



The State Bar of California

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM O-500 JUNE 2020 COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

DATE: June 19, 2020

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Tara Clark, Program Manager, Moral Character Determinations

SUBJECT: Action on Moral Character Goals

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Below are the goals proposed for Moral Character Determinations for 2019–2020 and their current status.

BACKGROUND

The Moral Character goals for 2019 to 2020, as previously approved by the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE), are listed below.

1. Present findings of the Moral Character Working Group review of the current standards for determination of moral character matters and any recommendations for change.

Completed

2. CBE members to receive a presentation on the Unauthorized Practice of Law.

Completed

3. CBE members to receive a presentation on the dynamics of sexual assault and survivor response.

Completed

4. CBE members to receive a presentation on the Lawyer Assistance Program.

June 2020

5. CBE members to receive a presentation on rehabilitation related to a moral character determination.

August 2020

6. Receive additional trainings on topics relative to moral character determinations (e.g. Ethics School, Client Trust Accounting School).

Ongoing

7. Conduct requested administrative reviews of adverse moral character determinations and make final determinations with respect to Applications for Determinations of Moral Character.

Ongoing

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF THE STATE BAR

None

AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL

None

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal: None - core business operations

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee of Bar Examiners approve the 2019–2020 Moral Character goals set forth above.

PROPOSED MOTION

Should the Committee of Bar Examiners agree with staff recommendations, the following motion should be made:

MOVE, that the 2019–2020 Moral Character goals be approved.