



Each year The State Bar of California offers lawyers in California an opportunity to contribute to the legal profession and the public by volunteering to serve on one of the State Bar's committees. For 2011-12, the State Bar is recruiting applicants for 47 entities (10 standing committees, 16 section executive committees, 19 special committees, boards and commissions, and two external groups). The State Bar's Board of Governors appoints approximately 150-200 new members every year and strives to make appointments that will achieve diversity and broad representation.

The Appointment Process

The participation of all State Bar members throughout the State of California is encouraged. From time to time, the Board of Governors may appoint public members (i.e., representatives of other professions, members of the public, or lawyers who are not admitted in California). The State Bar does not discriminate against persons on the basis of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS) or mental disability, medical condition (cancer), age (over 40), marital status, denial of family care leave, political affiliation, sexual orientation, disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran status.

Eligibility / Appointment Policies. Applicants may apply to a maximum of three committees but can be appointed to only one. In no case will the board appoint a person who is subject to disciplinary probation. Factors that militate **against** appointment, but are weighed among other factors, include: 1) if a lawyer appointment, whether there is any public information known to the State Bar about the applicant or a record of public discipline; 2) whether any other member of applicant's firm is on the committee; and 3) whether the applicant previously served on the committee. Due consideration will be given in the appointment process to the budget impact of any additional costs that may be incurred by the State Bar due to the service of out-of-state members. Applicants to a **section executive committee** must be members of that section in order to be eligible for appointment, and the level of each applicant's involvement in the section's activities is a factor considered during the appointment review.

Appointment Term. Members generally serve three-year terms. A few committees have two or four-year terms. On occasion, the board may appoint a member to an unexpired vacancy (i.e., the appointee serves only the remaining portion of the term of the member who resigned). The State Bar's committee year runs from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting. The 2011-12 committee year starts at the close of the 2011 State Bar Annual Meeting (September 18, 2011) and ends at the

close of the 2012 State Bar Annual Meeting. The new 2011-12 terms commence at the close of the 2011 State Bar Annual Meeting (September 18, 2011).

Time Commitment and Committee Service.

Committees differ in the number of meetings scheduled in a year, but a typical meeting requires two to four hours of preparation and at least four to six hours of attendance. The meeting locations tend to alternate between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and some meetings may be conducted by conference call. An additional time commitment may be required for special tasks and projects. Committee members take an oath of office and receive no compensation for services. Committee members may be reimbursed for approved travel expenses in accordance with the State Bar's policies and the committee's budget.

Application Deadline. The application deadline for most committees is **February 1, 2011**. Filing instructions are found on the last page of the application form. All applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Appointments Office.

Application Review and Board Appointments. The committees review the appointment applications and forward their recommendations for appointment to the board's appointments committee, i.e., Board Committee on Volunteer Involvement (VIC). VIC will consider the appointments between May and July, and will forward its recommendations to the board. The ultimate authority to make appointments rests with the Board of Governors.

Notification. Applicants normally are notified of the board's appointments as early as possible following the board's July meeting so that new members can participate in the State Bar's Annual Meeting. Any applicant who does not receive notification by the last day of the State Bar Annual Meeting (Sept. 18, 2011) should contact the Appointments Office. Applications of those not selected will be kept on file for approximately one year for consideration for vacancies that may arise during the 2011-12 committee year.

See the following pages for descriptions of the entities.

Standing Committees

A standing committee is created or maintained if its primary purpose is to advise and serve the board with regard to an enduring concern that relates to the administration of justice or that affects the profession at large.

Committee on Administration of Justice. This committee studies and reports recommendations on proposed changes in civil procedure, court rules and administration, rules of evidence, and other matters having an impact on the administration of justice in the civil courts. The committee's work consists of in-depth evaluations of, and occasional preparation of amendments to, proposed court rules and state legislation. The committee reviews California Law Revision Commission's studies and proposals of the California Judicial Council related to civil justice. Members prepare court rules and affirmative legislative proposals. The committee is divided into a northern California section and a southern California section, with the entire committee (north and south) normally meeting once a month. Members are encouraged to attend meetings in person when possible. All meetings are held via telephone conference call, which means that members who cannot appear in person may attend via telephone. Applicants must have a **minimum of three years** in practice and experience in the civil practice field. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, etc. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 10 northern section;
7 southern section

Meetings per year: 12

Chair: Vicki G. Norton, San Diego

Vice Chair: Jewell Hargleroad, Hayward

Staff: Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution. This committee analyzes and comments on proposals relating to alternative dispute resolution (ADR), drafts proposals relating to ADR for consideration by the Board of Governors, identifies issues concerning the relationship of ADR to the practice of law, the administration of justice and improving access to justice, plans and administers educational programs relating to ADR, and

encourages lawyers involved in ADR to become active participants in the State Bar. The committee is composed of a diverse group of practitioners and other persons with expertise or an interest in ADR.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 7

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Laurel Kaufer, Calabasas

Staff: Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

Committee on Appellate Courts. This committee reviews proposed changes to the rules of court affecting appellate courts; reviews and comments on proposed legislation affecting appellate court operation and appellate practice; and may initiate legislative and rules proposals in these areas. An Approved Legal Specialization Provider in the area of Appellate Law, the committee plans and participates in the presentation of MCLE programs at the State Bar's Annual Meeting. The committee consists of 16 lawyers who may be drawn from diverse sources as appellate court research staff, defense and prosecution offices handling criminal appeals, law firms, solo practitioners, and law school faculty.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 5

Meetings per year: 5

Chair: Benjamin Shatz, Los Angeles

Staff: Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

Committee of Bar Examiners. This committee examines applicants through the structure and administration of the First-Year Law Students' Examination and the California Bar Examination; screens applicants for moral character; recommends all qualified applicants to the California Supreme Court for admission to the bar; accredits law schools in California; registers unaccredited law schools; and studies and reports on proposed changes in the law and other matters concerning requirements for admission to practice law in California. The committee is composed of 10 lawyers, including one young lawyer admitted three years or less before the time of appointment, and nine public members (who must not be members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States). The Governor, the Senate Rules Committee, and the Speaker of the Assembly appoint the public members. The board appoints only the lawyer members to this committee, and this application is for board appointments only. Lawyer applicants must be active members of the State Bar of California and cannot currently be employed as a law school administrator or professor, or associated with a bar review company.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 2

Meetings per year: 7 meetings (one-two days per meeting), plus an equal number of meetings for examination research, structure and grading, and additional time for subcommittees, meeting preparation, moral character applicant interviews, and law school visitations

Chair: Galal Gough, Huntington Beach

Staff: Gayle Murphy (415) 538-2322

Committee on Delivery of Legal Services. The Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS) is a 20-member advisory committee that identifies, develops, and supports improvements in the delivery of legal services (civil and criminal) to low-and moderate-income individuals in California; serves as a resource to the board on legal services issues and relevant legislation; develops and presents educational programs and materials to improve the delivery of legal services; maintains liaison relationships with other State Bar entities such as the California Commission on Access to Justice and external entities such as the Legal Aid Association of California; and works to encourage and increase pro bono participation in California.

Project areas include: legislation, moderate income, pro bono, awards/recognition and training. SCDLS seeks lawyers who are from diverse backgrounds and practice settings (e.g. legal aid, government, small/medium/large law firm, solo, corporate, academia, indigent criminal defense, courts), and who are committed to the broad goals stated above. Public members with experience in the delivery of legal services to low-and moderate-income individuals are encouraged to apply. Members should be prepared to complete tasks assigned to them and to devote a minimum of 6-10 hours on average per month on projects, plus actively participate at in-person committee meetings. Committee meetings are usually held on Fridays and generally alternate between the SF and LA State Bar offices. Travel time is in addition to the scheduled meeting time.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 8-10

Meetings per year: 5-6 (plus working group conference calls)

Chair: Tiela Chalmers, San Francisco

Staff: Sharon Ngim; sharon.ngim@calbar.ca.gov

Committee on Federal Courts. This committee studies, recommends, and reports on proposed changes in the rules, procedures and practices of the federal courts in California. It works to enhance relations between the State Bar and the federal courts in California and meets with judges and representatives of each of the federal district courts in California to

understand the issues of importance to the federal judiciary. The committee seeks lawyers who are knowledgeable in Federal Court practice.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 6

Meetings per year: 4

Chair: Alan VanDerhoff, San Diego

Staff: Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

Committee on Group Insurance Programs (COGIP).

This committee oversees the State Bar Endorsed Group Insurance Programs and acts as a counselor and advisor to the Board of Governors with respect to the program. The committee oversees insurance programs which include life, accidental death and dismemberment, disability, personal auto & homeowners, long-term care, and workers' compensation. It studies and makes recommendations and/or changes to the existing programs, evaluates program carriers and brokers, monitors long-term financial issues, proposes product enhancements, directs pricing and design, and related matters. The committee strives to insure that the program is philosophically and structurally attuned to the needs of California's lawyers and consumers. Applicants should be lawyers with experience and expertise in insurance/insurance regulation, dealing with brokers and carriers, understanding insurance policies and business aspects of insurance, or lawyers who are familiar with group and/or association plans. Experience and expertise in loss prevention/competency enhancement, claims handling, underwriting, policy language, and policy provisions and pricing are helpful.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 4

Meetings per year: 4

Chair: Paul Willihnganz, Santa Rosa

Staff: Laila Bartlett (415) 538-2232

Committee on Professional Liability Insurance

(COPLI). This committee oversees the State Bar Approved Professional Liability Insurance Program and acts as a counselor and advisor to the board with respect to the program. The committee studies and makes recommendations and/or changes to the existing program, including carrier and broker evaluation, long-term financial issues, product enhancement, product pricing and design, and related matters. The committee also works to reduce the quantity and severity of lawyer malpractice claims through attorney loss-prevention and competency education programs, and also has a claims oversight component. In general, the committee strives to insure that the program is philosophically and structurally attuned to the needs of California's lawyers and consumers. Members may serve two consecutive terms. Applicants should be lawyers with experience

and interest in insurance regulation, professional liability litigation, risk management, law office management and/or other areas related to the work of the committee. Experience and expertise in loss prevention/competency enhancement, claims handling, underwriting, policy language, and policy provisions and pricing are helpful.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 5

Meetings per year: 4

Co-Chairs: Randall Miller, Pasadena, and Russell Roeca, San Francisco

Staff: Raquel Hines (415) 538-2201

Committee on Mandatory Fee Arbitration. The committee's primary function is to oversee the mandatory attorney-client fee arbitration program established by B & P Code §§6200-6206. Fee arbitration is currently provided by 45 local bar associations and State Bar programs. The committee: 1) reviews and comments upon any proposed legislation that may affect either the mandatory fee arbitration program or attorney fee agreements in general; 2) makes recommendations to the Board of Governors regarding amendments to the fee arbitration statutes, the State Bar's and local bar association's Rules of Procedure for Fee Arbitration, and the Guidelines and Minimum Standards for the Operation of Mandatory Fee Arbitration Programs; 3) monitors developments in both substantive and procedural law relating to mandatory fee arbitration; 4) oversees the State Bar's Mandatory Fee Arbitration Department and is responsible for drafting the State Bar approved sample fee agreements, local program advisories, and arbitration advisories; and 5) conducts continuing education seminars, including fee arbitrator training sessions for fee arbitrators with the local and State Bar programs and on attorney's fee law for lawyers. The basic time commitment for members is attending six meetings per year, involving about 12 hours/month in months when meetings occur. Members who speak at educational seminars and arbitrator training programs incur more hours. Members are assigned projects often on a team subcommittee basis, which may require dozens of hours of research, writing and editing. Lawyers and public members experienced in a local bar mandatory fee arbitration, including experienced fee arbitrators, chairs, vice chairs and staff administrators from local bar fee arbitration programs, are encouraged to apply.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 7

Meetings per year: 6-8, plus special projects

Chair: David Moore, Los Angeles

Staff: Jill Sperber, (415) 538-2023

Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (COPRAC). This committee addresses matters involving professional ethics and helps educate and provide guidance to the membership about their ethical duties. The committee's work consists of: drafting advisory opinions on issues of professional ethics based on questions submitted to the committee or developed by the committee on its own initiative; studying and recommending changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct; and conducting studies and providing advice to the board on professional responsibility. The committee sponsors educational and outreach programs, including an annual ethics symposium. The committee currently is composed of 15 lawyers and one public member. In evaluating potential members, the committee uses the following criteria, though no single factor is dispositive: 1) prior experience in the legal ethics field; 2) time and energy to undertake the significant responsibilities of committee membership; 3) writing and verbal skills; 4) factors lending diversity to the committee, including diversity based on race, sex, color, national origin and sexual orientation, as well as location and field of practice, years in practice (including status as a California Young Lawyer), and size of firm (if applicable); and 5) prior volunteer experience, particularly involvement in legal and other professional groups. For public members, the committee values the ability to contribute a client perspective to committee's deliberations. In addition to completing an application, successful applicants may be required to participate in a personal interview, typically held in March or April. Committee meetings generally are held on Fridays; two-day meetings are held Friday and Saturday.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 5

Meetings per year: 10 (two meetings are two-days)

Chair: Shawn Harpen, Las Vegas

Staff: Lauren McCurdy (415) 538-2107

Section Executive Committees

State Bar sections address the concerns and interests of a specific segment of the profession. The section executive committee directs the policies and affairs of the section, subject to and in accordance with the section's bylaws, the policies of the Board of Governors, and the *Rules of the State Bar*. The executive committee assists the Board of Governors in matters relating to the section and supervises the section's activities, such as its educational programs, membership communications, publications, and standing or substantive committees.

Eligibility. Applicants to a section executive committee are required to be members of that section. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. The executive committee generally consists of 15-17 members who previously have served on the section's standing/substantive committees or otherwise been active in section activities. The board may in its discretion appoint to the executive committee members who have been nominated by the section. Nominations for such appointments may be made by the executive committee acting as a nominating committee or by a petition signed by at least 15 members of the section.

Appointment to a Section Standing Committee. The Board of Governors does not make appointments to a section's standing committees. Those interested in applying to section's standing committee are to contact the section's chair or staff administrator.

Antitrust and Unfair Competition Section Executive Committee. This section focuses on developments under the Cartwright, the Unfair Practices Act, and the Unfair Competition Law, section 17200, et. seq. of the B & P Code. The section deals with both private and government (federal, state and local) enforcement actions, civil and criminal, and government criminal procedures. It offers MCLE-accredited section programs throughout the year, an annual UCL Conference, an annual Golden State Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Institute, and an Antitrust Lawyer of the Year Award. The section publishes *Competition Journal* periodically and updates its two-volume treatise as appropriate. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Prior section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 5+

Meetings per year: 1+ monthly conference calls; 1 annual committee in-person weekend retreat; in-person attendance for committee kick-off meeting at annual State Bar meeting; attendance at section educational events encouraged

Chair: Albert Boro, San Jose

Staff: Mitch Wood (415) 538-2594

Business Law Section Executive Committee. With over 9,000 members, the Business Law Section is the largest section of the State Bar. This executive committee oversees the section's educational, legislative, and publishing activities. The section has 15 standing committees plus the *Business Law News* Editorial Board. The standing committees are actively involved in providing member services and educational activities as well as initiating, developing, and proposing California legislation, commenting upon state and federal legislation, and participating in regulatory reform in California. The section focuses on providing services to its members electronically and through the section's Web site. The section sponsors educational programs and publishes a monthly e-newsletter, the quarterly *Business Law News*, opinion reports, and other written materials. Executive Committee members act as liaisons to the section's standing and ad hoc committees and actively participate in the section's projects. Members are expected to attend regularly the executive committee meetings and to handle projects outside the meetings. Applications from the section's lawyer members who have actively participated in its standing committees are strongly encouraged. Committee communications are conducted electronically and posted on the section's Web site; therefore, each member must have access to the Internet and an e-mail address to receive and review committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 5

Meetings per year: 8

Chair: Mark Porter, San Francisco

Staff: Susan Orloff (415) 538-2341

Criminal Law Section Executive Committee. This section engages in a wide range of activities including authoring opinions on criminal justice legislation, presenting educational programs for criminal law practitioners, and fostering communication with law students interested in career opportunities in criminal law. The executive committee publishes a newsletter four times a year. The committee is balanced geographically and by nature of the practice with state and federal prosecutors and defense lawyers. Advisors consist of former committee members, including lawyers, judges, and members of the Board of Governors. Committee communications are conducted

electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 4

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Lawrence Forbes, Los Angeles

Staff: Tom Pye (415) 538-2042

Environmental Law Section Executive Committee.

This section provides a statewide forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge among California environmental lawyers and other professionals in the environmental field. The section engages a broad range of substantive areas of environmental law, including water quality, water supply, air quality, land use, natural resources, solid waste, hazardous waste, toxic substances, endangered species, wetlands, coastal protection, environmental justice, and energy. The executive committee includes lawyers from private firms, regulatory agencies, state and local governments, public interest groups, business, and academia. The executive committee sponsors numerous MCLE programs, conducts outreach programs, furnishes technical comments concerning proposed legislation, and publishes periodic updates and insights on the practice of environmental law in California. The executive committee implements the section's goal of preventing pollution and conserving and supporting the sustainable use of natural resources. The section welcomes applications from lawyers with a background in environmental law. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section and State Bar participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 6

Meetings per year: 9 (plus conference calls)

Chair: Marilee Hanson, Sacramento

Staff: Julie Martinez (415) 538-2523

Family Law Section Executive Committee. The purpose of the Family Law Section is to further the knowledge of its members in all areas of family law such as dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, registered domestic partnerships, child custody, child and spousal support, community property, adoption, and dependency. The executive committee consists of up to 17 lawyer members from northern and southern California, and several advisors. The section is active in producing continuing legal education programs, the *Family Law News*, and an electronic newsletter. The executive committee reviews all proposed family law legislation, assists the State Bar in working with the Legislature to develop family law legislation, drafts affirmative family law legislation, and lends its family law expertise by providing comments and testimony to the Legislature. The executive committee seeks members committed to family law, and those who enjoy hard work in a collegial atmosphere. The committee meets several times a year, across the state. Substantial preparation is required before each meeting. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation, bar activities, legal experience, and diversity are factors considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 4

Meetings per year: 4

Chair: Sherry Peterson, Dublin

Staff: Mitch Wood (415) 538-2594

Intellectual Property Law Section Executive

Committee. This section's areas of interest encompass all aspects of intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and computer law. The section sponsors seminars regarding intellectual property law issues and works on other projects related to intellectual property law. The section also publishes a newsletter, *New Matter*, approximately four times per year and meets in executive sessions four or five times per year. Those with a background in intellectual property and a willingness to join a hard-working section are encouraged to apply. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation (e.g., involvement in one of the

section's standing committees, authoring an article for the *New Matter* publication, speaking at one of the section's MCLE programs, etc.) is considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair, or visit the State Bar's Web site.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 4

Meetings per year: 5

Chair: Warren Dranit, Santa Rosa

Staff: Mitch Wood (415) 538-2594
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International Law Section Executive Committee.

This executive committee communicates recent developments and current issues in international law and practice to its section membership and facilitates interaction among its members and foreign lawyers. The section presents MCLE-accredited programs throughout the year, holds retreats and networking receptions, and publishes *the California International Law Journal*, among other exciting activities. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 4

Meetings per year: 5 (plus conference calls)

Chair: Dena Cruz, San Francisco

Staff: Julie Martinez (415) 538-2523

Labor and Employment Law Section Executive

Committee. The section provides a forum for individuals with an interest in labor relations and employment issues. Section members include specialists and generalists from across the labor law spectrum, individual practitioners, law firms, government agencies, labor unions, corporate representatives, and neutrals. All section members are encouraged to participate on the standing committees, but only lawyer members admitted in California are eligible to serve on the executive committee. The executive committee presents MCLE-accredited section programs throughout the year, including a two-day section annual meeting

and a one-day public sector meeting, and it publishes four or more issues of the *Labor and Employment Law Review*. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Diversity of all kinds is a core belief of the committee. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 6

Meetings per year: 4

Chair: Wilmer Harris, South Pasadena

Staff: Susan Orloff (415) 538-2341

Law Practice Management and Technology Section Executive Committee.

This section's mission is to help lawyers practice ethically and profitably. The section works to improve the quality of law practice through effective management techniques and technology. Areas of focus include administration, financial management, time management, marketing a law practice, systems and procedures, computer software and hardware, information security, and effective use of internal Web platforms as well as external public presence on the Internet. The section's work includes conducting MCLE webinars, and live programs on these topics, interfacing with local bar associations, law librarians, legal secretaries, paralegals, and other law-related associations. The section publishes an electronic newsletter as well as a bi-monthly magazine, *The Bottom Line*, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2009. *The Bottom Line* is one of the oldest and most respected publications devoted to law practice management and technology issues. Each issue includes in-depth articles including one article that qualifies for CLE credit. The section offers substantial discounts to its members who attend legal technology conferences and a special members-only area of the State Bar's Web site. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review, as is a demonstrated expertise relating to law practice management and technology issues. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more

involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 7

Meetings per year: 4 (plus conference calls)

Chair: Robert Brownstone, Mountain View

Staff: Kristina Robledo (415) 538-2467

Litigation Section Executive Committee. The purpose of the Litigation Section is to promote excellence in all areas affecting dispute resolution, including protection of the rights of all litigants, pre-trial discovery, the expeditious trial of lawsuits, alternative dispute resolution, effective judicial administration, uniform rules of court, and the protection and preservation of the independence of a judiciary of high quality. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chairperson.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 7

Meetings per year: 7

Chair: Elizabeth England, San Francisco

Staff: Tom Pye (415) 538-2042

Public Law Section Executive Committee. The mission of the Public Law Section is to ensure that the laws relating to the function and operation of public agencies are clear, effective and serve the public interest; to advance public service through public law practice; and to enhance the effectiveness of public law practitioners. The section focuses on administrative law, municipal law, open meeting laws, political law, education law, state and federal legislation, public employment, government contracts, tort liability and regulations, land use/ environment issues, and public lawyer ethics. The section provides topical educational programs, seminars and resource materials; works to enhance the recognition of, and participation by, public sector lawyers in the State Bar; presents its annual "Public Lawyer of the Year" award to public lawyers who have made significant and continuous contributions to the profession; and publishes the quarterly *Public Law Journal*. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor

considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 5

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Justine Block, Los Angeles

Staff: Julie Martinez (415) 538-2523

Real Property Law Section Executive Committee.

The executive committee creates and administers programs and activities for over 7000 section members, including the quarterly *California Real Property Journal*, an annual professional retreat, substantive and geographic subsections (e.g., real estate finance, commercial leasing, litigation, zoning and land use, environmental law), legislative initiatives, a Web site containing a wide range of resources, and periodic educational seminars. The executive committee is focused on providing services of value to its members and thereby expanding its membership of the diverse population of real property practitioners in the state. The section seeks applicants with prior speaking, writing or organizational experience, preferably for the section or other volunteer groups in a related field. Written communications are conducted electronically. Each member must have an e-mail address to receive meeting notices and agendas, and to communicate with members. Lawyers throughout California who meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or greater involvement in the section, please contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 4

Meetings per year: 8 (six are in-person meetings)

Chair: Gillian VanMuyden, Glendale

Staff: Pam Wilson (415) 538-2564

Solo and Small Firm Section Executive Committee.

This section provides a forum for solo and small firm practitioners, both specialists and those in general practice. The section presents educational programs and publishes a quarterly newsletter on technology and practice management for solo/small firm lawyers and on substantive law topics. The section publishes a Mentor Directory listing lawyers statewide who offer to section members free consultations in their listed areas of expertise. The section is compiling and will publish a list of "hot topics" of special concern to solo and small firm practitioners in the management of their practices.

Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 6

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Teresa McQueen, Irvine

Staff: Kristina Robledo (415) 538-2467

Taxation Section Executive Committee. The executive committee has oversight responsibility for the activities of substantive law and special interest committees, including various presentations and programs at The Section Education Institute and the State Bar Annual Meeting (including the California Tax Policy Conference), publication of a tax periodical, and overseeing the Tax Court Pro Se/Pro Bono Program at the San Francisco, San Diego, and Los Angeles Tax Court Calendars. Other presentations include an annual educational program; the Eagles Lodge West program; and annual academic papers in Washington, D.C. to Judges of the U.S. Tax Court, officials of the IRS and lawyers for the House, Senate, and Joint Committee on Tax. Subcommittees and projects include: corporate tax/corporate tax counsel; pass through entities; estate and gift tax; international tax; state and local tax; tax-exempt organizations; tax procedure and litigation; income/other taxes, tax policy, practice and legislation; young tax lawyers; the *California Tax Lawyer*; education and public outreach. The committee seeks active tax lawyers with demonstrated commitment to professional and public service from diverse geographic, ethnic and practice backgrounds, and who can serve as role models for our membership and who have a **minimum of six years** experience with at least five years in tax. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 5

Meetings per year: 5 (four are multi-day meetings)

Chair: Carley Roberts, Sacramento

Staff: Tom Pye (415) 538-2042

Trusts and Estates Section Executive Committee.

The substantive issues of the Trusts and Estates Section include: incompetency (including conservatorship, guardianship and elder law); estate planning and tax; ethics and professional responsibility; legislation; litigation; trust and estate administration; and trusts. The executive committee, consisting of 17 lawyer members from northern and southern California, is active in developing programs to serve both members of the Bar and the public in general, and produces the highly regarded *California Trusts and Estates Quarterly*. The committee has developed a series of brochures on the topics of wills, estate plans and trusts (in both English and Spanish); produced a video tape designed to prevent estate planning "scams" on senior citizens statewide; and developed a speakers bureau of California lawyers who are engaged in active outreach to senior and public service organizations throughout the state. The committee seeks hardworking lawyers with a significant number of years specializing in any area of estate planning, trust, and probate law. Other qualities sought include a demonstrated commitment to volunteer professional work (e.g., bar activities, speaking, writing, legal services, etc.) and the ability to work as a collegial committee member. Committee communications are conducted electronically, and each member must have an e-mail address to receive meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet these requirements and can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding requirements or how to become more involved, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 6

Approximate number of meetings per year: 9 (one meeting is a three-day, long-range planning meeting; the others are six-hour Saturday meetings) plus participation in substantive committee work between meetings

Chair: Margaret Lodise, Los Angeles

Staff: Susan Orloff (415) 538-2341

Workers' Compensation Section Executive

Committee. This section focuses on the practice of workers' compensation law and is comprised of workers' compensation specialists, practitioners from the applicant and defense bar, and workers' compensation judges. The section presents MCLE and legal specialization accredited programs throughout the

year, publishes the *Workers' Compensation Quarterly*, and has five active committees on which members are encouraged to participate (Awards and Recognition, Education, Legislation, Practice and Ethics, and Publications). Membership in the section is open to public members, but only lawyers and judges may serve on the executive committee. Lawyers with background in workers' compensation are encouraged to apply. Certification as a specialist is not a prerequisite for applying to vacancies on the executive committee. Committee communications are conducted electronically and each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Lawyers throughout California who can meet the requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions about requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the section's staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 5

Meetings per year: 4-6

Chair: Lisa Ivancich, Antioch

Staff: Tricia Horan (415) 538-2223

Special Boards, Commissions and Committees

The purpose of these entities is to advise and serve the board with regard to an immediate concern relating to the administration of justice or the practice of law. These committees are given a specific, clearly articulated charge, and a specific deadline for the completion of their task(s).

California Commission on Access to Justice. The 25-member commission of lawyers and judges, as well as academic, business, labor and community leaders, was established to explore ways to improve access to civil justice for Californians living on low and moderate incomes. The commission was instrumental in establishing the \$10 million Equal Access Fund for civil legal services to the indigent and works closely with the Judicial Council to improve access to the courts. Members also serve on one or more subcommittees. The State Bar appoints 10 members to the commission; the remaining 15 members are appointed by other statewide entities. Terms are three years and members may serve two consecutive terms.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 1

Meetings per year: 6 (two by conference call; four in-person and videoconference between San Francisco and Los Angeles locations)

2010 Chair: Hon. Ronald Robie, Sacramento

Staff: Mary Lavery Flynn (415) 538-2251

California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA). The 20-member committee is appointed by the Board of Governors to advise the board of the interests of California young lawyers, to develop strategies for increasing young lawyer involvement and participation in the State Bar, and to facilitate the development of programs and services that would assist young lawyers in their professional and leadership advancement and programs that benefit the public. Members must meet the California young lawyer criteria (i.e., a member in good standing of the State Bar of California who is in his or her first five years of practice in California or who is age 36 or under). Nine of the 20 seats are for representatives of each of the nine State Bar districts, one member per district; the other 11 positions are filled by appointments at large. Members consist of active State Bar members drawn from diverse constituencies, including but not limited to geographic location, racial and ethnic diversity, practice setting, practice type, district representation, and gender and sexual orientation. Members serve as ambassadors of the State Bar to the young lawyer organizations within the state, screen candidates for the annual Jack Berman Award of Achievement, and select the CYLA representative to the board. Membership is a time-consuming obligation. Meetings require research and reading, and outreach efforts can occupy up to 10 hours/month. The average full committee meeting may take 6 to 7 hours on a Friday or Saturday. Subcommittee meetings occur on a more ad hoc basis, but can entail one or more conference calls/month. A member can expect to devote no less than one to two weeks of typical workdays/year.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 5 at-large seats

Meetings per year: 6 times per year (3 in-person and 3 conference calls)

Chair: Juna Kim, San Francisco

Staff: Kristina Robledo (415) 538-2467

Client Security Fund Commission. The Client Security Fund (CSF) reimburses clients who have lost money or property due to theft or an equivalent dishonest act committed by a California lawyer acting in a professional capacity. CSF is overseen by the Client Security Fund Commission, an independent body that is appointed by and reports to the Board of Governors. The commission determines whether or not applications filed with CSF should be paid or denied. The commission also makes recommendations to the board on the rules administering the fund, the methods for reviewing and paying claims, and the financial and administrative needs of the fund.

The commission has seven members—at least three must be public members who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States. Public members are selected when their background and experience contribute to CSF goals.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 2

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Paul Hokokian, Fresno

Staff: Martha Gonzales (213) 765-1144

Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) Governing Committee.

This is a joint committee of the University of California and the State Bar of California. The committee reviews and approves CEB's annual publishing and educational program, strategic objectives, annual budget, and recommendations from the Director on the overall operation of CEB. The committee consists of nine voting members: four appointed by the State Bar and five appointed by the University of California Office of the President. The chair is appointed by the University, and the vice chair must be a lawyer in active practice in California appointed by the State Bar. In addition to the vice chair, the other State Bar members include the Executive Director of the State Bar, or the Executive Director's designee who must be a lawyer, and two members who are lawyers actively practicing law in California, at least one of whom represents the interests of the sections of the State Bar. Members of the Governing Committee serve two-year terms. Terms are renewable, and incumbents may reapply.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 2

Meetings per year: 4 (at the CEB office in Oakland)

CEB Office: Pamela Jester, Director

300 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 410

Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 302-2032

Council on Access and Fairness. This committee advises the Board of Governors on advancing State Bar strategies and goals focusing on issues along the diversity pipeline to enhance opportunities and advancement in the legal profession. The diversity pipeline includes the early education pipeline K to 12; college, law school and bar exam prep; recruitment, hiring, retention and promotion in the profession; and judicial diversity. The 25-member council consists of lawyers, judges, representatives from academia, and public members from diverse practice settings and constituencies. The council seeks new members who will have experience that represents the full spectrum of the diversity pipeline. New members are expected to have a record of leadership and performance related to diversity pipeline challenges, as well as ideas that they

are able to articulate for fulfilling the Council's mission. The committee also seeks applicants who can create or implement initiatives that have an impact on the full pipeline, who can serve as a catalyst for change by framing and communicating ways to respond to diversity challenges, who can coordinate with existing entities and individuals within the justice system to achieve greater diversity; and/or who can create mechanisms to measure change in the diversity of the legal profession.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 7 (lawyer and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 4 and additional monthly committee conference calls, plus other calls as needed

Chair: Craig Holden, Van Nuys

Staff: Patricia Lee (415) 538-2240

Legal Services Trust Fund Commission. This commission administers the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts Program and the Equal Access Fund; it jointly administers the Justice Gap Fund with the California Commission on Access to Justice. The commission seeks lawyers and public members who possess a commitment to the delivery of legal services to the poor and sensitivity to the needs of low-income communities. Lawyers and members of the public who have experience or familiarity addressing the particular problems of self-represented litigants, as well as persons who have knowledge of the structure and practices of banking and financial institutions are encouraged to apply. The commission is composed of 21 voting members (15 lawyers and six public members who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States) and three nonvoting judges. At least two of the 21 voting members shall be eligible for services as "indigent persons" as defined at §6213(d) of the B&P Code. The State Bar's Board of Governors appoints 14 voting members (10 lawyers, four public members), and this application is only for the State Bar appointments. The Chair of the Judicial Council appoints seven voting members and three nonvoting judges. No employee or independent contractor acting as a consultant to any agency that is a potential recipient of funds under the Legal Services Trust Fund Program shall be appointed to the commission. All members appointed shall be bound by the Board of Governors' established rules governing conflicts of interest. The commission currently has three standing committees that handle specific projects, and members are assigned to one or more of these standing committees.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 3 lawyer positions

Meetings per year: 4-6 commission meetings plus additional standing committee meetings

Co-Chairs: David Hopmann, San Francisco and David Lash, Los Angeles

Staff: Stephanie Choy (415) 538-2249

Legal Specialization

California Board of Legal Specialization (BLS). This board administers the State Bar of California Program for Certifying Legal Specialists with the assistance of specialty advisory commissions; provides policies and guidelines for certification of specialists; develops testing and legal education criteria for specialists; develops outreach efforts to increase awareness of the program; and advises the Board of Governors on establishment of specialty fields and appointment of advisory commissions. BLS consists of 11 members and one advisor; at least three of the 11 must be public members who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States. Lawyer applicants must be certified specialists in their field unless a specialty does not currently exist for that field (e.g., labor/employment law). Specialties currently exist for Admiralty and Maritime Law, Appellate Law, Bankruptcy Law, Criminal Law, Estate Planning and Trust Law, Family Law, Franchise and Distribution Law, Immigration and Nationality Law, Legal Malpractice Law, Taxation Law, and Workers' Compensation Law. For its membership, BLS tries to achieve a balanced representation of geographic and specialty areas (based on the size of the specialty), and also looks for experience in areas in which BLS has been focusing its efforts, such as education, exam development, public relations and new specialties. Public members, who are not certified specialists, are selected when their experience will contribute to the goals for the program.

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 5 (lawyer and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Wesley Avery, Valencia

Staff: Natalie Leonard; Linda Knitter (415) 538-2135

Advisory Law Commissions to the California Board of Legal Specialization. The 11 legal specialization advisory commissions advise and assist the Board of Legal Specialization (BLS) in the administration of the certification program for each of the following specialties: Admiralty & Maritime Law; Appellate Law; Bankruptcy Law; Criminal Law; Estate Planning, Trust

& Probate Law; Family Law; Franchise & Distribution Law; Immigration & Nationality Law; Legal Malpractice Law; Taxation Law; and Workers' Compensation Law. Each advisory commission passes upon applications for certification and recertification as a legal specialist, drafts and grades specialist examinations, evaluates and accredits programs and providers of continuing legal education, and otherwise assists the Board of Legal Specialization in administering the program. Each advisory commission is composed of nine members, including at least one public member who has never been a member of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States. Meetings are typically held on Fridays, once every other month, alternating between a northern and a southern California airport hotel.

For 2011-12, with the exception of Admiralty & Maritime Law, Franchise & Distribution Law and Legal Malpractice Law, all lawyer applicants to the advisory commissions **must be certified specialists**. The vacancies and staff contacts are listed below.

Admiralty and Maritime Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 4 (lawyer and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Brian Felder, Beverly Hills

Staff: Patricia Curd (415) 538-2125

Appellate Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 2

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Helen Williams, San Jose

Staff: Ivonne Dos Santos Morte (415) 538-2145

Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 3 (lawyer and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Richard Brownstein, Woodland Hills

Staff: Sarah Dean (415) 538-2344

Criminal Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 3

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Gary McCurdy, Sacramento

Staff: Sarah Dean (415) 538-2344

Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 2

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Kenneth Petrusis, Los Angeles
Staff: Ivonne Dos Santos Morte (415) 538-2145

Family Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 2

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Nancy DiCenzo, Sacramento

Staff: Patricia Curd (415) 538-2125

Franchise & Distribution Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 4 (lawyer and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Mary Warman, San Ramon

Staff: Patricia Curd (415) 538-2125

Immigration & Nationality Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 3 (lawyer and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Jonathan Montag, San Diego

Staff: Ivonne Dos Santos Morte (415) 538-2145

Legal Malpractice Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 4

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Peter T. Fortune, San Francisco

Staff: Patricia Curd (415) 538-2125

Taxation Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 4 (lawyer and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Curtis Harrington, Long Beach

Staff: Ivonne Dos Santos Morte (415) 538-2145

Workers' Compensation Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2011-2012 vacancies: 3

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Michael Gerson, Oakland

Staff: Sarah Dean (415) 538-2344

Other Entity Appointments

ABA House of Delegates. The control and administration of the ABA is vested in the House of Delegates, the policy-making body of the association. The House of Delegates meets twice each year, at ABA Annual and Midyear Meetings. Action taken by the House of Delegates on specific issues becomes official ABA policy. Pursuant to the ABA Constitution, the State Bar of California appoints 11 delegates, one of

whom serves as the young lawyer delegate, to the House of Delegates. The young lawyer delegate must be less than 35 years of age at the time his or her term commences. The State Bar's 11 delegates are part of California delegation, which consists of approximately 24 other delegates appointed by ten local bar associations, ABA sections and divisions, and former officers and ABA board members. The State Delegate heads the California delegation.

State Bar delegates serve staggered two-year terms, beginning and ending upon adjournment of the ABA Annual Meeting in August, and may serve up to three consecutive terms or six consecutive years. The delegates must be ABA members in good standing throughout their tenure as delegates. **The State Bar delegates must pay their own travel expenses.**

The delegates are expected to attend the Midyear and Annual ABA meetings, and on occasion, to participate in conference calls. Each year, delegates' attendance at the ABA House meetings is verified and comments regarding participation are solicited from the elected State delegate.

The State Bar may also appoint one or more alternates to serve in the place of any delegate who is unable to attend the Midyear or Annual Meeting. An alternate serves a one-year term and has no official standing with the ABA until he or she is certified by the State Bar to replace a delegate.

State Bar Selection Guidelines for the ABA House of Delegates. The State Bar will strive to appoint members from its applicant pool meeting the following guidelines:

- One (1) delegate who qualifies as the young lawyer representative;
- Up to two (2) delegates to include the most immediate past member of the ABA Board of Governors and any immediate past officer of the ABA from the California ABA Delegation;
- Two (2) members who have not had substantial volunteer experience but who possess the leadership and other skills to be successful delegation members; and,
- Six (6) delegates who have substantial bar experience, especially with the ABA, and are typical of other State Bar appointments.

Unless otherwise authorized by the board, each member of the State Bar's ABA delegation is eligible for reappointment to no more than three consecutive two-year appointments or a maximum of six consecutive years of service with the delegation. Delegates who

have completed such service may apply in the future after a period of not less than two years from the date of the expiration of the delegate's last term of service with the State Bar. All members are encouraged to become broadly participant in ABA activities in order to fully represent the interests of California attorneys.

In considering the reappointment and new appointment applications, the board weighs the applicants' qualifications, participation in ABA activities and work contributed to the organization in the past two years, knowledge and understanding of current issues before the House of Delegates, and the State Bar's selection guidelines.

Application deadline is February 1, 2011. See filing instructions on the application form. The board is expected to make the appointments at its March or May 2011 meeting.

Available positions: 5 delegate seats, including the young lawyer delegate

State Delegate: John L. McDonnell, Jr., Oakland

Questions: Contact The State Bar's Appointments Office (415) 538-2318.

Judicial Council. The Judicial Council is a state constitutional agency that provides policy direction to the courts, the Governor, and the Legislature concerning court practice, procedure and administration. The council consists of 27 members—the Chief Justice, fourteen judges appointed by the Chief Justice, one member from each house of the Legislature, four lawyer members appointed by the State Bar, and six advisory members, including representatives of the California Judges Association and state court administrative agencies. The four State Bar members are appointed to staggered three-year terms. Members receive no compensation for services but are reimbursed by the council for approved travel expenses.

In 2011, the State Bar will have two positions to fill on the council. The terms begin September 15, 2011, and end September 14, 2014.

Service on the council is a significant time commitment (approximately 300 hours per year for meetings and assignments). Each year the council meets six to seven times, with the meetings typically set for two days (usually Thursday and Friday). Members serve on one of the council's internal committees, which meet frequently at a convenient location or by conference call. In addition, council members are assigned special tasks, which are supported by staff. The council reimburses members for their travel expenses in accordance with the reimbursement schedule for state

employees. Additional information regarding the council is available at its Web site:
www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc

Criteria deemed important for service on the council are: 1) demonstrated interest in and experience with court administration issues; 2) broad experience in the legal field, including trial experience; 3) a keen analytical ability, independent judgment and a big picture perspective regarding the role of the judicial branch; and 4) collegial working relationships and credibility as a leader both within the home county and statewide.

Application deadline is February 1, 2011. At its discretion, the board may conduct interviews of selected applicants. The board is expected to make the appointments at its March or May 2011 meeting.

Available positions: 2

Questions: Contact the State Bar's Appointments Office (415) 538-2318

2012 Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE). The JNE Commission, established pursuant to Government Code Section 12011.5, evaluates all candidates who are under consideration for a judicial appointment by the governor. It is composed of lawyers in active practice and public members who represent a broad cross-section of California's diverse legal profession and general population. The 38-member, all-volunteer commission cannot nominate or appoint judges; it does, however, thoroughly investigate candidates for judicial appointment while maintaining a code of strict confidentiality.

Members serve terms of approximately one year and may serve up to three consecutive terms. Members receive no compensation for services.

The State Bar seeks applications from California lawyers and public members whose background, skills and experience would enable them to assess candidates for judicial appointment in a thorough, objective and professional manner and to provide timely and well-written reports.

- Lawyer members must be in active practice, and it is preferred that they have been in practice for ten or more years.
- It is preferred that the public members shall be persons who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States.

- The commission membership may include one or more former members of the judiciary, with a preference for those with appellate backgrounds.

Time Commitment and Workload. Those who apply must be available to attend a two-day Orientation meeting (Friday-Saturday to be scheduled in January or February 2012) and must be able to commit at least 35-40 hours each month or approximately 40-55 working days per year. This time commitment includes 20-24 meeting days and 20-35 days to complete assignments. The meetings generally are monthly, lasting two to three days (Friday, Saturday, and occasionally Sunday) and generally alternate between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Members typically work in teams of two to four, and coordination and frequent communication with the assigned co-commissioners are essential to complete assignments. Each assignment typically requires an average of ten hours preparation plus the time to travel to the interview and to conduct the interview. Interviews average one to two hours, excluding travel and preparation time with the co-commissioner. Members should expect to prepare and send approximately 400-600 evaluation forms for each assignment, and to review returned forms in preparation for the candidate's interview and the report to the commission. The member contacts each person who rates a candidate as not qualified. Typically, three to four candidates are assigned at a time.

The nature of the work requires geographic coverage of the state. Evaluations of candidates usually are assigned by area and caseload. However, candidates for judicial appointment can be located in any part of the state, and members of the commission may travel outside their county and geographic area to conduct interviews. Interviews typically are conducted at one of the State Bar's offices. The members are reimbursed for approved travel in accordance with State Bar policy and the commission's authorized budget. Reimbursement normally takes two weeks to process from the date the commission member submits the reimbursement travel voucher.

Oath and Conditions of Appointment. Each member takes an oath of office and is sworn in at the mandatory Orientation meeting. Each member is also subject to a criminal history clearance by the California Department of Justice and FBI. In accordance with the rules and procedures of the JNE Commission, as a condition of appointment, each member agrees that during his or her service on the commission, he or she will abstain from endorsing or participating in any judicial candidate's campaign for office, and will refrain from appearing

before or voting on any other committee or commission involved in the judicial selection process.

No member shall apply for or accept a State of California judicial appointment nor permit his or her name to be submitted for evaluation as a candidate for such an appointment while a member of the commission or until such time thereafter that a majority of the commission consists of members with whom the commission member did not serve (i.e., two or three years after completing service on the commission). Members are appointed by and serve at the will and pleasure of the board and may be removed with or without good cause. The rules of the commission provide that a member may be removed for breach of confidentiality, failure to perform assigned duties, and failure to attend meetings.

Application Deadline: May 2, 2011. See filing instructions on the application form. At its discretion, the board may conduct interviews of selected applicants. The board is expected to make the appointments at its July 2011 meeting.

Available positions: 13

2010 JNE Chair: Alice Salvo, Los Angeles

2011 JNE Chair: Andrew Steckler, Oakland

Staff: Heidi Schwab-Wilhelmi (415) 538-2274

Additional Applications available from:

*The State Bar of California
Appointments Office
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639
(415) 538-2318
Fax: (415) 538-2255*

Or from The State Bar's Web site:

www.calbar.ca.gov

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