

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: April 26, 2016

TO: Members, Board of Trustees

FROM: Leah Wilson, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Receive and Order Submitted the 2015 Annual Discipline Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6086.15, the State Bar is required to report on the performance and condition of its discipline system by April 30 of each year to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor, the Senate President pro Tempore, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Chairs of the Assembly and Senate Committees on Judiciary.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

As discussed in the report itself, the 2015 Annual Discipline Report (Report) reflects a number of changes intended to specifically address concerns raised by the State Auditor in its Report 2015-030, *State Bar of California: It Has Not Consistently Protected the Public Through its Attorney Discipline Process and Lacks Accountability*, and to generally improve Report content and format. Additional modification and enhancement is needed, particularly as related to the data collection, analysis, and validation processes. A foundation has been laid for improvement in these areas with the recent establishment of the Office of Research and Institutional Accountability (ORIA); ORIA will assume responsibility for discipline system data analysis and reporting beginning in 2016.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None.

RULE AMENDMENTS

None.

BOARD BOOK IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

In order to meet the Bar's statutory filing deadline of April 30, staff requests that the Board receive the 2015 Annual Discipline Report and order it submitted for filing. Staff also requests approval to make any technical corrections needed prior to the April 30 submission date to ensure that the filed Report is as accurate as possible.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby receives and orders filed the 2015 Annual Discipline Report; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes staff to make technical corrections to the 2015 Annual Discipline Report as needed prior to the April 30 submission date.