

Board Executive Committee Referral List

March 10, 2016

Category 1 – Change in Date Only

Proposed Amendments to Accredited Law School Rules and Law School Fees – Request to Circulate for Public Comment

This item proposes that annual compliance report fees for branch and satellite campuses be established for law schools with such campuses, and sets the fees.

Responsible Staff: Gayle Murphy

Recommendation: P&B – JULY/~~NOV~~ MAR

BOT – ~~NOV~~ MAR

Category 2 – Possible Committee Reassignments

LAP Annual Report

This item presents the Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP) Annual Report. Section 6238 of SB 479 directs the Oversight Committee of the LAP to report to the Board and to the Legislature by March 1 of every year on the operation of the program. This item is moving to RAD at the request of the COO.

Responsible Staff: Richard Carlton

Recommendation: ~~A/E~~ RAD – MAR

BOT – MAR

Category 3 – New Matters Requiring Assignment to Appropriate Board Committee

Proposed creation of State Bar Rules, Title 3, Div. 6, Chapter 1 (Ethics Hotline) and Chapter 2 (Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct)

The Ethics Hotline and Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct are making adjustments to the State Bar Rules to respond to the State Bar's implementation of the California Public Records Act and Bagley-Keene open meeting rules.

Responsible Staff: Randall Difuntorum

Recommendation: RAD – MAY/JUL

BOT – JUL

Proposed revisions to Rule of Procedure 2201 and Proposed Change of Procedure. Request for Release for Public Comment.

Rule of Procedure 2201 addresses those complaints against respondent attorneys received by OCTC to be handled by Special Deputy Trial Counsel in order to avoid conflicts of interest. This item proposes revisions to those rules.

Responsible Staff: Vanessa Holton/Mark Torres-Gil

Recommendation: RAD – MAR/MAY

BOT – MAY

Proposed Modification of the Interfund Transfer Policy

The Legal Services Trust Fund Program recommends the Board approve standing authority for short term transfers between the Trust Fund Program (28005) and the Equal Access Fund (29002) for funding IOLTA-formula grants when needed. All amounts will be repaid to the IOLTA fund upon receipt of EAF funding from the State.

Responsible Staff: Leah Wilson

Recommendation: P&B – MAR

BOT – MARCH

Proposed Amendments to Admissions Rules re Open/Closed Meetings of the Committee of Bar Examiners

Effective January 1, 2016, the State Bar of California is subject to the California Public Records Act and beginning April 1, 2016, the State Bar will be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. The new law supersedes the former State Bar rules regarding open/closed meetings. Under the new law, however, the Committee of Bar Examiners and Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission are exempted from the requirement that their meetings be held in conformance with the requirements of Bagley-Keene. The proposed amendments establish rules for Committee of Bar Examiners' meetings consistent with the former rules and new laws.

Responsible Staff: Gayle Murphy

Recommendation: A&E - MAR/MAY

BOT - MAY

Proposed Amendments to Law School Rules re Additional Disclosures

This item was sent out for public comment by the Board at the October 2015 Board meeting and is returning from public comment for consideration by A&E and the Board at the March meeting.

Responsible Staff: Gayle Murphy

Recommendation: A&E - MAR

BOT - OCT/MAR