



ANTHONY RENDON

SPEAKER of the ASSEMBLY
Sixty-Third Assembly District

September 30, 2016

James P. Fox, Vice-President
State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Subject: Board of Trustee Members Appointed by Assembly

Dear Mr. Fox:

As you assume the presidency of the State Bar's Board of Trustees, I wish you well. As you have seen this year, the Assembly, and its Judiciary Committee in particular, has committed significant resources to address how the State Bar may better achieve what California law defines as its top priority – protecting the public. Assemblymember Stone, who chairs the Assembly Judiciary Committee, and I hope we will have an opportunity to work with you on those issues during your year as President.

In order to support the Bar's mission to protect the public, I have appointed Richard Ramirez as a public member of the Board. Mr. Ramirez brings a wealth of experience leading public agencies as a city manager, including service as an interim city manager helping cities through transitions. I have directed my Senior Counsel, Alf W. Brandt, to support Mr. Ramirez in working with Mr. Stone and the other Assembly appointee to the Board of Trustees, Michael Colantuono, in improving the Bar's efforts to protect the public.

Former Assemblymember Gwen Moore, who has done so much to contribute to the work of the State Bar over the last seven years, has set a high standard for her successor. Ms. Moore used her influential voice to make the State Bar a better advocate for the public, and her dedicated work on the board reflects the outstanding qualities she has consistently displayed in her lifetime of public service. I wish to express my great appreciation to Ms. Moore for all her contributions to improving the lives of Californians, at the State Bar, in the Assembly, and through her lifelong community activism. I look forward to Ms. Moore's continued contributions.

You and the Board of Trustees have my best wishes for a productive year protecting the people of California.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY RENDON
Speaker of the Assembly