

Board Committee on Operations Referral List

May 8, 2014

Category 1 – Change in Date Only

May #1

Jack Berman Award, Selection of Recipient (CYLA). The Jack Berman Award is an annual CYLA award recognizing the public service of a California young lawyer. The award will be presented at the September Annual Meeting. CYLA requests the award be considered at the Board's May 2014 meeting, rather than in July. The change in date will allow earlier notice to the recipient as well as earlier publication of the award in the California Bar Journal.

Responsible Staff: Laila Bartlett

Recommendation: NAC ~~July~~ **May**

BOT: ~~July~~ **May**

May #2

Proposed Revisions to the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California

These rule changes were considered by RAD at the March 2014 meeting. The item was tabled. This agenda item contains the same recommendations as originally proposed at the March 2014 meeting.

Responsible Staff: Colin Wong

Recommendation: RAD: ~~Nov/Mar~~ **May**

BOT: ~~Mar~~ **May**

Category 2 – Possible Committee Reassignments

None.

Category 3 – New Matters Requiring Assignment to Appropriate Board Committee

May #3

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments 2013: California Commission on Access to Justice

This is the annual report of the California Commission on Access to Justice.

Responsible Staff: Kelli Evans

Recommendation: BCSR - **May**

BOT: **N/A**

May #4

State Bar Appointments to the American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates

At the March 2014 Board meeting, a question arose about the State Bar's role in making appointments to the ABA House of Delegates. It was recommended that this matter be put on NAC's open agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Responsible Staff: Robert Hawley

Recommendation: NAC – May

BOT: TBD

May #5

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments, Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS) 2012 -2013

This is the annual report of the Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services.

Responsible Staff: Sharon Ngim

Recommendation: BCSR – May

BOT: N/A

May #6

Council on Access and Fairness (COAF) 2014 to 2016 Long Range Plan

Since its inception, the Council on Access & Fairness (COAF) has engaged in an annual planning process, resulting in the adoption of annual work plans to guide COAF's efforts. The work plans have been presented each year to the Committee on Stakeholder Relations on an informational basis. For this current planning process, COAF has engaged in a formal strategic planning process and has created a 2014-2016 Long Range Strategic Plan. The Plan is being presented to the Board Stakeholder Relations Committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Responsible Staff: Patricia Lee

Recommendation: BCSR – May

BOT: May

May #7

Letter to US News and World Report Re Amending Formula for National Rankings

The Council on Access & Fairness initiated dialogue in 2008 with US News & World Report to encourage the addition of diversity metrics in the overall law school rankings. After various opportunities for additional dialogue, U.S. News has responded that it has no plans to consider including diversity metrics in the rankings. COAF seeks the approval of the Stakeholder Relations Committee to recommend to the full Board of Trustees that it authorize COAF to send a letter to U.S. News summarizing ongoing dialogue and U.S. News' final decision. Following the sending of this letter, COAF will re-focus its efforts to address the barriers to law school admissions for diverse students.

Responsible Staff: Patricia Lee

Recommendation: BCSR – May

BOT: May

May #8

Proposed Amendment to Legal Services Trust Fund Commission Rule 3.362

The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission recommends the Board amend Rule 3.362 of the Rules of the State Bar, Title 3, Division 5, to change the maximum commission term from *one* 3-year term with extension for officers to two 3-year terms with same extension for officers. With NAC's permission, the proposed rule change would be posted for public comment, and following public comment, considered by NAC and the Board in July.

Responsible Staff: Stephanie Choy

Recommendation: NAC – **May/July**

BOT – July

May #9

MCLE Providers Audit Program Policies

The Board recently approved amendments to the MCLE Provider rules that establishes a formal auditing program. There are two policy issues related to implementing the new program that require review by the Board: 1) Whether auditors should receive MCLE credit and 2) Whether Board members should serve as auditors.

Responsible Staff: Gayle Murphy

Recommendation: MOC – **May**

BOT – May

May #10

Proposed Change to the Calculation of Proportional MCLE Requirements

At a recent TFARR meeting, a concern was raised regarding MCLE subfield credits and the fact that new lawyers often are not exposed to an Elimination of Bias or Substance Abuse (soon to be called "Competence Issues") MCLE course before several years of practice. To address this issue, this item proposes a change to the Proportional Requirement calculation, so that every attorney's requirement, even a pro-rated requirement, includes these credit hours. In May, staff will ask for permission to post the proposed change for public comment with the intent to return to MOC and the BOT in July with a recommendation.

Responsible Staff: Dina DiLoreto

Recommendation: MOC – **May/July**

BOT – July