	September 2024
Deepika	Ravi	✓		September 2027
Hunter	Starr	✓		September 2024
Proposed New Officers				
Cassidy (Chair)	Chivers	✓		September 2025
Daniel (Vice-Chair)	O’Rielly	✓		September 2025
Brandon (Advisor)	Kreuger	✓		September 2025
Proposed New Members				
Vikita	Poindexter		✓	September 2028
Emil	Ali	✓		September 2028
Novella	Coleman	✓		September 2028
Kerri	Riley	✓		September 2028
Proposed 2024 Alternate				
Nima	Mohebbi	✓		--

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ATTACHMENT E

**Client Security Fund Commission Roster
of Current Members and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Melanie	O'Day	✓		September 2024
Vice-Chair, Fenglan	Liu	✓		September 2025
Monica	Cooper		✓	September 2026
Dr. Venetta	Campbell		✓	September 2025
Joseph	Dimino		✓	September 2024
Proposed New Officers				
Fenglan (Chair)	Liu	✓		September 2025
Monica (Vice-Chair)	Cooper		✓	September 2025
Proposed New Members				
Melanie	O'Day	✓		September 2028
Cheryl	Stengler	✓		September 2028
Proposed 2024 Alternate				
Kenneth	Wolf	✓		--

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**Lawyer Assistance Program Oversight Committee Roster
of Current Members and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Justin	Delacruz	✓		September 2024
Vice-Chair, Heather	Benton	✓		September 2024
James	Heiting	✓		January 2027
Lisa	Johnson, MD		✓	September 2027
Tracy	LeSage	✓		September 2027
Diedre	Nguyen		✓	December 2024
Dr. Philip	Spiegel		✓	September 2025
Elise	Yenne, PhD		✓	September 2026
Proposed New Officers				
Heather (Chair)	Benton	✓		September 2025
James (Vice-Chair)	Heiting	✓		September 2025
Proposed New Member				
Catherine	Young, MD	✓		September 2028

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**Legal Services Trust Fund Commission
of Current Members and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Chair, Erica	Connolly	✓		September 2026
Co-vice-chair, Amin	Al-Sarraf	✓		September 2027
Catherine	Blakemore		✓	September 2026
Clifford	Klein	✓		September 2026
Venetta	Campbell		✓	September 2026
Efrain	Escobedo		✓	September 2027
Eloina	Gonzalez	✓		September 2026
Eric	Connolly	✓		September 2026
Advisor, Judge Victor	Rodriguez	✓		September 2026
Advisor, Judge Brad	Seligman	✓		September 2024
Judge Diana	Kruze	✓		September 2024
Advisor, Judge Bryant	Yang	✓		September 2025
Jacqueline	Alikhaani		✓	September 2027
Jason	Galkin		✓	September 2024
Jeffrey	Ball		✓	September 2024
Jodi	Prior	✓		September 2028
Jonathan	Sandville		✓	September 2027
Joseph	Lee	✓		September 2024
Maria	Morales		✓	September 2027
Patience	Milrod	✓		September 2026
Tammy	Mahoney		✓	September 2024
Toni	Hoang	✓		September 2027
Xavier	Vargas		✓	September 2026
Proposed New Member				
Judge Kristin	Rosi	✓		September 2028
Robert	Stalker	✓		September 2028

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ATTACHMENT H

**Review Committee of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation Roster
of Current Members and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Maureen	Onyeagbako	✓		September 2026
Elizabeth	D'Orazio	✓		September 2027
Tobi	Inlender		✓	September 2026
José	Cisneros		✓	September 2024
Mattheus	Stephens	✓		September 2024
Proposed New Officer				
Maureen (Chair)	Onyeagbako	✓		September 2025

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**Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission Roster
of Current Members and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Chhaya	Malik	✓		April 2025
Vice-Chair, Lorena	Peñaloza	✓		April 2025
Caley	Anderson	✓		April 2025
Corey	Weber	✓		April 2025
David	Sutton	✓		April 2025
Frine	Eger-Gelston	✓		April 2025
Mack	Jenkins, Sr.		✓	April 2025
Matthew	Barnachia		✓	April 2025
Melissa	Mandel	✓		April 2025
Noemi	Esparza	✓		April 2025
Ryan	Tacorda	✓		April 2025
Tara	Doss	✓		April 2025
Judge Alan	Jaroslovsky	✓		April 2025
Winnifred	Gin	✓		April 2025
Caroline	Hahn	✓		April 2026
Esteban	Mendoza	✓		April 2026
Jehan	Pernas	✓		April 2026
Kristin	Ault	✓		April 2026
Michele	Pincus	✓		April 2026
Roger	Lim	✓		April 2026
Stephen	Hamilton	✓		April 2026
Antoinette	Morris	✓		April 2026
Joseph	Goldstein-Breyer	✓		April 2026
Linda	Soles		✓	April 2026
Kevin	Nichols		✓	April 2026
Cuautemoc	Ortega	✓		April 2026
Judge Andrew	Kauffman	✓		April 2026
Proposed New Officers				
Lorena (Chair)	Peñaloza	✓		April 2026
Stephen (Vice-Chair)	Hamilton			April 2026
Proposed New Members				
Khuong Danny	Ding Hang		✓	April 2028
Katherine	Sanchez		✓	April 2028
Hon. Robert	Dondero	✓		April 2028
Alan	Goldhammer	✓		April 2028
Anya	Ku	✓		April 2028

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Christina	Bazak	✓		April 2028
Darren	Teshima	✓		April 2028
Erin	Leedy	✓		April 2028
Gregory	Schetina	✓		April 2028
Jason	Gundel	✓		April 2028
John	Polito	✓		April 2028
Michael	Morse	✓		April 2028
Trevor	Finneman	✓		April 2028
Proposed 2024 Alternates				
Demetrius Robinson	El-Amamy		✓	--
Hon. Cynthia	Ludvigsen	✓		--
Brenda	Pannell-Nash	✓		--
Verónica	Ramos	✓		--

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