

# AGENDA ITEM

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**DATE:** September 9, 2014

**TO:** Members, Board of Trustees

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**SUBJECT:** Discipline Standards Task Force (DSTF) – Authorize Extension

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Discipline Standards Task Force (DSTF) was created by the Board in October of 2013 to study and review the Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, as modified and adopted by the Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2014, to see what, if any, additional modifications are desired or warranted. Under Board policy, a special committee created by the Board automatically ceases to exist upon completion of its assignment and is deemed dissolved at the Annual Meeting following its creation, unless re-authorized by the Board. DSTF is nearing completion of its work but will not finish before the Annual Meeting. This item seeks Board approval to re-authorize and extend the term of DSTF until October 30, 2014 to allow the Task Force to complete its work.

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## BACKGROUND

The Discipline Standards Task Force (DSTF) was created by the Board in October of 2013 to study and review the Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, as modified and adopted by the Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2014, to see what, if any, additional modifications are desired or warranted. Under Board policy, special committees created by the Board are deemed dissolved at the Annual Meeting following their creation, unless re-authorized by the Board.

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It shall be the policy of the board that the president, with the approval of the board, may appoint ad hoc or special committees to handle special

assignments, any such committees automatically to cease to exist upon completion of its assignment.

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(6) Each Ad Hoc Committee shall be deemed dissolved as of the next State Bar Annual Meeting following its authorization, unless the board re-authorizes it.

Board Book tab 9, art. 1, § 3(b)(6).

DSTF is nearing completing of its work, but will not be finished before the Annual Meeting. The Task Force anticipates having additional meetings in October to complete its work.

## **ISSUE**

Should the Board re-authorize DSTF until October 31, 2014 to allow the Task Force to complete its work?

## **FISCAL / PERSONNEL IMPACT:**

Continued administrative costs and expense reimbursements related to the Task Force.

## **RULE AMENDMENTS:**

N/A

## **BOARD BOOK IMPACT:**

N/A

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board re-authorize DSTF until October 31, 2014 to allow the Task Force to complete its work.

## **PROPOSED BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION:**

Should the Board concur with the recommendation, the following resolution would be in order:

**RESOLVED**, the Board hereby authorizes the Discipline Standards Task Force to continue its activities until October 31, 2014.