

**Proposed: 2016-2017 Committee
Committee on Administration of Justice**

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Bryant Y. Yang	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	David R. Krause-Leemon	Sherman Oaks	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Courtney D. Brewer	Glendale	2	9/15/2019
	Kevin K. Green	San Diego	4	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Alex N. Coolman	San Diego	4	8/27/2017
	Jason M. Erlich	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Christopher R. Fredrich	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Sigrid E. Irias	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Shaun L. Jacobs	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Lance Jasper	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Rolando W. Pasquali	Burlingame	1	8/27/2017
	Mani Sheik	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Lawrence Teplin	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Jordanna G. Thigpen	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Steven P. McFarlane	Grass Valley	3	9/16/2018
	Timothy L. O'Reilly	Long Beach	2	9/16/2018
	Carla K. Passero	Pleasanton	1	9/16/2018
	Jeffrey A. Payne	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Michael E. Teplinsky	WestlakeVillage	2	9/16/2018

To: Nominations and Appointments Committee

From: Committee on Administration of Justice

Date: June 15, 2016

Re: Appointment Recommendations for the Committee on Administration of Justice for 2016-2017

Background and Process

The Chair, Vice Chair, and recommended Vice Chair for 2016 reviewed the materials that the applicants to the Committee on Administration of Justice (“CAJ”) submitted. The applicants were discussed, and a preliminary consensus concerning an overall ranking was reached. The applications and related materials were sent to all members of CAJ. The recommended ranking of the applicants, along with the recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2016-2017, were presented to CAJ, which approved the recommendations below.

Officer Nominations

For the 2016-2017 year, CAJ nominates Bryant Yang as its Chair and David Krause-Leemon as its Vice Chair. Bryant Yang served as CAJ’s Vice Chair for the 2015-2016 term and performed well in that position. David Krause-Leemon has also performed well and contributed regularly as a CAJ member.

Recommendations for New Members

CAJ received only three applications for 2016-2017. Of those, CAJ ranked two, in the following order, as the third was not viewed as having adequate experience in civil practice and procedure, the key focus of CAJ’s work.

1. **Kevin K. Green.** Mr. Green has been an attorney for 20 years and is currently Senior Counsel at Hagens, Berman, Sobol, Shapiro LLLP, with a concentration on appeals, consumer rights, securities and employment litigation. Mr. Green has been recognized as one of the top 100 California Appellate Lawyers by the American Society of Legal Advocates 2015-2016, Super Lawyer 2008-2016, the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Outstanding Service Award, 2015, and Consumer Attorneys of California, Presidential Award of Merit, 2013.
2. **Courtney D. Brewer.** Ms. Brewer was admitted to the bar in 2010, and is currently with Mark R. Weiner & Associates as a trial attorney. Ms. Brewer currently serves as a volunteer with the “Lawyers in the Library” program with the Beverly Hills

Bar Association assisting low income persons with a wide variety of civil matters during monthly pro bono help clinics, and with the Los Angeles Regional Center, assisting on specific cases where individuals need guidance in legal matters for their family members with disabilities. Ms. Brewer received the State Bar of California, Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services in 2009, and recognition for Completion of the Los Angeles County Trial Advocacy Project (iTAP) in 2011.

Entity: Committee on Administration of Justice
Size of Entity: 36

Terms Ending in 2016: 7
Reappointments: 2
New: 2

State Bar No	Member Name	Principal Place of Business/ City-State Bar District	Appointed Current	Expires Position	Chair Recommendation Proposed Term	Notes/ Board Comm. Action
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These members` terms will expire.

240307	Goodman, Lani M.	Law Ofc Michael Sundstedt Huntington Beach-04	9/18/2011	10/02/2016	TERMINATE Chair 2016**	
259642	Gunning, Daniel C.	Wilson Turner Kosmo San Diego-04	10/13/2013	10/02/2016	TERMINATE Member 2016**	
135117	King, Jennifer L.	Ct of Appeal/2nd Dst Div 2 Los Angeles-02	10/13/2013	10/02/2016	TERMINATE Member 2016**	
185719	Krause-Leemon, David R.	McKenna Long Aldrige Los Angeles-02	10/13/2013	10/02/2016	REAPPOINT/VICE CHAIR Member 2017**	
239801	Perry, Ariella E.	Mark R Weiner & Assoc Glendale-02	10/13/2013	10/02/2016	TERMINATE Member 2016**	
195910	Ramos, Ronnettee V.	LAFLA Los Angeles-02	10/13/2013	10/02/2016	TERMINATE Member 2016**	
252943	Yang, Bryant Y.	Irell & Manella Los Angeles-02	10/14/2012	10/02/2016	REAPPOINT/CHAIR Vice Chair 2017**	

These members have one or more years to complete in their terms.

250911	Coolman, Alex N.	Self-employed San Diego-04	9/14/2014	8/27/2017	Member	
203661	Erlich, Jason M.	McCormack & Erlich San Francisco-01	9/14/2014	8/27/2017	Member	
266471	Fredrich, Christophe R.	Akernan LLP Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014	8/27/2017	Member	
129319	Irias, Sigrid E.	Sedgwick LLP San Francisco-01	9/14/2014	8/27/2017	Member	
185073	Jacobs, Shaun L.	City Attorney's Ofc Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014	8/27/2017	Member	
244516	Jasper, Lance	US Securities Exchange Comm Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014	8/27/2017	Member	
106836	Pasquali, Rolando W.	Self-employed Burlingame-01	9/14/2014	8/27/2017	Member	
245487	Sheik, Mani	Sheik Law San Francisco-01	9/14/2014	8/27/2017	Member	
35724	Teplin, Lawrence	Cox Castle et al Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014	8/27/2017	Member	
232642	Thigpen, Jordanna G.	Abtahi Thigpen et al Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014	8/27/2017	Member	
240488	McFarlane, Steven P.	Hendricks McFarlane Grass Valley-03	10/11/2015	9/16/2018	Member	

** Term expires at close of Annual Meeting in the year indicated.
Annual Meeting dates to be determined.

Entity: Committee on Administration of Justice
Size of Entity: 36

State Bar No	Member Name	Principal Place of Business/ City-State Bar District	Appointed Current	Expires Position	Chair Recommendation Proposed Term	Notes/ Board Comm. Action
150392	O'Reilly, Timothy L.	Self-employed Long Beach-02	10/11/2015	9/16/2018 Member		
180937	Passero, Carla K.	Law Ofc of John Guthrie Pleasanton-01	10/11/2015	9/16/2018 Member		
279034	Payne, Jeffrey A.	Munger Tolles Los Angeles-02	10/11/2015	9/16/2018 Member		
283651	Teplinsky, Michael E.	Family Law First Westlake Village-02	10/11/2015	9/16/2018 Member		

APPLICANT POOL

Entity: Committee on Administration of Justice
Chair: Lani M. Goodman (714)960-9999

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Pref	State Bar No	Nominees/Applicant Name	Principal Place of Business	City-State Bar District	Chair Recommendation Proposed Term	Notes/ Board Comm. Action	
1	272110	Brewer, Courtney D.	Mark Weiner	Glendale-02	9/15/2019	Same Firm*	
1	180919	Green, Kevin K.	Hagens Berman Sobol et al	San Diego-04	9/15/2019	NEW APPOINTMENT	
Applicants Listed in Alphabetical Order(i.e., Not Ranked)							
	226046	Liberio, Lydia G.	ITT Technical Institute	Huntington Beach-04			

SPECIAL NOTATIONS:

**Policy Issue-Same Firm: It is Board policy that a militating factor against appointment is whether any member of an applicant's firm is on the committee. Applicant Courtney Brewer is in same firm as member Ariella Perry. This factor is to be weighed among all other appointment considerations.

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**Proposed: 2016-2017 Committee
Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution**

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Robert T. Anderson	Riverside	4	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Jil Dalesandro	Santa Clara	6	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Sarah F. Burke	Mill Valley	1	9/15/2019
	Rebecca J. Callahan	Newport Beach	4	9/15/2019
	Darryl C. Darden	San Pedro	2	9/15/2019
	Marc A. Fong	Alameda	1	9/15/2019
	Dorit E. Grossman	Los Altos Hills	6	9/15/2019
	Kevin E. McKenney	San Jose	6	9/15/2019
	Ana M. Sambold	La Jolla	4	9/15/2019
	Malcolm Sher	Danville	1	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	John W. Garman	Manhattan Beach	2	8/27/2017
	Jack R. Goetz	Agoura Hills	2	8/27/2017
	Kenneth M. Malovos	Sacramento	3	8/27/2017
	Alan P. Wiener	Annapolis, MD		8/27/2017
	Victor E. Bianchini	San Diego	4	9/16/2018
	Peter D. Eggertsen	Rancho Cucamonga	4	9/16/2018
	Malcolm S. McNeil	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Gina U. Miller	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Robert W. Mockler	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Neil A. Smith	Alamo	1	9/16/2018
	Alan J. Wilhelmy	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018



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– COMMITTEE ON ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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TO: Members, Nominations and Appointments Committee

FROM: Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution

DATE: June 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Appointment Recommendations for the Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution for the 2016-2017 year

Background and Process

All members of the Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR Committee) were invited to participate in an Appointments Subcommittee, established to review all applicants for new membership or reappointment, and to make recommendations to the full ADR Committee for new members, Chair and Vice Chair. The subcommittee consisted of the Chair, Vice Chair and six other members of the ADR Committee.

The members of the Appointments Subcommittee reviewed the materials submitted by the applicants, and independently ranked the applicants. Then, in a conference call meeting, the subcommittee members discussed the applicants and proposed rankings and the recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair. The subcommittee then arrived at its recommended rankings of the applicants, and recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair. Those recommendations were presented to the full ADR Committee, along with the materials submitted by the applicants. Upon discussion, the ADR Committee adopted the recommendations below, ranked in order.

New Member Recommendations

1. **Rebecca Callahan**. Ms. Callahan is a 33-year attorney who handled complex business litigation matters in state and federal court. Ten years ago she added mediation and arbitration to her practice and now serves as a full-time mediator, arbitrator, and referee. She also serves on several ADR panels including the American Arbitration Association; ADR Services, Inc.; United States District Court; Central District of California, Court of Appeal; Second District, and Orange County Superior Court. Ms. Callahan is also an adjunct professor at Pepperdine School of Law/Straus Institute where she has taught Mediation Theory and Practice and Arbitration, and co-taught Mediating the Litigated Case.
2. **Malcolm Sher**. Mr. Sher was admitted as Solicitor of the Supreme Courts of England and Wales in 1972, and admitted to the State Bar of California in 1976. For

the past seven years he has served as a full-time mediator. Mr. Sher has served as Chair (2014-2015), Vice Chair (2012-2014) and Member (2009-2012) State Bar of California, Executive Committee on Mandatory Fee Arbitration; Member Contra Costa and Alameda ADR Committees; and Chair Contra Costa Bar Association MFA and Client Relations Committees.

3. **Darryl C. Darden.** Mr. Darden is a retired Lieutenant Colonel (1979-2012) serving in various senior leadership positions including Executive Officer of the Army's Diversity Office. Throughout his 30 years of service, he has mediated over 300 Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity incidents. Mr. Darden also served as primary staff officer for all Title VI, VII, IX (as applied to the Military Academy) VAWA functions delegated to each Department of the Army organization served, and as a Professor of Public Speaking and Military Science at the United States Military Academy, West Point. Mr. Darden is currently an adjunct professor at Pepperdine University School of Law/Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, and is the owner of Darden Dispute Resolution Systems, LLC.
4. **Sarah Burke.** Ms. Burke was admitted to the Bar in 1992 and spent her career representing developers, materials suppliers, contractors, subcontractors and homeowners in all types of construction litigation. She also has an extensive background in insurance coverage issues, with experience in both first-party and third-party coverage analysis and litigation, including claims against and between insurance carriers, bad faith claims, and claims involving OCIP/wrap policies. Ms. Burke is currently a full-time mediator, discovery referee and special master. Ms. Burke is a member of the approved ADR Panels of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma Counties; and is past-chair of the Alameda County Bar Association ADR Executive Committee, current Treasurer of the Marin County Bar Association ADR section, and a current member of the Board of Directors of the Mediation Society.
5. **Kevin McKenney.** After serving 20 years with the Santa Clara County Superior and Municipal Courts and practicing law for 21 years, the Honorable Kevin McKenney is a full-time neutral with JAMS. He has extensive experience in dispute resolution, including conducting and managing hundreds of settlement conferences and Alternative Dispute Resolution Review calendars. Mr. McKenney volunteers as a Settlement Pro Tem with the Santa Clara County Superior Court, and as a high school mock trial judge.
6. **Dorit Perry (Grossman).** Ms. Perry has been practicing law for the past 30 years and is currently an Adjunct Professor of Law at Santa Clara University. Ms. Perry serves as a volunteer mediator and conflict resolution specialist with Project Sentinel, City of Los Altos, providing mediation and conflict resolution services to residents of Santa Clara County on a variety of housing, employment, and business matters; and as an arbitrator/mediator for the City of Hayward in housing and rent control disputes. Ms. Perry has served as a judge at the International Mediation competition sponsored by the International Chamber of Commerce.

7. **Marc Fong.** Mr. Fong has been a member of the State Bar of California since 1978, and is currently a full-time mediator with Fong Dispute Resolution. His mediation practice spans real property, employment, high technology, business, malpractice, civil rights, and cataclysmic injury cases. Mr. Fong is a panelist for the United States District Court, the California Court of Appeal, Bay Area Superior Courts, and the EEOC. He has served as the past chair of the Alameda County Bar Association ADR Section and is a board member of The Mediation Society.
8. **Ana Sambold.** Ms. Sambold is a bilingual mediator and attorney admitted in California, the Federal Court Southern District, and Columbia. Her subject matter expertise involves business and contract disputes, consumer-merchant, creditor-debtor, personal injury, landlord-tenant, homeowners' associations, employment, real estate transactions, family matters, and civil harassment cases. Ms. Sambold is also the legislative liaison for the San Diego County Bar Association and the California Law Revision Commission on issues such as confidentiality.

Alternates

9. **Judith Copeland.** Ms. Copeland was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1974 and has been a full-time mediator/arbitrator with West Coast Resolution Group, National Conflict Resolution Center since 2013. Ms. Copeland has been a delegate with the Conference of Delegates for more than 25 years, was a member of the State Bar Board of Trustees, and served on the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, 1991-1995, and 1997; Vice Chair, 1994; and Chair, 1995 and 1997.
10. **Jason Harper.** Mr. Harper has been a full-time mediator, conflict coach, and alternative dispute resolution consultant since 2012. He is president of the Southern California Mediation Association, and board member of the Southern California Mediation, Education Foundation. Mr. Harper has served as a volunteer with the Community Mediation Panel with the Los Angeles County Bar Association since 2011 providing case management and mediation services, and has mediated landlord/tenant, employment, and family dispute matters.
11. **Charles Schoemaker, Jr.** Mr. Schoemaker was admitted to the Bar in 1978 and brings more than 30 years of litigation experience to the dispute resolution arena in areas of major injury and complex litigation. Mr. Schoemaker was a member of the Los Angeles County Superior Court ADR panel for approximately 20 years, and is currently a member of the Riverside County Bar Association's non-profit sibling corporation, RCBA Dispute Resolution Services, Inc.

Officer Nominations

Chair

Robert Andersen is the current Vice Chair of the ADR Committee, has been an active contributor to the committee since his appointment in 2012, and has done an outstanding job.

Vice Chair

Jil Dalesandro has been an active contributor to the ADR Committee since her appointment in 2013, and currently serves as Chair of the Education Subcommittee.

**Proposed: 2016-2017 Committee
Committee on Appellate Courts**

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Paula M. Mitchell	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Karli A. Eisenberg	Sacramento	3	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Marsha Amin	San Diego	4	9/15/2019
	Erin C. Smith	Oakland	1	9/15/2019
	Gregory E. Wolff	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	Kelly A. Woodruff	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Nathaniel P. Garrett	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Katy A. Graham	Ventura	2	8/27/2017
	Audra Ibarra	Palo Alto	6	8/27/2017
	Leah L. Spero	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Barbara E. Biagas	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Syda K. Cogliata	San Jose	6	9/16/2018
	Herb Fox	Santa Barbara	2	9/16/2018
	Michael J. Mongan	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018
	Scott M. Reddie	Fresno	5	9/16/2018
	Mary-Chris Sungaila	Costa Mesa	4	9/16/2018

TO: Nominations and Appointments Committee

FROM: Committee on Appellate Courts

DATE: June 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Appointment Recommendations for the Committee on Appellate Courts for 2016-2017

BACKGROUND AND PROCESS

The Committee Chair, Committee Vice Chair, and recommended Committee Vice Chair for 2016-2017 reviewed the materials that the applicants to the Committee submitted. The applicants were discussed, and a recommended ranking was reached. The applications and related materials were then sent to the full Committee. The full Committee discussed the recommended ranking of the applicants, along with the recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2016-2017, and approved the recommendations below.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends that its current Vice Chair, Paula Mitchell, be next term's Chair. The Committee recommends that Karli Eisenberg be next term's Vice Chair. Both recommendations are based upon the excellent qualifications and the continuing contributions of those members to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Committee will have four vacancies for new members. The Committee ranked the top four as follows:

1. **Gregory E. Wolff**. Mr. Wolff has been a member of the Bar since 1977, and has been serving as the Head of Chambers of Justice Leandra Kruger, California Supreme Court, since 2015 where he supervises a staff of four attorneys, judicial assistant, and two externs. Prior to this, Mr. Wolff served as a judicial attorney at both the California Supreme Court and the California Court of Appeal, working for Chief Justice Ronald George, and serving as the Head of Chambers for Justice Goodwin Liu (2011-2014), and Justice Carlos Moreno (2001-2011). Mr. Wolff has been admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and Federal District Court. He has substantial experience in legal education where at the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office he helped train new attorneys and conducted periodic continuing education programs. Mr. Wolff has volunteered for the Marin County Bar Association (1999-2004), Marin Horizon School (2001-2004), and Mill Valley Soccer Club (1998-2000).

2. **Erin C. Smith.** Ms. Smith has been a member of the Bar since 2004, and is the co-founder and Executive Director/CEO of Family Violence Appellate Project in Oakland, where she provides legal services to domestic violence survivors and their children. Erin has led the organization from inception to its current status as a California State-Bar funded legal services provider. Previously, Erin was an associate at Covington & Burling LLP in San Francisco where her practice focused on complex civil litigation in federal and state courts, as well as in arbitral tribunals. In 2008 she received the Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year award for her representation of a survivor of domestic violence. Erin graduated from UC Berkeley School of Law in 2004 where she served as editor-in-chief of the *Berkeley Women's Law Journal*. Erin is an active member of the legal aid community in California.
3. **Kelly A. Woodruff.** Ms. Kelly is the Chair of the Appellate Litigation Practice at Farella Braun + Martel LLP where in her more than 20 years in practice has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in significant business disputes, class action litigation, and bankruptcy filings. Ms. Woodruff has drawn upon her significant trial experience to write briefs and successfully argue numerous cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and all levels of California appeals courts. Ms. Woodruff serves as the Vice Chair of the Bar Association of San Francisco's Appellate Law Section and is a past chair of the California State Bar's Federal Courts Committee.
4. **Marsha Amin.** Ms. Amin has been a Senior Appellate Court Attorney for the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division 1, since 2011, where she handles appellate matters in the areas of civil, criminal, family, juvenile, and probate law. Ms. Amin volunteers at the Civil Appellate Shelf Help Workshop, San Diego County Bar Association Appellate Practice Section, and Legal Aid Society of San Diego. At the San Diego County Bar Association Appellate Practice Section she has worked to comment on rules, develop educational programs for appellate practitioners, develop the Civil Appellate Self Help Workshop, and foster communication between practitioners and the local bar association.

The Committee ranked the following, as alternates.

5. **Wendy M. Coats.** Ms. Coats has been a member of the Bar since 2005, and founded her own practice, McGuire Coats LLP, dedicated to appellate litigation. Her diverse trial and appellate experiences covers a wide range of areas including asylum, attorney's fees, breach of contract, civil RICO, civil procedure, and constitutional law to name a few. Ms. Coats clerked for the Honorable Ronald S.W. Lew of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Ms. Coats is a Board Member of the Contra Costa County Bar Association (2015-present), the ABA's Council of Appellate Lawyers Publications Committee for Appellate Issues (2015-present), California Women Lawyers Amicus Committee (2013-present), the Robert G. McGrath American Inn of Court (2013-present), and the Pepperdine University School of Law, moot court alumni coach (2011-present).

6. **Michael D. Gowe**. Mr. Gowe is a Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General with over 12 years' experience. He also serves as an adjunct professor at U.C. Hastings College of the Law where he teaches moot court, appellate advocacy, and legal writing and research courses (2005-present), and Lecturer at U.C. Berkeley School of Law (2014-present). He is also a Senior Research Fellow at the California Constitution Center.

**Proposed: 2016-2017 Committee
Committee on Delivery of Legal Services**

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REAPPOINT CHAIR	Sharon Djemal	Berkeley	1	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Panida M. Rzonca	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT MEMBER	Scott R. Barnes	Santa Ana	4	9/15/2019
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Sharon Allred (Remley)	Bishop	4	8/27/2017
	Vidhya Ragunathan	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Amanda Bettinelli	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
	Linda A. Lindsey	San Bernardino	4	9/15/2019
	Stephanie A. McMahon	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	Nicole M. Perez	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Selena G. Copeland	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Anna S. Davis	Irvine	4	8/27/2017
	Anna T. Ferrari	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Stephen T. Hicklin	Long Beach	2	8/27/2017
	Kent K. Qian	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Stephen Zollman	Guerneville	1	8/27/2017
	David R. Daniels	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Parisa Ijadi-Maghsoodi	San Diego	4	9/16/2018
	Evonne Silva	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018
	Paulette I. Ward	Victorville	4	9/16/2018
	Christina T. Yang	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018



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Date: June 7, 2016

To: Members, Committee on Nominations and Appointments

From: Phong Wong, Chair, Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS)
Sharon Ngim, Staff Coordinator, SCDLS

Re: Appointment Recommendations for Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS)

Background and Review Process

The application review process was conducted by an interview team including the SCDLS chair, vice chair, three members (one from each class), and the SCDLS Staff Coordinator. The team selected ten qualified applicants out of a total of eleven for telephone interviews based on the factors set forth below. After completion of the interviews, the team evaluated the applicants and made initial recommendations to the full committee. In closed session during its June 6 meeting, the full committee reviewed, discussed, and finalized the recommendations as set forth below.

The interview team considered the following factors in the appointments review, interview and ranking process: 1) experience in/demonstrated knowledge of/commitment to the delivery of legal services to low- and moderate-income individuals; 2) availability to be a fully participating member; 3) geographic areas currently unrepresented or under-represented on the committee, especially rural/non-urban areas; 4) practice settings unrepresented or under-represented on the committee; 5) legal areas of expertise unrepresented or under-represented on the committee; 6) communication skills; and 7) leadership potential.

Recommendations for Officers: By unanimous vote, SCDLS recommends the following—

- **Chair:** Sharon Djemal (term ends 2016) is the Director of the East Bay Community Law Center's (EBCLC) Consumer Justice Practice that defends, enforces and advances the rights of low-income consumers. She been an attorney at EBCLC since the year 2000. From 2000 to 2014, she oversaw attorneys and law students in housing litigation (including unlawful detainers, affirmative lawsuits, and administrative proceedings), and also directed EBCLC's pro per clinic, providing limited scope services to tenants being sued in unlawful detainer. During her tenure on SCDLS, Ms. Djemal has been actively involved in the areas of recruitment, commenting and training, and during 2015-2016 she served as vice chair.
- **Vice Chair:** Panida Rzonca (term ends 2016) is the Directing Attorney for Human Rights Advocacy, Legal and Housing Counseling at the Thai Community Development Center (Thai CDC) in Los Angeles. Since 2007 she has been actively involved in anti-human trafficking work including assistance to victims navigating the legal system to obtain immigration status. Ms. Rzonca also is involved in labor and housing rights advocacy. She

serves as a certified foreclosure intervention and default counselor to limited English proficient Thai American homeowners in danger of losing their homes. Ms. Rzonca has been an active member of the moderate income working group and the awards working group during her tenure on SCDLS. She also is Vice President of the Thai American Bar Association.

Recommendation for Reappointment of Current Member

1. Scott Barnes is a Staff Attorney with family law experience and the Technology Projects Manager at Legal Aid Society of Orange County (LASOC). He is well-versed in leveraging technology to enhance the delivery of legal services to low and moderate income clients. His technology experience has been very helpful to SCDLS as the use of technology is growing in the legal services community. In addition, Mr. Barnes' active involvement in LASOC's incubator program, hands-on trainings for volunteers, and pro bono outreach, dovetails with the work of the committee. Last year Mr. Barnes was appointed to a one year term and is recommended for reappointment to a full term.

Recommendations for New Members Listed in Order of Preference

1. Sharon Remley is the Family Law Facilitator, Self-Help Center Director and Small Claims Advisor for the Inyo County Superior Court. Her 14 years of practice, local bar leadership, experience providing legal assistance to self-represented litigants in a sparsely-populated rural area with very limited resources, and knowledge of technology to provide legal services to those who reside in remote locations will complement the experience of other SCDLS members. Also, Ms. Remley would be the first member from the Eastern Sierra region and her participation would be a welcomed addition to the committee. *SCDLS recommends that Ms. Remley be appointed to a one year term to fill the position, vacated by Mitchel Winick, that expires in 2017. She will be eligible next year to be reappointed for a full three year term.*

2. Linda Lindsey is a solo in San Bernardino whose practice areas include family law, bankruptcy, and probate. Her direct experience providing limited scope representation will help inform the committee's ongoing efforts to promote unbundling. Before becoming an attorney, Ms. Lindsey worked as a hospital administrator developing and implementing healthcare policies and procedures for more than 25 years. Since 2009, she has been a dedicated pro bono attorney at the Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino, traveling throughout San Bernardino County to provide a wide range of legal assistance to indigent clients. SCDLS has not had a solo practitioner on board for several years and Ms. Lindsey would be a great fit on the committee.

3. Stephanie McMahon is a Legal Analyst with the Office of the Circuit Executive for the Ninth Circuit. Previously she was a staff attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in the pro se unit and assisted with the Ninth Circuit Pro Bono Panel. Ms. McMahon is uniquely positioned to share information about practices and policies in the federal courts that provide self-represented litigants with meaningful court access, educational materials, mediation programs and pro bono counsel. Her federal court perspective and technology experience will provide added value to the work of SCDLS.

4. Nicole Perez is the Directing Attorney for the Veterans Justice Center at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA), the largest federal-funded legal aid organization in California. Ms. Perez has extensive experience working with marginalized communities, developing multiple legal clinics and large-scale outreach events for Vets, training and supervising pro bono attorneys

and law students, and co-developing and delivering Veterans Advocacy trainings with the State Bar and PLI. She also has a Masters in Social Work and is a certified Field Instructor. Ms. Perez's subject matter expertise, training experience and leadership skills will be of great benefit to the committee, especially in the development of statewide training and educational programs.

5. Amanda Bettinelli has been as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles since 2008. For the past five years, she has been one of two prosecutors assigned to work with the Substance Abuse Treatment and Reentry Program (STAR), a model post-conviction drug court where she assists offenders with reentry issues that crossover with access to civil legal services. Also, Ms. Bettinelli has handled pro bono foster care adoptions for Alliance for Children's Rights since 2002. She is active with several local bar associations, legal diversity pipeline efforts at the middle and high school levels, and the Constitutional Rights Foundation. Ms. Bettinelli will bring a unique blend of professional experience to SCDLS.

6. Vidhya Ragunathan is the Pro Bono Coordinator at Inner City Law Center in Los Angeles. Previously she was a litigation associate at two large national law firms and handled a variety of pro bono matters. As a result of Ms. Ragunathan's experience in both the private and public sectors of the legal profession, she understands the challenges of delivering legal services to low and moderate income individuals. Her law firm turned non-profit perspective and ideas for engaging traditionally untapped attorneys to do pro bono will serve the committee well. *SCDLS recommends that Ms. Ragunathan be appointed for a two year term to fill the position, vacated by Rachel McKenzie, that expires in 2018.*

Alternates

7. Amy Orgain has been a staff attorney at the Homeless Action Center in Berkeley for two years. Before that she was a staff attorney at AIDS Legal Referral Panel in San Francisco for six years and assisted with pro bono referrals. She is ranked as the first alternate because although she works in the legal services field, her experience is not as deep as the higher ranked applicants.

8. Rebecca Newman has been a program officer at The Rose Hills Foundation in Pasadena since January 2015. Previously she worked as a labor and employment attorney in the private sector and as a staff attorney at Public Counsel. While Ms. Newman has two and one half years in nonprofit legal services, her candidacy is not as strong as the other applicants.

The following applicants were found to be less qualified than those above and are not being recommended for an appointment to SCDLS:

9. J. Scott Miller practices civil litigation, professional liability defense and insurance law with a small firm in Sacramento. While he is interested in serving on a State Bar committee, he lacks a demonstrated knowledge of legal services issues. Also, because he indicated to the interview team that he has limited time for volunteer activities due to a demanding schedule, it is unlikely that Mr. Miller will be able to be a fully participatory SCDLS member.

10. Lydia Liberio has held a variety of law-related and legal positions in a wide variety of practice areas before and after becoming an attorney. Due to the rich pool of qualified applicants and lack of information in her application that demonstrated an understanding of legal services issues, Ms. Liberio was not selected for a phone interview.

**Proposed: 2016-2017 Committee
Committee on Federal Courts**

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

Terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2016 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 2, 2016). The officer terms are one year and expire at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (August 27, 2017). *Member terms expire at the close of the State Bar Annual Meeting on the date, or in the year, indicated.*

POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Erik M. Silber	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Joshua A. Klein	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Alyson A. Berg	Fresno	5	9/15/2019
	Kristina D. Gruenberg	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
	Meryl C. Maneker	San Diego	4	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Ali Abtahi	Chicago		8/27/2017
	Jessica N. Leal	Redwood City	1	8/27/2017
	Breann M. Moebius	Sacramento	3	8/27/2017
	Laura E. Perry	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Michael E. Vinding	Sacramento	3	8/27/2017
	Geoffrey D. Wilson	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Diana M. Kwok	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Jonathan B. Paul	Sacramento	3	9/16/2018
	Elizabeth A. Sperling	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Vayesha I. Williams	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018

TO: Nominations and Appointments Committee

FROM: Committee on Federal Courts

DATE: June 15, 2016

SUBJECT: 2016-2017 Appointment Recommendations for the Committee on Federal Courts

BACKGROUND AND PROCESS

The Committee's Chair, Vice Chair, recommended Vice Chair for 2016-2017, and Committee staff reviewed the applications and other materials submitted by the applicants to the Committee on Federal Courts ("CFC"). A consensus concerning a recommendation for the overall ranking was reached. The materials that the applicants submitted were then sent to the full Committee. The full Committee approved the recommendations for Chair, Vice Chair and new members, as discussed below.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends that its current Vice Chair, Erik Silber, be next term's Chair. The Committee's recommendation for 2016-2017 Vice Chair is Joshua Klein. These recommendations are based upon both members' excellent qualifications and prior exemplary service on, and contributions to, the CFC.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Committee will have three vacancies for terms beginning in 2016. The top three applicants were ranked as follows:

1. Kristina D. Gruenberg

Ms. Gruenberg was admitted to the Bar in 2010. Following law school she served as a judicial law clerk for two years at the District of Columbia Superior Court. For the past four and a half years she has been a civil defense attorney in private practice primarily representing government agencies, with a vast majority of her cases involving civil rights and employment matters.

2. Alyson A. Berg

Ms. Berg has been a member of the Bar since 1996, and is currently an Assistant US Attorney with the Department of Justice handling cases ranging from employment discrimination lawsuits, medical malpractice, personal injury/tort cases, challenges to agency actions and *Bevens* actions. Ms. Berg is an adjunct professor of Legal Research & Writing at San Joaquin College of Law, and has served as a volunteer with the Federal Bar Association Board, Fresno County

Bar Association, Fresno County Women Lawyers, and Hasting Alumni Association, Fresno Chapter.

3. Meryl C. Maneker

Ms. Maneker has been a member of the Bar since 1988. She is currently a partner at Wilson Turner Kosmo in San Diego regularly handling civil litigation in the Southern and Central Districts of California, as well as district courts in other parts of the country. From 2000 to 2005 Ms. Maneker served in a variety of capacities with the San Diego chapter of the Federal Bar Association, including one full term (2004) and one partial term (2005) as President of the chapter.

The alternates were ranked as follows.

4. Kevin K. Green

Mr. Green has been a member of the Bar since 1995. He is currently Senior Counsel at Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP, concentrating on appeals, as well as consumer rights, securities, and employment litigation. Mr. Green serves as a volunteer with the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, and the Southern District of California, Appellate Advisory Committee.

5. Cathy T. Moses

Ms. Moses has been a member of the Bar since 2007, and is an associate in the Newport Beach office of Irell & Manella LLP, where she is a member of the firm's litigation practice group. Her practice encompasses complex business disputes, labor and employment actions, unfair competition claims, intellectual property litigation, and white-collar defense. Ms. Moses also serves as a board member of the Public Law Center (PLC) Advocates and is a member of the Orange County Asian American Bar Association.

6. Terrence M. Jones

Mr. Jones has been a member of the Bar since 2008. He is currently a litigation associate with Ballard Sparh LLP, where he litigates a wide range of complex affirmative and defensive civil matters for small and large private entities, including actions for trade secret misappropriation, patent and copyright infringement, fraud, breach of contract, and employment discrimination. Directly out of law school he was hired as an Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office, Central District of California, where he worked for seven years representing the interests and enforced laws of the United States in both civil and criminal matters at both the trial and appellate levels. Mr. Jones received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Homeland Security for coordinating a nationwide discovery effort in an action alleging unconstitutional detainee medical care policies, and a Letter of Commendation from the National Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for a

successful jury trial result in an employment discrimination action brought against the Los Angeles Asylum Office.

**Proposed: 2016-2017 Committee
Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct**

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

Terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2015 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 2, 2016). The officer terms are one year and expire at the close of the 2016 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 2, 2016). *Member terms expire at the close of the State Bar Annual Meeting on the date, or in the year, indicated.*

POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Suzanne B. Spencer	Laguna Beach	4	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Andrew I. Dilworth	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT ADVISOR	Merri A. Baldwin	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT MEMBER	Eric R. Deitz	San Diego	4	9/15/2019
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Matthew A. Hodel	Irvine	4	9/15/2019
	Dena M. Roche	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	Richard C. Solomon	Santa Barbara	2	9/15/2019
	Steven N. Sparta	San Diego	4	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Amy L. Bomse	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Robert D. Brain	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	John E. DeCure	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Michele K. Trausch	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Stephen M. Bundy	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018
	Joel A. Osman	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Marlo Richardson	Playa del Rey	2	9/16/2018
	Ujvala Singh	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018



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DATE: June 10, 2016

TO: Members of the Board Committee on Nominations and Appointments

FROM: Merri Baldwin, Chair
Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct

SUBJECT: Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct: 2016-2017
Recommendations for Appointment of New Members, Officers and Advisor

ENCLOSURES: (1) Committee Appointments Procedures
(2) Worksheet Presenting COPRAC's Recommendation

Executive Summary:

This memorandum presents for the Board Committee's approval the Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct's recommended slate of 2016-2017 candidates for appointment. Board members with questions concerning this item may contact: COPRAC Chair Merri Baldwin at (415) 956-2828; COPRAC Staff Counsel Andrew Tuft at (415) 538-2172; or the Director of Professional Competence Randall Difuntorum at (415) 538-2161.

Background:

The Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct ("COPRAC" or "the Committee") assists members of the State Bar in fulfilling their ethical responsibilities. The Committee's assistance includes: 1) drafting advisory opinions on issues of professional ethics based on questions submitted to the committee or developed by the Committee on its own initiative; 2) studying and recommending changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct; 3) conducting special studies and providing advice to the Board of Trustees on professional responsibility issues; and, 4) sponsoring educational and outreach programs on legal ethics topics, including conducting an annual ethics symposium.

Sixteen volunteers serve on COPRAC, consisting of 15 members and one Advisor appointed by the Board of Trustees ("Board"). The officers, consisting of a Chair, Vice-Chair and the Advisor, serve a one-year term of office. All other members of COPRAC serve a three-year term of office. Application for appointment to COPRAC is open to both lawyers and non-lawyer public members.

This memorandum presents for the Board's approval COPRAC's recommended slate of 2016-2017 candidates for appointment.

1. Introduction and Summary

As the current Chair of the Committee, I am aware of and support the State Bar's diversity policy, including geographic and practice area diversity.

To fill 5 vacancies, COPRAC considered 14 new applicants. We believe that our 4 recommended attorney choices and 1 recommended public member are strong candidates who will serve COPRAC and the Board well.

Our recommendations, if accepted by the Board, will continue to provide a core of members with a strong background in legal ethics, which is critical to the Committee's ability to issue opinions, to develop educational programs, and to be responsive to the Board's request for analysis of professional responsibility initiatives.

2. Officers and Advisor

Committee procedures¹ provide that the current Vice-Chair be nominated as Chair for the upcoming Committee year and that the current Chair be nominated to serve as Advisor in the upcoming Committee year. Applying these rules, the Committee nominates Suzanne Burke Spencer as its next Chair and Merri Baldwin as Advisor.

Committee procedures further provide that all members serving in their second or third year are eligible for nomination to the Vice-Chair position and that, in the case of more than one candidate, the Vice-Chair nominee be selected by a Committee vote, with the Advisor breaking any tie. This year there were two candidates and the Committee selected Andrew Dilworth, who is currently a third-year COPRAC member, as the Committee's Vice-Chair nominee for the upcoming Committee year.

3. Proposed New Members

A Nominations Subcommittee ("Subcommittee"),² including the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Advisor, and three third-year members of the Committee, reviewed all 14 new member applications and selected 8 attorney applicants for personal interviews. COPRAC has found the in-person interviews to be extremely important in evaluating the strength of applicants, and their ability and willingness to perform the substantial amount of substantive work required of Committee members. The interviews were held on May 11, 2016 in San Francisco and May 19, 2016 in Los Angeles.

Five vacancies are to be filled as a result of the end of the terms of five members.

The Subcommittee and COPRAC recognize the policy of maintaining one or more public members serving on the Committee at all times. The Committee currently has two non-lawyer public members, and one public member's term is due to expire at the close of the 2016 Committee year. As such, we are recommending appointment of one non-lawyer public member applicant to the Committee.

The criteria used to consider the attorney applicants during the personal interviews included (in no particular order): 1) prior experience in the legal ethics field; 2) time and energy to undertake the significant responsibilities of committee membership; 3) writing skills; 4) verbal skills; 5) factors lending diversity to the Committee, including diversity based on race, sex, color, national origin, disability and sexual orientation, as well as location, field of practice, and years in practice; and 6) prior volunteer experience, particularly involvement in legal and other professional groups.

Following the applicant interviews, the Subcommittee ranked the 14 applicants. The full Committee considered the Subcommittee's recommendations at a May 20, 2016 meeting and, following discussion, approved the Subcommittee's recommendations for transmission to the Board. All five applicants recommended for appointment were each considered outstanding candidates for COPRAC. Collectively, they would offer the following attributes to the Committee: 1) practice in areas emphasizing the law governing lawyers (i.e., legal ethics and legal malpractice); 2) experience in both prosecuting and defending civil cases relating to attorney conduct; 3) experience presenting continuing education programs in legal ethics; 4) experience serving on State Bar, local bar and other committees; and 5) experience in teaching legal ethics and acting as a third-party neutral.

5. Alternate Members

¹ Enclosure 1 provides an excerpt from COPRAC's Guidelines for Committee Operation and an excerpt from State Bar Board Book Tab 19, Art. 2. These standards comprise the "committee procedures."

² The Subcommittee consisted of the following COPRAC members: Merri Baldwin (Chair), Suzanne Burke Spencer (Vice-Chair), and Scott Garner (Advisor).

In the event that the Board Committee on Nominations and Appointments or the Board does not concur in one or more of the Committee's recommended applicants for appointment, or should a vacancy occur on the Committee during the upcoming committee year, the Committee has designated the top alternates by ranking them from 6 to 10. In the event that the Board considers appointing these alternate choices, a COPRAC representative will be available to the Board Committee to offer additional input if requested by the Board Committee or its staff, including impressions of applicants gained through the personal interviews.

Proposed Board Committee and Board Action:

It is anticipated that the Board Committee on Nominations and Appointments will consider COPRAC's recommended slate of nominees in making a decision on appointment recommendations to transmit to the full Board for action at the Board's July 21-22, 2016 closed session meeting.

Recommended Nominees for Appointment:

In accordance with the above discussion, COPRAC recommends that the Board Committee on Nominations and Appointments recommend that the Board appoint the following persons as officers or members as specified below and for a term expiring on the date shown opposite his or her name, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier:

Officers

Merri Baldwin, Advisor (August 27, 2017)
Suzanne Burke Spencer, Chair (August 27, 2017)
Andrew Dilworth, Vice-Chair (August 27, 2017)

Member Appointments (in order of preference)

- 1) Eric Deitz* (2019)
- 2) Steven Sparta, Public Member (2019)
- 3) Dena Roche (2019)
- 4) Matthew Hodel (2019)
- 5) Richard Solomon (2019)

Alternate Member Appointments (in order of preference)

- 6) Marshall Whitney
- 7) Garrick Byers
- 8) JoBeth Halper
- 9) Anthony Radogna
- 10) Wayne Doss

Remaining Applicants Not Interviewed (in alphabetical order)

- 11) David Johnson**
- 11) Christine Souhrada**
- 11) Reed Troutman**
- 11) Michael Wallis**

* This applicant is currently fulfilling the remaining year of Kearse McGill's three-year term ending in 2016, and is being recommended for a full three-year term beginning in the 2016/2017 committee year.

** These remaining applicants, who were not interviewed, are unranked and listed in alphabetical order.

Proposed 2016-2017
California Commission on Access to Justice
(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

This is a joint commission whose members are appointed by the State Bar and 16 other organizations. The State Bar appoints 10 members; the other organizations each appoint one member. Terms of the new State Bar members begin at the close of the 2016 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 2, 2016). State Bar members may serve two consecutive three-year terms and terms expire at the close of the State Bar Annual Meeting on the date, or in the year, indicated. The terms of the officers are one year and follow the calendar year; the terms of the current chair and vice chair expire December 31, 2017.

POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
APPOINT NEW MEMBER	Shumika T. Sookdeo	Riverside	4	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE STATE BAR	Mana Barari	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Lisa R. Jaskol	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Paul S. Marks	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Catherine J. Blakemore	Sacramento	3	12/31/2016
	Paul S. Cohen	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018
	Amos E. Hartston	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Mark A. Juhas	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Michael J. Levy	Sacramento	3	9/16/2018
	Lisa R. Pruitt	Fair Oaks	3	9/16/2018
CONTINUING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	Mary Lou Aranguren	Berkeley	1	
	Marcia R. Bell	San Francisco	1	
	Ricardo Cordova	Modesto	5	
	Meera E. Deo	San Diego	4	
	Erika C. Frank	Sacramento	3	
	James E. Herman	Santa Barbara	2	
	Janis R. Hirohama	Manhattan Beach	2	
	Martin J. Jenkins	San Francisco	1	
	Venus D. Johnson	Sacramento	3	
	Victoria S. Kolakowski	Oakland	1	
	Goodwin H. Liu	San Francisco	1	
	Deborah D. Moss-West	Santa Clara	6	
	Anne Marie Murphy	Burlingame	1	
	Maria P. Rivera	San Francisco	1	
	Lorena E. Slomanson	San Diego	4	
	Erica R. Yew	San Jose	6	

CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE

NOMINATION LETTER

DATE: June 1, 2016

TO: Members, Nominations and Appointments Committee

FROM: Hon. Mark A. Juhas, Chair, California Commission on Access to Justice
Kelli Evans, Senior Director Administration of Justice and Staff Liaison
to California Commission on Access to Justice

RE: Appointment Recommendation for California Commission on Access to Justice

The California Commission on Access to Justice has a total of 26 members. The State Bar makes 10 appointments to the Commission; the appointing entities for the other 16 positions include the Governor, the Attorney General, the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, the California Supreme Court, the Judicial Council, California Judges Association, Council of California County Law Librarians, Consumer Attorneys of California, California Chamber of Commerce, California Labor Federation, League of Women Voters, the California Council of Churches, and the Legal Aid Association of California. After the Board of Trustees confirmed appointments to the California Commission on Access to Justice at its meeting, one vacancy remained.

Summary of Recommendation on Appointments

Of the ten appointments that the State Bar has to the California Commission on Access to Justice, one State Bar appointee – **Joanne E. Caruso**, completed her term as the Commission's Vice Chair in December 2015.

One State Bar appointee – **Catherine J. Blakemore** – was appointed in January of 2016 to fill the Vice Chair vacancy.

As a result of this, one individual – **Shumika T.R. Sookdeo** has been recommended by the Commission's Executive Committee to fill the vacancy. The reason for her recommendation is described more fully below.

Background on Process and Criteria

Persons of stature and credibility who have significant involvement with and knowledge of legal services and "access to justice" issues are sought to serve on the Commission. Members of the Commission should ideally have been in practice or have served on the bench, and/or have a significant history of involvement with access to justice activities, preferably in a leadership capacity. Knowledge and expertise in the field of public interest law is another important component of the projects and activities driving the Commission's work on "access" issues. The Commission seeks a balance of members from around the state as well as from urban and rural settings; a balance of judges, lawyers, court administrators, and civic leaders; and ethnic, racial and gender diversity.

Experience with different types of delivery issues is helpful, as well as a commitment to the issues and a willingness to serve on one or more of the Commission's subcommittees. The work of the Commission involves high-level contacts with the judiciary and the legal profession, and statewide business and civic leaders, to promote its mission of developing long-term, fundamental solutions to the chronic lack of representation available for poor and moderate income Californians.

Recruitment Efforts

For the vacant positions on the commission, applicants were actively recruited by commission members in an effort to ensure that the Commission has broad representation, and the balance of types of experiences described above in "background on process and criteria." In addition to posting notices on the State Bar website, and individual recruitment and outreach by Commission members and staff, the Commission included notice of vacancies in outreach to all legal services programs in the state, to local bar and judicial leaders, and to various professional associations encouraging interested individuals to seek appointment.

Recommendation for Appointment of New Member (Effective October 2, 2016)

The Executive Committee of the Commission on Access to Justice unanimously recommends the appointment of **Shumika T.R. Sookdeo**, for a three-year term to fill the one State Bar vacancy on the Commission.

Shumika T.R. Sookdeo

Shumika T.R. Sookdeo graduated in 2004 from University of California, Santa Barbara with a degree in English. She continued her legal studies at the Barry University School of Law, where she earned her Juris Doctorate in 2007.

Ms. Sookdeo is currently a Managing Attorney at Robinson Sookdeo Law, a general practice law office that handles various cases involving family law, criminal law, bankruptcy law, and eviction cases. Ms. Sookdeo's practice serves individuals in several counties, including Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Orange County.

In addition to her work as a solo practitioner, Ms. Sookdeo served as the Immediate Past President of the Richard T. Fields Bar Association. During her presidency, she spearheaded the organization's Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) endeavors, and spoke on several panels, to minority students regarding the path to becoming a lawyer, mentored high school mock trial students and helped prepare them for their competitions. She currently serves on the California Association of Black Lawyers Board as Member-at-Large, and previously as an Affiliate Representative from 2014-2015.

Ms. Sookdeo has spoken at several events to encourage students regarding their educational pursuits. She also appeared on KCAA Radio's Inland Empire Talks Back, to discuss California Proposition 4, in April 2015. She is an avid volunteer for various organizations that assist students, low income families and troubled youth throughout the Inland Empire and in the Los Angeles area. Ms. Sookdeo has been a volunteer attorney at the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, and Education Representative with the Riverside County Bar Association's Project Graduate, program mentoring foster youth since 2013.

Ms. Sookdeo's understanding of legal access issues and commitment to volunteer service makes her an ideal member of the Commission on Access to Justice. We look forward to her contributions to the Commission's work.

The Executive Committee of the California Commission on Access to Justice does not recommend any other alternate appointments. The following applicants were found not suitable to be recommended for an appointment at this time:

1. Lara Fisher
2. Kerry Franich
3. Arthur Krantz
4. Jonathan Libby

**Proposed: 2016-2017
Client Security Fund Commission**

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

The terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2016 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 2, 2016). The terms of the officers are one-year and expire at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (August 27, 2017). *Member terms expire at the close of the State Bar Annual Meeting on the date, or in the year, indicated.*

POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Jeffrey I. Golden	Costa Mesa	4	8/27/2017
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	Etan E. Rosen	Sacramento	3	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Synthia L. Lee	Mission Hills	2	8/27/2017
	Robert C. Bowman	Sacramento	3	9/15/2019
	Shanae S. Buffington	Sacramento	3	9/15/2019
	Wanda L. Hazel	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	David K. George	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018
	Carol A. Klauschie	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018

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DATE: June 24, 2016

TO: Members, Committee on Nominations and Appointments

FROM: Jonathan D. Libby, Esq., Chair
Client Security Fund Commission

RE: 2016 - 2017 Appointment Recommendations for the Client
Security Fund Commission

Background/Process

The Client Security Fund reimburses victims who have lost money or property due to theft or an equivalent dishonest act committed by a California lawyer acting in a professional capacity. A seven-member Client Security Fund Commission acts as the Board's delegate in administering the Fund. Not more than four of the members may be former or present members of the State Bar or have been admitted to practice before any courts in the United States.

When reviewing applications for appointment, the Commission not only seeks diversity in professional background but also in gender, age, race, nationality, ethnicity, geographic region, sexual preference, disability and life experience. The Commission also considers proven commitment to volunteer work or a strong indication of capacity or desire for making the expected time commitment to this Commission. Another important consideration is whether an applicant's work and/or life experience would be helpful to the Commission in making determinations on applications to the Fund, especially if an area of experience is lacking among the current membership. The Commission makes decisions on applications filed against Respondent attorneys who are engaged in various legal practice areas.

The terms of three of the current Client Security Fund Commission members will expire at the end of this year's Annual Meeting. They are one public member, Evangelyn Nathan, and two attorney members, Chair, Jonathan D. Libby, Esq. and Vice Chair, Jeffrey I. Golden, Esq. The Commission is recommending that the Vice Chair, Jeffrey I. Golden, Esq. be appointed to serve one additional year as Chair and that attorney member, Etan E. Rosen, Esq., be appointed to serve one year as Vice Chair. There is also a vacant public member position open due to the resignation of a public member commissioner. There is one year left on this term. This leaves the Commission with two public member and one attorney member vacancies.

CSF received three candidates for the one attorney position, but only one candidate for the two public member vacancies (one full term and one partial term due to resignation).

The Commission considered and voted on June 16, 2016 at its Commission meeting to recommend the appointment/reappointment of the following officers and members:

Officer Nominations:

Recommendations for Reappointment of Members:

Chair: The Client Security Fund Commission voted and recommends that attorney member, Jeffrey I. Golden, Esq., be appointed to serve as Chair of the Client Security Fund Commission for a term to run from the end of the Annual Meeting of 2016 until the end of the Annual Meeting of 2017.

Vice Chair: The Client Security Fund Commission voted and recommends that attorney member, Etan E. Rosen, Esq., be appointed to serve as Vice Chair of the Client Security Fund Commission for a term to run from the end of the Annual Meeting of 2016 until the end of the Annual Meeting of 2017.

Nominees for Chair and Vice Chair are made by consensus. The nominee for Chair shall have served as Vice Chair during the previous Commission year. If the Vice Chair cannot serve as Chair, the Commission makes a recommendation from among its other members. The nominee for Vice Chair is selected by the Commission based upon experience and ability to serve.

New Member Candidates:

Synthia L. Lee (Public Member Candidate)

The Client Security Fund Commission considered Synthia L. Lee for an appointment to the partial term left after the resignation of the former public member. The term runs until the end of the Annual Meeting of 2017, and then Ms. Lee would qualify for appointment to another full term.

Ms. Lee is currently a Police Captain with the L.A.P.D. As reflected in Ms. Lee's application, she has extensive experience in law enforcement and is committed to public service. She comes highly recommended by a current member of the Client Security Fund Commission. Ms. Lee has expressed a desire to serve on the Commission as her sole choice of State Bar committee.

The Commission feels that Ms. Lee's qualifications and experience will provide valuable contributions to the work of this Commission and will help to keep the Commission diverse.

Wanda L. Hazel, Esq. (Attorney Member Candidate)

The Client Security Fund Commission considered Wanda L. Hazel, Esq. for an appointment to a term to run from the end of the Annual Meeting of 2016 until the end of the Annual Meeting of 2019.

Ms. Hazel is currently a Senior Human Resources Manager in the Los Angeles County, Department of Human Resources. She has extensive experience dealing with disciplinary complaints that arise in her workplace and could bring that unique perspective to the Commission. She has participated as a volunteer in many capacities . She has expressed her sensitivity to the problems faced by the victims who apply to the Fund. She is particularly interested in the work of the Client Security Fund Commission. Ms. Hazel comes highly recommended by a current member of the Client Security Fund Commission.

The Commission believes that Ms. Hazel's perspective and the insight gained from her work as Manager/Mediator in the County Equity Investigations Division and her volunteer experiences will be very valuable contributions to the work of the Commission and will help to keep the Commission diverse.

Shanae S. Buffington, Esq. (Attorney Member Candidate)

The Client Security Fund Commission considered Shanae S. Buffington, Esq. for an appointment to a term to run from the end of the Annual Meeting of 2016 until the end of the Annual Meeting of 2019.

As reflected in Ms. Buffington's application, she has outstanding qualifications and comes highly recommended by a Member of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Buffington has extensive experience in various areas of law practice and volunteer service. She is an attorney with the Employment Development Department and a member of the State Bar's Labor and Employment Law section. She has expressed her desire to work hard to accomplish the goals of the Commission. She is particularly interested in the work of the Client Security Fund Commission and has demonstrated her dedication to volunteer work over many years.

The Commission feels that Ms. Buffington's qualifications, experience, leadership abilities and commitment to diversity will be very valuable contributions to the work of this Commission.

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Robert C. Bowman, Jr., Esq. (Attorney Member Candidate)

The Client Security Fund Commission considered Robert C. Bowman, Esq. for an appointment for a term to run from the end of the Annual Meeting of 2016 until the end of the Annual Meeting of 2019.

Mr. Bowman is a sole stockholder in a civil litigation law firm in Sacramento. He has extensive experience and volunteer service. He is particularly interested in the work of the Client Security Fund Commission.

The Commission believes that Mr. Bowman's perspective and life and work experience would be good additions to the Commission.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Member Recommendation:

The Commission nominates as its first choice for the vacant position which is the result of the resignation of a public member of the Commission :

Synthia Lee.

Attorney Member Recommendation:

The Commission nominates as its first choice for the attorney member vacancy:

Shanae S. Buffington.

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Alternates:

Wanda Hazel (Attorney Member Candidate)

Wanda Hazel is the Commission's first-ranked alternate. She is well-qualified. She was not chosen this year only because the Commission feels that the other applicants' background will bring more skills to the Commission that are needed at this time. The Commission believes Wanda Hazel would be a strong member of the Commission in the future, and should be encouraged to reapply.

Robert Bowman, Jr. (Attorney Member Candidate)

Robert Bowman, Jr. is well-qualified and is the Commission's second-ranked alternate. He was not chosen this year only because the Commission feels that the other applicants' work background will bring more diversity to the Commission at this time. The Commission believes Mr. Bowman could be a strong member of the Commission in the future.

There were no additional public member candidates, therefore, there is one full term public member vacancy.

**Proposed: 2016-2017
Council on Access and Fairness**

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Robin M. Pearson	Walnut Creek	1	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Diane B. Smith	Richmond	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Adeyinka E. Glover	Bakersfield	5	9/15/2019
	Brenda Harbin-Forte	Hayward	1	9/15/2019
	Melissa T. Hung	Oakland	1	9/15/2019
	Catalina R. Lozano	San Rafael	1	9/15/2019
	Kwixuan H. Maloof	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	Gary D. Roberts	Beverly Hills	2	9/15/2019
	Christiane A. Roussell	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
	Mark W. Shem	San Jose	6	9/15/2019
	Barry L. Weissman	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Ruthe C. Ashley	American Canyon	1	8/27/2017
	Holly J. Fujie	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Amanda V. Lopez	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Gillian S. Sonnad	Fresno	5	8/27/2017
	Bobbi Tillmon	Santa Monica	2	8/27/2017
	Camille Y. Townsend	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Thomas Weathers	San Rafael	1	8/27/2017
	Margalynne J. Armstrong	Santa Clara	6	9/16/2018
	Laurie M. Charrington	Santa Clara	6	9/16/2018
	Kelly R. Greer	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Marvin E. Mizell	San Diego	4	9/16/2018
	Angela E. Oh	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Ireneo A. Reus	Long Beach	2	9/16/2018
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS LIAISON	Kyanna L. Williams	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017



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**Council on Access & Fairness Recommendations for
2016-2017 Officers and 2016-2019 Appointments**

TO: Members, Board Nominations and Appointments Committee

FROM: Hon. Marguerite Downing, Chair, Council on Access & Fairness

DATE: June 6, 2016

**RE: Recommendations for 2016-2017 Officers and 2016-2019 Appointments
Council on Access & Fairness**

APPOINTMENTS PROCESS:

The Council on Access & Fairness engages in an annual process for review and screening of applications for appointments. All applications are compiled and sent to COAF members with summaries of each applicant for review and preliminary rankings. COAF criteria are circulated to all members for reference as they review and rank the applications (See *Attachment A*). The rankings are collected, entered on an excel spreadsheet and distributed to the members prior to their full COAF meeting. Nominations for Officers are also circulated to the COAF members, with nominations remaining open through the noticed COAF meeting. COAF has written protocols outlining its process for Officer Recommendations (see *Attachment B*). Preliminary rankings of applicants and officer recommendations were placed on the COAF Closed Agenda for its regularly scheduled and noticed meeting on May 21, 2016. At the meeting, full discussion took place to arrive at the final recommendations for officers and new appointments. Those recommendations appear below. Although there are 11 vacancies, COAF recommends keeping the final open seat vacant. The remaining applicants (see *Attachment C*) are not being recommended at this time.

RECOMMENDATION FOR 2016-2017 OFFICERS:

Recommendation for Chair: Robin Pearson

It is recommended that Ms. Pearson be reappointed for one year to serve as COAF Chair for 2016-2017. During the past three years on COAF, Ms. Pearson served as Chair of the Early Education Committee guiding the COAF activities related to increasing diversity through the

early education pipeline and as Chair of the EOB/MCLE Committee coordinating all MCLE programs produced and presented by COAF, including all Annual Meeting MCLE programs, judicial appointments workshops, leadership programs, and State Bar Appointments workshops. This past year as Vice-Chair, Ms. Pearson was responsible for coordinating the COAF Annual Planning Retreat, organizing the Annual Stakeholder Forum presented during the State Bar Annual meeting, serving as Editor of the COAF E-newsletter, and convening the quarterly COAF Diversity Dialogue conference calls.

Ms. Pearson has been in private practice for the past 24 years. She served on the former State Bar Committee on Women in the Law and was the first African American President of the Contra Costa County Bar Association. Prior to serving as bar President, she created the Contra Costa County Bar Diversity Committee and Diversity Section and served as Diversity Committee Chair. She helped to draft the County Bar's first Diversity Initiative and was President when the County Bar received the State Bar Diversity Award. She was President of Black Women Lawyers of Northern California, serves as a diversity liaison to the State Bar Litigation Section and is a member of the California Minority Counsel Program Thought Leadership Committee.

Recommendation for Vice-Chair: Hon. Diana Becton

It is recommended that Judge Becton be reappointed for one year to serve as COAF Vice-Chair for 2016-2017. During her three years on COAF, Judge Becton served as Chair of the Judicial Committee Committee and as Chair of the Judicial Diversity Summit Planning Committee. In this capacity she participated in numerous judicial appointments and judicial mentoring workshops, as well as annual elimination of bias training for the JNE Commission. She supports the high school law academies by serving on the Advisory Board and as a mentor for the students at the De Anza High School Law Academy (one of the original law academies created through the partnership between the State Bar and California Department of Education). She has convened "Clean Slate Day" (expunging criminal records and traffic tickets) and "Know Your Rights" Youth Symposia for West Contra Costa County. She has served on numerous Judicial Council Advisory Committees including Access and Fairness and as Chair of the Women of Color subcommittee. She is co-chair of the Contra Costa County Superior Court Diversity Committee and is 2015/2016 President-Elect for the National Association of Women Judges.

RECOMMENDATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL LIAISON FOR 2016-2017:

COAF recommends the reappointment of Ms. Kyanna Williams as liaison from the Judicial Council for 2016 to 2017. Her continued participation as liaison to the Council will maintain ongoing collaboration between the State Bar and the Judicial Council on diversity pipeline initiatives as they affect the legal profession and the judiciary. Ms. Williams serves as Senior Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children and the Courts, and Staff Liaison to the Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR FULL THREE-YEAR TERMS – 2016 to 2019:

The following applicants are recommended for full three year terms, 2016-2019, in the following order of priority:

1. Hon. Brenda Harbin-Forte, Superior Court Alameda County (Oakland)

COAF recommends the appointment of Judge Harbin-Forte as the first priority. COAF recognizes that she served as founding chair in 2007 but views her appointment at this time as important, given her wealth of accumulated experience, vision and involvement in various diversity pipeline initiatives. Therefore, a special exception is being requested to reappoint Judge Harbin-Forte. Judge Harbin-Forte's appointment to COAF at this time would greatly benefit COAF in the development and implementation of its long range strategic plan and would also allow her the opportunity to focus on key strategic initiatives and programs that have evolved since her initial membership on COAF.

Judge Harbin-Forte was appointed in 2007 as the COAF Founding Chair, when the then five Access & Fairness Committees were sunsetted. She was appointed due to her respected reputation and acknowledged ability to work with and bring together diverse entities and constituent groups to focus on their common diversity goals. Her tenure was devoted to achieving a smooth transition from the work of the sunsetted committees and sunsetted Diversity Pipeline Task Force to implementing the Board approved Charge for the newly created Council on Access & Fairness. During her initial tenure the COAF mission, vision and strategic goals were identified and communicated to the diversity stakeholders and constituents. Also the First Judicial Diversity Summit was convened. Under her leadership during this initial stage, the diversity structure was solidified and COAF was accepted as the diversity think tank for the State Bar. Subsequent to the ending of her term as founding Chair, COAF enjoyed stakeholder support and began to focus on the diversity pipeline work assigned by the Board of Trustees re: developing and implementing impactful, substantive initiatives designed to improve the diversity pipeline to the legal profession and judiciary.

Judge Harbin-Forte is aware of how COAF has evolved since her initial service and supports the pipeline projects contemplated over the years. Through her application for appointment at this time she seeks to help continue COAF's outstanding programs; she has presented numerous EOB programs on behalf of COAF with many focusing on the pipeline to the judiciary, she has collaborated with the Governor's office to increase appointment of diverse attorneys; for numerous years she voluntarily spearheaded the collection of judicial diversity data and eventually worked with the legislature on legislation aimed at reporting data from the Governor, JNE and the Judicial Council. She has worked on planning committees for subsequent Judicial Summits, chairing committees for 2006 and 2011; She has presented EOB training to the JNE Commission and while on the CWL Board, presented numerous "So You Want to be a Judge" Programs; She is a recipient of numerous awards including the State Bar Diversity Award, Charles Houston Bar Hall of Fame and Distinguished Judge; CWL Rose Bird Memorial Award, CABL Bernard S Jefferson Judge of the Year and the ABA Spirit of Excellence Award.

Judge Harbin-Forte was appointed to the bench in 1992 and elevated to Superior court in 1998. Prior to her appointment she was a partner at Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges in Oakland and San Francisco. She is the first woman to serve as Presiding Judge of the Alameda County Juvenile Court, the first African American woman to serve as Dean for the Witkin Judicial College and the first African American woman President of the Alameda County Bar; She serves as a consultant for various bench books and bench guides and has taught numerous judicial education courses in California and the National Judicial College.

Additional extensive volunteer experience includes the State Bar Diversity Task Force, Judicial Committee Chair; Judicial Summit Planning Committees; California Judges Association Chair, and Judicial Education Committee; Judicial Council of California; State Bar Litigation Section Executive Committee; California Association of Black Lawyers judicial Section; Alameda County Bar Association President, Board, and Legislative Liaison Committee; Black Women Lawyers Association of Northern California President and California Women Lawyers Judicial Liaison and Board Member;

2. Kwixuan Maloof, Public Defender's Office, San Francisco

Mr. Maloof has extensive experience with the types of programs and initiatives implemented by COAF. He is active with the San Francisco Bay Area Minority Bar Coalition and has coordinated programming with COAF and the California Partnership Law Academies on "Know Your Rights" for high school students in Oakland, San Jose and Richmond, teaching students about their constitutional rights and how to respond when detained by law enforcement. His legal career has been devoted to the SF Public Defender's office with over 500 jury trials. He serves as Head Attorney in the Homicide Unit and trains criminal defense attorneys statewide. His leadership positions have included serving as President of the Charles Houston Bar Association; on the National Bar Association (NBA) Board; as Vice President North of the California Association of Black Lawyers (CABL); on the Board and the Judicial Council Committee for the Bar Association of San Francisco; and on the State Bar Criminal Law Executive Committee. As the Young Lawyers Committee Chair for Charles Houston Bar he ran the mentorship program pairing law students with young lawyers, and participated in resume writing workshops for law students. He served as chair of the 2015 NBA Youth Enrichment Program week long program in Los Angeles for over 100 youth ages 6-18 and will be Chairing the 2016 NBA Youth Enrichment program to be presented in St. Louis. He has participated in the SF student Mock Trial Program and Street Law Programs at SF Detention Centers, allowing young people to see minority attorneys as role models and able to make a difference in the legal system.

3. Gary Roberts, Fox Entertainment Group, Los Angeles

Mr. Roberts is a past board member and Co-President of the LA Lawyers for Human Rights (now known as the LGBT Bar Association of Los Angeles). He is a longtime volunteer and current board member and past board Chair of Bet Tzedek Legal Services (public interest program in Los Angeles). He chaired the Diversity Committee at Munger Tolles and is a founding member and leader of the Diversity Council at Fox. He has participated as speaker for many entities on diversity and inclusion issues including programs for the State Bar COAF, local bar associations, affinity groups and law firms of all sizes. He has led and organized numerous events seeking greater inclusion in the entertainment industry. He identifies five factors for seeking appointment to COAF: 1) to share his experience in leading a team to increase diversity at the Fox Group Legal Department; 2) to continue efforts to effect change in the corporate environment and entertainment industry; 3) to use his position on the buying side of the legal equation to spread the message re: diversity and inclusion beyond the "choir"; 4) to share his diversity pipeline experience starting with students in middle school through the "Fox Fellows" program providing opportunities for 1L law students; and 5) to learn from the experience of COAF members. He has participated on COAF sponsored MCLE programs at the State Bar Annual Meeting and for the USC Tax Institute.

4. Christiane Roussell, Davis Wright Tremain, Los Angeles

Ms. Roussell is Co-Chair of the California Minority Council Program (CMCP) new Ambassadors Council to further CMCP's mission among non-partners/non-managers to foster networking and to develop leadership and soft skills on behalf of minority counsel. She has served as President and a Board Member of the John M. Langston Bar Association of LA where she developed the Indispensable Associate Workshop for summer associates/clerks and junior associates at law firms re: what it takes to succeed in large law firms and worked with incoming the Langston President to develop the Law Firm Alliance where participating law firms agree to apply the NFL's Rooney Rule, with participating law firms committed to interviewing a minority applicant for each lateral attorney opening. She was invited to join the board of the Women Lawyers Association of LA as the Co-Chair of the newly formed Diversity Committee to foster relationships with the minority women's bar associations. Other leadership positions include serving as a member on the National Employment Law Council; as the CYLA Executive Committee Chair and CYLA Education Chair; and as a member and Chair of the Executive Committee of the Government Relations Committee, Los Angeles County Bar Barristers. She interviews high school students in the LA area applying to her alma mater (Georgetown) to share advice and info re transitioning to college and participates in the USC Mock Interview Program for first and second year law students preparing for summer and post graduation job interviews. At USC Law School she was Co-Director of the Street Law program teaching underserved high school students about constitutional rights, interacting with law enforcement and about the legal system.

5. Melissa Hung, The Clorox Company, Oakland

Ms. Hung's experience ranges from non-profit, to private practice, to in-house counsel. Her active leadership roles focus on initiatives designed to promote diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. At Sidley Austin she served on the Diversity Committee as Liaison to the Associate Relations Committee and later as Chair of the Diversity Committee. She spent years focusing on campus recruitment and diversity mentorship program for 1L law students. At Clorox she volunteers as a mentor for the Leadership Council for Legal Diversity (LCLD) Success in Law School Mentorship Program, designed to support law students of diverse backgrounds as they navigate through law school, the bar exam and beyond. She also co-leads the Clorox 1L LCLD Scholars Program offering students opportunity to work with in-house legal teams during 1L summers. At Sidley and now at Clorox she participates in programs to improve attorney retention. As in-house counsel she is aware of ways to influence outside counsel to consider diverse teams on their matters and last year was selected to participate in the LCLD Pathfinders Program for diverse, high-potential attorneys focusing on ways to support diverse, mid-level attorneys in their career development (including professional development, building networks etc).

6. Catalino Lozano, Sole Practitioner, San Rafael

In the 1980's Ms. Lozano was a reader for the bar exam and is now an adjunct professor at Hastings College of Law teaching Legal Writing to entering Legal Educational Opportunity Program (LEOP) students. She also teaches Moot Court and is an advisor to the Hastings La Raza Law Students Association. She serves as Vice President of the Association of Latino Marin Attorneys and chairs its Mentorship Committee. Her mentoring activities include mentoring minority law students and minority college students; serving as a mentor for the College of Marin Puente Program; mentoring and advising UC Berkeley minority students interested in a legal career; and will be serving as a mentor to juveniles in Marin County Juvenile Drug Court.

7. Mark Shem, Borton Petrini, San Jose

Mr. Shem is a former member of the State Bar Board of Trustees, where he served as Chair of the Board Stakeholders Committee. He has held numerous leadership positions with the Santa Clara County Bar Association (SCCBA) including President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair Fair Elections Practice Committee, Board of Trustees, Chair Law-Related Education Committee and Chair Civil Practice Committee. He served on committees with the Santa Clara County Superior Court including Community Outreach Committee and the Bench, Bar and Media Relations Committee. Through SCCBA he organized several Law Day Celebrations including a Town Hall Meeting on San Jose's teen curfew, Dispute Resolution Programs in schools, and Mock Trials using famous novels and short stories. He is a member of the former "Justice for All" curriculum committee through the Advant Foundation and served on the Advisory Board for the Silver Creek High School Legal Studies Academy. He has served as Mock Trial coach since 1995 for Lynbrook High School including managing three high school mock trial state finals by raising money and recruiting attorneys and judicial officers to help score their performance.

8. Adeyinka Glover, Greater Bakersfield Legal Services, Bakersfield

Ms. Glover's area of practice focuses on a public interest/legal services for low income persons (serving as Pro Bono Coordinator for Guardianships, Housing, Seniors Law Issues). She also volunteers in numerous programs including the Kern County State Bar Sponsored 2+2+3 Pathway Program Advisory Board; Kern County Bar Magazine; Kern County Mock Trial Program; Kern County Homeless Census; Domestic Violence Shelter; and the Crawford High School Law Institute and Mentorship Bond (a past State Bar Education Pipeline Award Recipient). She attended Thomas Edison high school in Fresno through the "Computech Program" and was accepted into the Center for Advanced Research and Technology "Law and Order and Public Policy" lab where her senior year was devoted to learning about the law, arguing policies and participating in mock trial competitions. In Law School she participated as Diversity and Social Chair of the Black Law Students Association; volunteered in the Crawford Law Institute and Mentorship Bond (CLIMB) and Public Interest Law Foundation; and was a Street Law Instructor in law school.

9. Barry Weissman, Carlton Fields Jorden Burt LLP (Los Angeles)

Mr. Weissman brings to COAF extensive large firm diversity and inclusion experience serving as Diversity Committee Chair for the LA Office of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal (the firm now known as Denton's) and at the LA Office of Edwards Wildman & Palmer, continuing in that position after the firm's merger with Locke Lord. He is familiar with diverse cultures, having grown up in diverse communities in the Los Angeles area. He has served as a member of the ABA Committee on Prepaid Legal Services; of the ABA General Practice Section Council; of the California State Senate Advisory Commission on Malpractice Insurance; as Chair and Member of State Bar Business Law Section Standing Committee on Insurance Law; and has significant domestic and global legal experience in the insurance and reinsurance areas. He has written a number of articles on reinsurance and his publications include authoring portions of the 2-volume book set of California Pleadings and Practice Forms (Callaghan). He receives support from Paulette Brown, the current President of the ABA and the first woman of color to serve as ABA President.

ATTACHMENT A COAF APPOINTMENT CRITERIA

COAF APPLICANT REVIEW TEMPLATE

In alignment with the COAF mission, vision statement, strategies, and goals, we are seeking Council members who have fulfilled the following qualities. Please assess these factors as you review the COAF applications and develop your preliminary rankings. Thanks.

APPLICANT NAME: _____		
Qualities/Criteria	Yes	Notes
A demonstrated working knowledge of diversity pipeline issues		
A sustained record of leadership and actual performance addressing challenges along the diversity pipeline		
A proven ability to engage in strategic visioning and to work in a “think tank” model towards fulfilling the Council’s vision and mission statement		
The ability to create, focus on and implement initiatives that have an impact on the full pipeline		
The ability to produce institutional and attitudinal changes to create a culture of inclusion within the legal profession and judiciary that fosters diversity		
The ability to serve as a catalyst for change by framing and communicating ways to respond to diversity challenges on the part of the legal profession and to inspire and empower potential lawyers from diverse communities		
The ability to lead, partner, collaborate or coordinate with existing entities and individuals already working toward the goal of diversity within the justice system to achieve that goal		
The ability to create mechanisms to measure change in the diversity of the legal		

profession over time		
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ATTACHMENT B COAF LEADERSHIP PROTOCOLS

COAF Leadership Protocols Approved November 6, 2011

NOMINATION/ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chair Elect:

The existing Vice Chair will be nominated as Chair-Elect based on the successful performance of Vice Chair duties during the year (e.g. Organizing Annual Planning Meeting, Serving as Editor of the COAF E-Newsletter, Coordinating the Annual Stakeholder Forum during the State Bar Annual Meeting,

Vice Chair:

Officers (Chair and Vice Chair), working with staff, will nominate one or more candidates for Vice Chair-Elect, based on demonstrated leadership ability, expertise, work ethic, productivity and ability to articulate COAF vision, goals and strategies. Candidates for vice chair (and chair if it becomes necessary) must have served on COAF for at least one year.

Chairs' Review of Nominations:

- Officers and Chairs of the four standing committees will review nominations for Chair and Vice Chair and will seek to agree on recommendations to present to the full COAF.
- Prior to the Chairs' discussion, COAF members may nominate others or indicate to their committee chairs their wish to be nominated for the Chair or Vice Chair position. Committee chairs will convey these nominations to the Officers. .
- Officers and Chairs will review all nominations and will seek to agree on recommendations to be presented to COAF.

COAF Selection of Officers:

- Recommendations will be circulated to the COAF as part of the Closed Appointments Agenda Item for the designated COAF meeting.
- As noted above, COAF members will have the opportunity to nominate or self-nominate prior to the COAF meeting.
- Selection of the chair and vice chair will take place at the designated COAF meeting, usually held in May/June each year.
- COAF's recommendations for Chair-Elect and Vice Chair will be forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval.

ATTACHMENT C
REMAINING APPLICANTS NOT RECOMMENDED

The remaining Applicants were ranked as follows, but are not being recommended at this time:

Valeria Lopez, Sole practitioner, Los Angeles:

Volunteers as Chaffey College Legal Week Attorney Volunteer providing legal information to community members coordinated with the Paralegal Department and Chaffey College Q&A seminars focusing on various legal practices; goal to overcome stereotypes/biases re: people of color and gender; supports the Pathway to Law School initiative which operates at Mission College and Chaffey College, two of the community colleges where she teaches; has also taught at Pierce College and Valley College

Grace Alcantara, Chapman University School of Law, Orange

Law school administrator; helps to create events exposing diverse junior high and high school students to higher education and the legal profession; serves on Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) Test Development and Research Committee and aware of performance by minority groups on the bar exam

Cheryl Mackey, Chabot College, Hayward

Faculty (tenure track), Department of Administration of Justice; actively involved with Community College Pathway to Law initiative; counsels and mentors students on criminal justice matters, including educational, internship and career opportunities; serves as a Commissioner, Juvenile Justice Commission, Contra Costa County; former volunteer instructor Hastings Diversity Outreach Program

Ravinder Rangi, DFEH, Elk Grove

Volunteer experience with National Lawyers Guild; member State Bar CYLA and Small Firm Section; prior to attending law school worked for Ally Action an LGBT education organization educating secondary school students, staff, teachers and administrators about impact of LGBT bullying; worked one year with Sacramento County as a social worker on child abuse and neglect cases; followed by UC Davis position implementing initiative to improve health and wellbeing of youth, families and communities in California; DFEH position focusing on fact finding investigations re: fair housing complaints

Keith Del Prete, Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy, Los Angeles

Member of the leadership team of the ABA Young Lawyers Division, serving as judge for the Awards & Subgrants Team; is a product of the National Hispanic Institute (leadership entity for high school and college youth); supports pipeline efforts and notes examples re: career opportunities, expanding internships, and scholarships

Diana Chao, Morris Polich and Purdy, Los Angeles

Her experience includes organizing panels, facilitating fundraisers and scholarships, participating in outreach programs; member Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (Diversity Committee member/volunteer); volunteers for Asian Pacific American Legal Center legal Clinics and for California Minority Counsel Program

Natalie Panoussian-Bassi, Sole Practitioner, Murrietta

Legal Trainer for Sterling Education; adjunct professor Azusa Pacific University; Hearing Officer Los Angeles Metro and City of Los Angeles; Law Professor Southern California Institute of Law; scorer for Ventura County Bar Constitutional Rights Foundation Mock Trial Competition

Christine Souhrada, Sole Practitioner, Beverly Hills

Recently left legal position as Deputy Trial Counsel with the State Bar, with birth of child; given current situation seeks appointment to COAF with goal of addressing issues re: retention of women attorneys; also sees this as an opportunity to learn about challenges due to disability, race, age, sexual orientation or other factors

Michael Wallis, ZSPharma, San Mateo

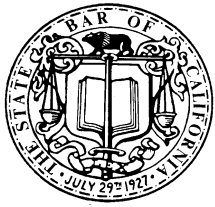
Senior Systems Administrator at ZSPharma; former Senior Systems Administrator at Gracenote (Emeryville) and former Team Lead/Senior Systems Administrator at Biotronik (Portland); Volunteer experiences include Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Committee, Toastmasters International, Friends of Portland Chinatown, and Asian American Youth Leadership Council

Proposed: 2016-2017
Legal Services Trust Fund Commission

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

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APPOINT CO CHAIRS	Corey N. Friedman	Oakland	1	8/27/2017
	Richard G. Reinis	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT CO VICE CHAIR**				8/27/2017 (ofr term)
	Christian Schreiber	Mill Valley	1	9/15/2019 (mbr term)
REAPPOINT MEMBERS	Pariss A. Knox	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
	LaQuita Robbins	San Diego	4	9/15/2019
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Fred Bailard	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	James W. Meeker	Irvine	4	9/15/2019
	Robert R. Planthold	Oakland	1	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS <i>Appointed by the State Bar</i>	Luke A. Liss	Palo Alto	6	8/27/2017
	David J. Tsai	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Kim K. Savage	Long Beach	2	9/16/2018
	John A. Sutro	Kentfield	1	9/16/2018
	Christina S. Vanarelli	Ventura	2	9/16/2018
CONTINUING MEMBERS <i>Appointed by the Judicial Council</i>	Banafsheh Akhlaghi	Mill Valley	1	
	Michael J. Convey	Van Nuys	2	
	Adrian E. Dollard	San Francisco	1	
	Donna Hershkowitz	Burbank	2	
	William J. Murray	Stockton	3	
	Melanie A. Snider	Chico	3	
	Tanya UgrinCapobianco	Placerville	3	
	Dr. Herman L. DeBose	Northridge	2	
	Brad S. Seligman	Hayward	1	
	Susan D. Ryan	Riverside	4	



THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

LEGAL SERVICES TRUST FUND PROGRAM

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DATE: June 14, 2016

TO: Members, Nominations and Appointments Committee

FROM: Adrian Dollard and Richard Reinis, Co-Chairs, Legal Services Trust Fund Commission

RE: Appointment and Officer Recommendations for the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission

Background/Process

On June 3, 2016, the Nominations Committee met to review the applicants seeking to serve on the Commission for the term starting at the end of Annual Meeting 2016. Based on the decisions of the Committee, the Commission now makes the following recommendations regarding a slate of members and officers for appointment to the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (the "Commission") for the term beginning at the end of annual meeting 2016.

The Commission is composed of 21 voting members – 15 attorneys and six public members. At least two of the public members are to be persons who are eligible clients, or who have been eligible for legal services within five years preceding appointment. Additionally, two judges and one justice serve as advisors. The Board of Trustees appoints ten attorney members and four public members and the Chair of the Judicial Council is responsible for appointing the remaining members to the Commission.

This year, the Commission recommends the Board appoint a total of three attorneys and three public members, of which two members must be client-eligible. It is also requested that the Board appoint officers of the Commission.

The Commission administers the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts Program, the Equal Access Fund, and other contributions, including the Justice Gap Fund and special funds from certain national bank settlements. The Commission seeks members possessing qualifications that include, but are not limited to, commitment to the delivery of legal services to indigent people and sensitivity to the needs of low-income communities. The Commission also needs members possessing knowledge of, and experience with making grants, and the management and operation of nonprofit organizations, and specifically IOLTA-funded legal services programs. Individuals familiar with the structure and practices of banking and financial institutions and who have contacts with law firms that can assist with IOLTA yield increase and other fundraising efforts, also are valued.

I. Recommendation for Appointment of Attorney Members

1. **James Meeker** was admitted to practice law in the State of New York, and is currently an emeritus Professor at the University of California, Irvine, most recently as the Associate Dean of Students in the School of Social Ecology. Since the mid-80s, Professor Meeker has been an advocate for indigent people, and he was a member of the Access to Justice Working Group that led to the creation of the California Access to Justice Commission and ultimately the implementation of Equal Access Funds. As indicated in the letter for support

from the executive director of the Legal Aid Society of Orange County, Professor Meeker has devoted a career to researching and educating about the legal needs of low income communities, and has contributed countless volunteer hours developing metrics to assist legal aid in evaluation processes and data analysis structured to improve services and to illustrate the importance of those services.

The Commission recommends that the Board of Trustees appoint Professor Meeker to a three-year term that would conclude at the end of the State Bar's Annual Meeting in 2019.

Under State Bar Rule 3.662(A), members of the Commission may serve two consecutive three-year terms, with the possibility of extending either term by an additional seventh or eighth year to serve as Chair or Vice Chair. It is now recommended that the following attorney members whose first terms expire at the end of the 2016 State Bar Annual meeting, be reappointed for three year terms concluding in 2019.

2. **Parish Knox** is an attorney with the Office of the City Attorney in Los Angeles. Prior to that he worked with the law firm of Best, Best & Krieger, LLP. Through his career, Mr. Parish has developed expertise in public governance and public policy. Additionally, he has worked with several legal aid organizations – as an intern, as a pro bono attorney and on the board. Completing his first three-year term, Mr. Knox is currently serving as Co-Vice Chair of the Commission, and his deep understanding of the responsibilities associated with IOLTA and Equal Access Fund grant compliance and reporting is a big asset to the Commission. As an Okinawan/Black man, who was adopted and raised by a working class military family, Mr. Knox brings diverse experiences and background to the Commission.
3. **Christian Schreiber** is a partner at Chavez & Gertler, LLP. His practice includes representing the low-wage working poor. Mr. Schreiber has long been a supporter of legal aid organizations and in addition to his substantial pro bono work, frequently identifies legal aid organizations for *Cy Pres* contributions. Mr. Schreiber brings valuable experience to the Commission as a plaintiff-side litigator. He is familiar with the legal aid community having volunteered for many years at the Employment Law Center's Workers' Rights Clinic and as a former clerk at the Western Center on Law and Poverty (both programs are Trust Fund recipients). He has been very active on the *Cy Pres* committee, helping with outreach efforts to educate attorneys about this source of revenue for legal aid. As a member of the California Employment Lawyers Association, Mr. Schreiber actively promoted increasing the Equal Access Funds and has proven himself to be a tremendous asset to the Commission, including as Co-Chair of the Partnership Grants Committee.

The Commission recommends that the Board of Trustees reappoint Mr. Knox and Mr. Schreiber to their second three-year terms, to conclude at the end of the State Bar's Annual Meeting in 2019.

The remaining applicants for attorney positions, although highly qualified, are not being considered at this time, pending decisions on appointments by the Board of Trustees. The Commission makes no recommendations for applicants Jeffrey Salvesen and Jonathon D. Libby.

II. Recommendation for Appointments of Public Members

1. **Fred Bailard** is Executive Vice President and Manager of Cash Management Solutions at the Presidio Bank. As such, he has worked closely with our bank and attorney compliance staff to keep his bank's IOLTA rates as high as possible. He has served on the California Bar Foundation board, and comes recommended by the Executive Director of that organization, as well as by California Senator Nielsen, and Manatt attorneys. In addition to general nonprofit experience, Mr. Bailard brings a wealth of bank experience that will be particularly critical in the coming years as we look to the day when the federal funds target

rate increases, and we can resurrect our program to encourage banks to maximize the rate paid on IOLTA accounts.

The Commission recommends the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Bailard as a public member for a three-year term that would conclude at the end of the State Bar's Annual Meeting in 2019.

2. **Robert R. Planthold** is a single parent with a life-long disability, who has advocated for over 25 years for legal services for the poor, for seniors and for persons with disabilities. Mr. Planthold has been an active volunteer, chairing a Headstart policy council, serving on the board of Mission Neighborhood Center, and on various committee, commissions and boards, including the San Francisco Ethics Commission. Mr. Planthold has been a client member of the board of Bay Area Legal Aid for many years, and is highly familiar with the needs of low income and disenfranchised persons, and with the challenges of providing legal aid for persons in need. Mr. Planthold is highly recommended by Dean Peter Keane, attorneys and other public servants.
3. **LaQuita Robbins** is a client member of the Commission. She has served on the Legal Aid Society of San Diego Board for many years, and has been a stalwart member of the Commission since 2010, active on the Eligibility and Budget Committee. It takes time for all commission members, and particularly non-lawyer and client representatives, to become familiar enough with the difficult substantive issues to participate in the decision-making process, and over time Ms. Robbins has become a valuable client voice. As noted by one of the Commission members, Ms. Robbins' comments are always thoughtful and well-founded. **Therefore, a special exception is being requested to reappoint client member representative, Ms. Robbins, for her unique insight into the needs of indigent clients.**

The Commission recommends the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Planthold and reappoint Ms. Robbins as public members for three-year terms that would conclude at the end of the State Bar's Annual Meeting in 2019.

The remaining applicant for a public member positions, although highly qualified, are not being considered at this time, pending decisions on appointments by the Board of Trustees. The Commission makes no recommendations for applicant Ernest Baltazar.

III. Recruitment Efforts

The Commission and its staff published notification of the vacancies in the California Bar Journal and on its website. Individual commission members and staff solicited applications through legal services programs, local specialty bars and professional groups, and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

IV. Officer Nominations

Members of the Trust Fund Commission play a critical role in ensuring that funding dollars are used in accordance with statutory and contractual purposes, and working with attorneys, banks and other stakeholders to expand resources. Because of the complexity of the issues, strong, fair and knowledgeable officers are necessary to lead meetings. Because the majority of the meetings will be held in person by videoconference between San Francisco and Los Angeles, the Commission endeavors to designate at least one Co-Chair and Co-Vice Chair to preside over each of the meeting sites.

Co-Chairs: The Commission has determined that two current members would make excellent co-chairs. Both possess leadership skills that will move the work of the Legal Services Trust Fund Program forward in the upcoming year.

1. **Richard Reinis** was appointed by the Judicial Council in 2011 and the State Bar Board of Trustees in 2014. He is a partner at Thompson Coburn in Los Angeles. He has been an active member of the Eligibility and Budgets Committee and serves as Chair of the Nominations Committee. Mr. Reinis ably co-chaired the Commission this year and the Commission seeks to retain Mr. Reinis's leadership as Co-Chair this year.
2. **Corey N. Friedman** is an attorney with the California Department of Industrial Relations. She has been instrumental in the Commission's work with grantees to restructure the administration of the Trust Fund Program, and has capably served as Co-Vice Chair of the Commission. She has had a key role both facilitating larger discussions within the grantee community about restructuring, and facilitating Commission meetings when necessary.

The Commission recommends the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Reinis and Ms. Friedman to serve as Co-Chairs during the 2016-2017 Commission year.

Vice Chair. The Commission seeks one appointment for Vice Chair of the Commission at this time, with the possibility of returning to seek appointment of an addition Vice Chair at a later date.

1. **Christian Schreiber** has been a member of the Commission since 2013. As stated above, Mr. Schreiber has been a critical member of the Commission. As Co-Chair of the Partnership grant committee, he has facilitated difficult selection decisions, ensuring that all have an opportunity to voice their opinions, navigating difficult conversations and ensuring fair and consistent decision-making.

The Commission recommends the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Schreiber to serve as Vice-Chair during the 2016-2017 Commission year.

Proposed: 2016-2017
Antitrust, UCL and Privacy Section Executive Committee
(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

Terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2016 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 2, 2016). Terms of officers are one-year and expire at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (August 27, 2017). *Member terms expire at the close of the State Bar Annual Meeting on the date, or in the year, indicated.*

POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Niall E. Lynch	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR (Competition Journal)	Heather S. Tewksbury	Palo Alto	6	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR PROGRAMS (Golden State Institute)	Steve Williams	Burlingame	1	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR (Privacy Law)	Jill M. Manning	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT SECRETARY & DEPUTY VICE CHAIR (Privacy Law)	Dominique-Chantale Alepin	Palo Alto	6	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR (Other Programs & Social Media)	Eric P. Enson	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT TREASURER & DEPUTY VICE CHAIR (Competition Journal)	Peter K. Huston	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT VICE CHAIR (Webinars & Bagley-Keene Compliance)	Lee F. Berger	Washington DC		8/27/2017
APPOINT VICE CHAIR (E-Briefs)	Robert E. Freitas	Redwood Shores	6	8/27/2017
APPOINT DEPUTY VICE CHAIR VICE CHAIR (E-Briefs)	Elizabeth C. Pritzker	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT DEPUTY VICE CHAIR (Competition Journal)	Kate Patchen	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT DEPUTY VICE CHAIR (Treatise)	Qianwei Fu	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT DEPUTY VICE CHAIR (Treatise)	Anna M. Fabish	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT DEPUTY VICE CHAIR (Treatise)	Courtney Palko	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Rafey Balabanian	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	Jason Bussey	Palo Alto	6	9/15/2019
	Abiel Garcia	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019

Chair Letter

June 10, 2016

Members of the Nominations and Appointments Committee
c/o Margarita Manalo
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The State Bar of California
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Re: **Antitrust, UCL and Privacy Section Officer and New Member Recommendations**

Dear Members of the Nominations and Appointments Committee:

As the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Antitrust, Unfair Competition Law and Privacy Section, here are my recommendations for the 2015-16 Officers and the Committee's recommendations for new Members:

1. Niall E. Lynch, Chair
2. Heather S. Tewksbury, Vice Chair *Competition* Journal
3. Steve Williams, Vice Chair Programs (Golden State Institute)
4. Jill M. Manning, Vice Chair Privacy Law
5. Dominique-Chantale Alepin, Secretary and Deputy Vice-Chair Privacy Law
6. Peter K. Huston, Treasurer and Deputy Vice Chair *Competition* Journal
7. Eric P. Enson, Vice Chair Other Programs and Social Media
8. Lee F. Berger, Vice Chair Webinars and Bagley-Keene Compliance
9. Robert E. Freitas, Vice Chair E-Briefs
10. Elizabeth C. Pritzker, Deputy Vice Chair E-Briefs
11. Kate Patchen, Deputy Vice-Chair *Competition* Journal
12. QuanWei Fu, Deputy Vice Chair Treatise
13. Anna M. Fabish, Deputy Vice Chair Treatise
14. Courtney Palko, Deputy Vice Chair Treatise
15. Rafey Balabanian, Member (new)
16. Abiel Garcia, Member (new)
17. Jason Bussey, Member (new)

Officer Nominations - Explanation

Niall E. Lynch, Chair. Niall is a partner in the San Francisco office of Latham & Watkins LLP, and a member of the firm's Global Antitrust & Competition and White Collar Defense & Investigations Practice Groups. Prior to that, he spent 15 years as a federal prosecutor in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and was Assistant Chief in the San Francisco Field Office of the DOJ. He led several of the Division's most significant criminal prosecutions, including the LCD and DRAM cartel investigations and prosecutions. This is Niall's fifth year on the Committee, and he has been an active and valuable participant. This past year, he was the chair of the Golden State Institute (GSI), our Section's day-long CLE program followed by the Antitrust Lawyer of the Year dinner. Previously on the committee he served as Vice Chair UCL Programs and as Vice Chair Webinars. Niall has also participated in many of our Section activities, including as a writer and editor for *Competition* (our Section's law journal), a writer for California Antitrust and Unfair

Competition Law (our Section's treatise) and as a panelist at the GSI. He is ideally suited for this responsibility, and brings superior organizational skills, leadership and judgment to the task.

Heather S. Tewksbury, Vice Chair *Competition Journal*. Heather is a partner of Wilmer Hale LLP in Silicon Valley. Before joining Wilmer Hale, Heather was a trial attorney with the United States Department of Justice Antitrust Division in San Francisco. Heather is a highly regarded antitrust litigator and has investigated and prosecuted several criminal antitrust violations including several international price-fixing conspiracies. She has won numerous awards including the Antitrust Division Award of Distinction, 2012 Attorney of the Year from the Recorder, the 2012 CLAY award and the Daily Journals "Top 20 California Lawyers Under 40." She has served as speaker on GSI panels and co-authored and edited roundtable articles on high stakes litigation and trials for the *Competition Journal*. The last 2 years she did a great job as the Editor of the *Competition Journal*, and has expressed her desire to continue in that role, which I recommend.

Steve Williams, Vice Chair Golden State Institute. Steve is a partner of Cotchett Pitre & McCarthy in Burlingame. Steve is a highly experienced class action and antitrust lawyer. He served as the Section's Vice Chair for E-Briefs the last 2 years. He has been responsible for a major upgrade in the number and quality of E-Briefs. Whereas in the past, E-Briefs had only come out two or three times a year, he has been able to put out an E-Brief every month since assuming the post in October 2014. Prior to the Vice-Chair for E-Briefs, Steve was the Secretary for the committee. Steve has been instrumental in arranging for speakers and panelists at the GSI. Steve's extensive background in private enforcement and his work on behalf of our Section make him well-suited for his recommended new position of Vice Chair for GSI.

Jill M. Manning, Vice Chair Privacy Law. Jill is a partner at Steyer Lowenthal Boodrookas Alvarez & Smith LLP in San Francisco. She has spent the last thirteen years prosecuting antitrust and UCL class actions. Last year, Jill was Vice Chair for Webinars, Social Media and Other Programs and did a fantastic job, often putting together multiple webinars in a single month. Over the 2015-16 Committee term, she will have put on more webinars than any other term. This year, our Section added the topic of privacy law to our ambit; Jill helped put together the Section's first annual Cybersecurity Symposium, as well as moderated the panel. She also helped organize our Section's accepted submission, Data Security and Privacy, for the Solo and Small Firm Summit. Jill also has worked on our treatise, including as Deputy Vice Chair and a member of the Editorial Board, and has been a panelist at GSI, an active member of the Women Antitrust Plaintiffs' Attorneys, and an elected official of her local school district. I now recommend her as Vice Chair Privacy. She is ideally suited to this role, the first time we have had this position.

Dominique-Chantale Alepin, Secretary and Deputy Vice Chair Privacy Law. Dominique is an associate at Mayer Brown LLP in Palo Alto, where she has handled major antitrust investigations and class actions. Her first year on the Committee, she has played a vibrant role helping on the *Competition Journal*. Last year, she played a significant role putting together privacy law programs, including the Section's first annual Cybersecurity Symposium and the Section's program for the Solo and Small Firm Summit, where she will serve as a panelist on the program Data Security and Privacy for Solo and Small Law Firms. I recommend her for the position of Secretary and Deputy Vice Chair Privacy for the next term.

Peter K. Huston, Treasurer and Deputy Vice Chair *Competition Journal*. Peter is a partner with Sidley Austin LLP in San Francisco and is a member of the firm's Antitrust, White Collar and Complex Commercial Litigation practices. He has 25 years of experience in high-stakes civil and criminal antitrust litigation, trials, government investigations and merger clearance work, both in and out of government. Peter has written 2 articles for *Competition* and was also Deputy Chair for *Competition* in the current term. During this term, I asked Peter to assist with understanding and tracking the Section's finances, which he has ably done. I would like to make that position formal

by making him Treasurer for our Section, a position we have not had previously. I also recommend that Peter continue in his role as Deputy Vice Chair *Competition*.

Lee F. Berger, Vice Chair Webinars and Bagley-Keene Compliance. Lee is of counsel in the litigation practice of Paul Hastings and is based in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. His practice focuses on civil and criminal antitrust and unfair competition litigation. He has been very active on the committee since his appointment in 2015, serving as a moderator or speaker on 5 webinars, writing 5 E-Briefs, writing an article for *Competition* and working as an editor on *Competition*, and serving as a member of the Editorial Board of the treatise. During the last year, I asked Lee to closely review and understand the requirements for our Section's compliance with the Bagley-Keene Act, a responsibility that he diligently accepted. Given his excellent efforts with webinars and Bagley-Keene compliance, I recommend that he serve the next term as Vice Chair for Webinars and Bagley-Keene compliance.

Eric P. Enson, Vice Chair Other Programs and Social Media. Eric is a partner of Jones Day LLP in Los Angeles. Eric is an experienced antitrust and UCL litigator having worked on the teams that handled notable antitrust litigations. He has been a contributor to the Section's activities, including writing an update of the Treatise, an author of articles in the *Competition* and as Secretary. I recommend for the 2016-17 term that Eric be responsible for the Section's programming at the State Bar Annual Meeting and the Solo and Small Firm Summit, as well as promoting the Section's activities through social media.

Robert E. Freitas, Vice Chair E-Briefs. Bob is a founding partner of Freitas Angell & Weinberg LLP. He focuses his practice on antitrust and competition litigation and counseling. He has participated in many of our Section's activities, including writing an article for *Competition*, serving as a panelist at the GSI, a presentation at the State Bar Annual Meeting and on a Section webinar. Last year, he helped out significantly with E-Briefs.

Elizabeth C. Pritzker, Deputy Vice Chair E-Briefs. Elizabeth is a co-founding partner of Pritzker Levine LLP. She has worked in a leadership capacity in many federal and state antitrust cases. Last year, Elizabeth served as Secretary for the Committee. She has been a significant contributor to the E-Briefs since her appointment to the Committee in 2014.

Treatise Deputy Vice Chairs. One of our most challenging activities is publishing and updating California Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law, the seminal authority on California antitrust and unfair competition law with the addition of privacy this year. I recommend the following Vice Chairs for the treatise:

- **Qianwei Fu** is Counsel with Zelle LLP in San Francisco and was appointed to the Committee last year. She has in-depth experience in litigating multi-district, high-stakes class actions involving price-fixing and monopolization claims. Qianwei also has unique practice experience in China and expertise in handling EU private antitrust recovery actions. Appointed to the Committee last year, she has co-authored 2 chapters of the treatise and has served as a panelist on a webinar.
- **Anna M. Fabish** is Counsel with O'Melveny & Myers LLP in Los Angeles and was appointed to the Committee last year. Her practice focuses on antitrust issues in complex private civil litigation, regulatory investigations brought by the Federal Trade Commission, and criminal investigations and proceedings against the Department of Justice. Anna has moderated a webinar and written an article for *Competition*.

- **Courtney Palko** is a partner with Blecher Collins & Pepperman in Los Angeles and was appointed to the Committee last year. She focuses her practice on antitrust and UCL cases, particularly class actions. She has been a contributor to the treatise.

E. Kate Patchen, Deputy Vice-Chair *Competition*. Kate is Assistant Chief, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, and has investigated and prosecuted international price-fixing cartels. She was appointed to the Committee last year. Given the state law focus of the treatise, she is best utilized this year working on *Competition*.

Departing Members and Members with Expired Terms (absent officers title)

Nine members of the Executive Committee will have their terms expire at the end of the 2015-16 term.: six are recommended to continue as officers, as indicated above: Niall E. Lynch, Heather Tewksbury, Steve Williams, Jill Manning, Dominique-Chantale Alepin and Eric Enson.

Three will rotate off the committee: Sarretta C. McDonough, Aaron Sheanin and Paul Riehle. On behalf of the Committee and the Section, I thank those current members who will no longer be active Committee members as of the close of the fiscal year. However, I am sure that each of them will continue to contribute to the success of the Section, and many have already committed to continuing their service to the Committee.

Recommended New Members. The Executive Committee unanimously recommends that the following three applicants be appointed as new members of the Executive Committee. Their applications detail their antitrust experience, service to and/or interest in the Section, and their outstanding qualifications. The Executive Committee voted to rank these applicants as follows:

1. Rafey Balabanian, Edelson P.C. (San Francisco)
2. Abiel Garcia, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP (Los Angeles)
3. Jason Bussey, Simpson Thacher Bartlett LLP (Palo Alto)

Other Applicants. The Executive Committee received applications from a number of other well-qualified candidates, but decided unanimously not to recommend them for membership at this time due to the higher ranking of others and the limited openings. We will encourage most of them, if they remain interested, to become more active with the Section's work and consider reapplying in the future.

Applicants Not Recommended At This Time:

4. Trevor Stockinger, Kesselman Brantly Stockinger LLP (Manhattan Beach)
5. Jeff Martino, U.S. Department of Justice (New York, NY)
6. Kristen A. Palumbo, Morgan Lewis & Bockius (San Francisco)
7. Jessica Moy, Berman DeValerio (San Francisco)
8. Lourdes M. Turrecha (Lafayette)

I strongly urge the appointment of the recommended officers and new members discussed above. I believe that this is an exceptionally strong group, and that they will continue the Executive Committee's tradition of providing valuable programs and publications to the members of the Antitrust, Unfair Competition Law and Privacy Section and do so in an excellent, professional and collegial manner. I also want to take this opportunity, although I still have half of my term yet to complete, to thank the State Bar for the honor of being able to serve as the Chair of this distinguished Committee. It is very much appreciated.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Riehle

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Proposed: 2015-2016
Business Law Section Executive Committee
(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

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<i>POSITION</i>	<i>MEMBER</i>	<i>CITY</i>	<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES</i>
REAPPOINT CHAIR	James P. Hill	San Diego	4	8/27/2017



BUSINESS LAW SECTION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Board Committee on Volunteer Involvement

FROM: Robert G. Harris
Chair of the Executive Committee of the Business Law Section

DATE: June 9, 2016

RE: Appointment Recommendation for Business Law Section Executive Committee – Chair

Overview of Section: Context of Executive Committee Appointment

On behalf of the Business Law Section (the “Section” or “BLS”), I submit our nomination for Chair of the Section for a term to commence at the close of the Annual Meeting on October 2, 2016.

The BLS is a voluntary section of the Bar with more than 8,000 members. Its work is done, in large part, through its standing committees, which are dedicated to advancing the practice of law in particular areas or industries: Agribusiness, Business Litigation Consumer Financial Services, Corporations, Internet & Privacy Law, Financial Institutions, Franchise Law, Health Law, Insolvency Law, Insurance Law, Nonprofit Organizations, Opinions, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies and Commercial Transactions (formerly Uniform Commercial Code). A fifteenth committee publishes *The Business Law News*, a quarterly publication of the Section and an annual review of recent developments. Over 300 of the Section’s members serve on these standing committees.

The Section has historically delivered significant products and services to its members and to the profession through publications, programs and legislative proposals. In recent years, the BLS issued several new publications. The Insolvency Law Committee published its ABC (Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors) Desk Guide and The Opinions Committee circulated for comment its exposure draft of Its Sample California Third-Party Legal Opinion Letter For Personal Property Secured Financing Transactions, providing, in one letter, foundational opinions, remedies opinions, and security interest opinions, and guidance in their preparation. Four BLS affirmative legislative proposals were signed into law last year: AB 667, from the Corporations Committee, was signed by Governor Brown on October 10, 2015 and creates a statutory exemption for “finders” from the California securities broker-dealer registration requirement. The bill stems from a 2012 legislative proposal initiated by the Corporations Committee in an effort to address the lack of clear guidance for using finders in California securities transactions. The Partnerships and LLCs Committee proposal to amend the Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, was signed into law as AB 506 on October 11, 2015,

resolves certain ambiguities and inconsistencies in RULLCA that arose in large part because of the overlay of a uniform act over the prior provisions of the Beverly-Killea LLC Act. A proposal from the Non-Profits Committee to amend Corporations Code §§ 5240 and 9250, was signed on July 6, 2015. AB 792 modifies investment standards for management of investments by nonprofit corporations to include the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (if applicable). The Non-Profits Committee's proposal clarifies uses of "Chair" in numerous statutes, and expands the authority of a consumer cooperative corporation to conduct its ordinary business operations in an emergency. SB 351 was signed on July 15, 2015. Finally, the Corporations Committee also submitted a comment letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in connection with the proposed amendments to Rule 147 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended to create a new exemption for intrastate offerings of securities by companies doing business in-state and would remove the current Rule 147 safe harbor.

Over the past year, the BLS has been a sponsor of two major public events. In October, the Cyberspace Law Committee held its highly respected privacy and data breach symposium at the UCLA School of Law, in conjunction with the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy. In December, the Corporations Committee co-sponsored a full-day Institute for Corporate Counsel at the California Club in downtown Los Angeles, in conjunction with the USC Gould School of Law.

A number of the BLS's standing committees continue to provide as a member benefit outstanding free in-meeting CLE. Recent programs of note include the Health Law Committee's presentation, "A Lucid Overview of California's Unhinged Mental Health Laws," the Non Profit Organizations Law Committee's presentation, "California '12200' Co-ops & IRC Subchapter T" (focusing on the issues around non-profit worker cooperatives and the conflicts around the tax benefits that are available to such organizations under Subchapter T), and the Financial Institutions Law Committee's programs on the fundamentals of the commercial mortgage-backed security (CMBS) market and annual Dodd-Frank update.

The BLS followed up its slate of California State Bar Annual Meeting programming with its "How To" webinar series, including programs on "How to": Get a Workable Contract to Signature Sooner; Notice, Take and Defend Entity (aka PMK) Depositions; Assert/Defend Claims of Employer-Employee Liability in Franchise Relationships; The Ins and Outs of Discovery in Bankruptcy, and many others.

The BLS's electronic outreach to members is strong and continues to grow. The Section published and transmitted 498 E-Bulletins from its standing committees in 2015 and another 167 in the first five months of 2016. Beyond that, the Insurance Law Committee has made available on the Section's web page its annual appellate law update, and the Business Law News' Annual Review issue is nearly ready to be printed and mailed to all BLS members.

The BLS, in recognition of the core principle of ensuring the growth of a diverse base of members in the Section, last year commissioned a diversity initiative staffed by three members

of the Executive Committee. By actively reaching out to the legal community, law schools, and diverse groups, the BLS is striving to achieve that which has to a great extent eluded the Section: membership composition fully representative of the lawyers who practice business law.

In considering appointments for officers and new members, the Executive Committee and the current Section officers are mindful of the scope of enterprise that the nominee, if approved, will be serving, and we are dedicated to continuing the Section's success. With this awareness, we have looked for a candidate with a practice history in areas covered by the Section, familiarity with, and past service to, the BLS and demonstrated leadership skills. We are very pleased to present the nominee for Chair named in this memorandum, who we consider to be an outstanding candidate to lead the BLS's Executive Committee.

Background/Process with Regard to Chair

The selection of the Chair of the BLS was made by me as current Chair, in consultation with other members of the Executive Committee from the current Vice Chairs. All of the Vice-Chairs have worked tirelessly while on the Executive Committee to further the goals of the BLS, but Mr. Hill showed dedication, willingness to serve, and an overall grasp of the requirements of a Chair of the Section that was surpassing. There was no controversy with regard to Mr. Hill's selection.

Chair Nomination

James P. Hill. This year, Mr. Hill serves the Executive Committee as a Chair of the Member Services subcommittee and is in charge of planning the BLS' annual breakfast event at the Annual Meeting. During his first year on the Executive Committee he served on the Member Services Committee, assisted with the joint BLS/CYLA Mentoring Program, and also participated on the Programs and Publications Committee, and followed with a year of service on the Programs and Publications subcommittee.

Prior to his time on the Executive Committee, Mr. Hill served as a member and co-chair of the Section's Insolvency Law Committee. Mr. Hill was actively involved in, among other things, program presentations and committee outreach and is interested in facilitating more joint programs and initiatives of the standing committees and other sections of the Bar.

Beyond his work for the State Bar, Mr. Hill has served in various officer positions with the San Diego County Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. This past year Mr. Hill was made a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He has served many years as a member of the ABA's Business Law Section's Subcommittee on Business Bankruptcy and has been a director on the San Diego County Bar Foundation.

Mr. Hill is a founding member of Sullivan Hill Lewin Rez & Engel, where he primarily works in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency and commercial law. He has also participated as a moderator, panelist, and lecturer at bankruptcy and commercial law seminars and symposiums.

Mr. Hill is an outstanding candidate for Chair of the BLS. He is organized, dedicated, precise,

thoughtful, insightful, works well with others, possesses the ability to inspire others to greater levels of achievement. I recommend that he be approved to succeed me. I am happy to provide further information or to discuss any of the above matters. Please feel free to contact me by phone at (408) 295-1700 or e-mail at rob@bindermalter.com.

**Proposed: 2016-2017
California Young Lawyers Association**

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

The terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2016 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 2, 2016). Officer terms are one-year and expire at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (August 27, 2017). *Member terms expire at the close of the State Bar Annual Meeting on the date, or in the year indicated.*

POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
APPOINT CHAIR	Kyle W. Nageotte	San Diego	4	8/27/2017
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	Roey Z. Rahmil	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Aastha Maadan	Irvine	4	8/27/2017
	Clarisa P. Sudarma	Fairfield	1	8/27/2017
	Walter M. Behn	San Jose	6	9/15/2019
	Jessica E. Bustos	Modesto	5	9/15/2019
	Candice Garcia-Rodrigo	Ontario	4	9/15/2019
	Samlecia D. Gaye	Brentwood	1	9/15/2019
	Michael A. Iseri	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
	Shafiel A. Karim	Cerritos	2	9/15/2019
	Aaron C. O'Dell	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Jillian E. Atuegbu	Livermore	1	8/27/2017
	Lindsay A. Solanki	Palo Alto	6	8/27/2017
	Nicole J. Abboud	Glendale	2	9/16/2018
	Julie A. Hamill	Hermosa Beach	2	9/16/2018
	Christopher McConkey	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018
	Paul T. Moura	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Lauren E. Powe	Alameda	1	9/16/2018
	Danielle R. Stephens	Sacramento	3	9/16/2018
	Lauren R. Wood	Santa Barbara	2	9/16/2018



CALIFORNIA YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

To: Nominations and Appointments Committee

From: Shawtina Ferguson, Chair California Young Lawyers Association,
Kyle Nageotte, Vice-Chair California Young Lawyers Association,
Kristina Robledo, Staff Coordinator, California Young Layers Association

Date: April 25, 2016

Re: **2016-2017 Appointments for CYLA Officers and Directors**

We are proud to submit these recommendations for the California Young Lawyers Association (“CYLA”) officers and Board of Directors for 2016-2017. These recommendations are a culmination of hard-work and extensive time-commitment by members of the CYLA Appointments Committee and Ms. Kristina Robledo, Staff Liaison to CYLA.

The CYLA Board was charged by the Board of Trustees with recruiting, interviewing and selecting new lawyers to fill one (1) seat each specifically for District 3 (Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo and Yuba Counties) and seven (7) at-large seats on its board. In addition, the CYLA Board also conducted elections to select its 2016-2017 Chair and Vice-Chair as part of our Mission and Charge.

We believe that the new lawyers recommended in this memo to serve as officers and members of the CYLA Board are proven leaders from diverse backgrounds who are committed to helping young lawyers navigate the profession and assist the State Bar with its mission of public protection. This memo provides further information about the process utilized by the CYLA Appointments Committee and Board to select dynamic individuals to lead and serve.

I. CYLA Board Appointments Process

A. Recruitment Efforts

In October 2016, the CYLA Board initiated a comprehensive outreach effort to encourage new lawyers to serve on the CYLA Board. Specifically, CYLA advertised and recruited, via the State Bar website, its electronic newsletter, and CYLA social media outlets (such as Facebook and Twitter).

Additionally, CYLA’s Executive Board conducted individual recruitment efforts within their local communities and bar associations. Special efforts were made to contact bar associations in every county in California and to recruit from minority bar associations.

B. Application Review and Interviews

In February 2016, as a result of our recruitment efforts, CYLA received sixteen (16) applications. Subsequently, the CYLA Appointments Committee members independently reviewed and ranked the top ten (10) applicants.

30-minute telephonic interviews of the top ten (10) applicants were conducted over the course of three days from March 16 – 18, 2016. The following questions were asked of each candidate to determine their fitness, commitment and qualifications to serve on the CYLA Board:

- What do you hope to accomplish by becoming a member of the CYLA Board?
- Are you prepared to make the time commitment that the CYLA Board requires? Do you have flexibility and support from your employer to be a fully participating CYLA Board member?
- In your opinion, what are two of the most pressing issues facing new lawyers today and how would you address them?
- What past leadership experience has best prepared you to serve as a CYLA Board member?
- What do you know about CYLA's current efforts to communicate with young lawyers and what ideas do you have for CYLA to improve its outreach?
- As you know, the State Bar protects the public by regulating the legal profession. CYLA will be taking part in this regulatory role. Do you have any questions about this regulatory function and do you feel comfortable being part of this role?
- Tell us something about yourself that is not noted in your application?

After conducting the telephonic interviews, the CYLA Appointments Committee members independently ranked the ten (10) applicants and met to discuss these rankings. As a result of this process the CYLA Appointments Committee presented a slate of seven (7) at large candidates, who will be appointed for three-year terms and two candidates who will be appointed for one-year terms.

The proposed slate of applicants and alternatives were submitted to the CYLA Board for discussion at its April 16, 2016 meeting. The CYLA Board unanimously voted to recommend the CYLA Appointments Committee's slate of top applicants to the Board of Trustees' Nominations and Appointments Committee.

C. Factors Considered in the Review Process

The CYLA Appointments Committee considered the State Bar's diversity factors and guidelines in reviewing and ranking applications. In addition, the CYLA Appointments Committee also considered additional factors, including, but not limited to: demonstrated commitment, leadership and involvement in new lawyer and other bar organizations; pro bono service and awards recognition; attendance and knowledge of State Bar and CYLA programs; and knowledge and ideas to help the State Bar and CYLA protect the public.

In making its recommendations, the CYLA Appointments Committee considered underrepresented groups on the CYLA Board. The composition of the CYLA Board, minus board members who are terming off, is as follows:

- Five (5) women and four (3) men;
- Five (5) Caucasian, two (2) African American and one (1) other non-Caucasian;

- Four (4) District 1 attorneys, three (3) District 2 attorneys, one (1) District 4 attorney; 1 (1) District 6 attorney
- Four (4) large law firm attorneys, Two (2) small to mid-sized firm attorneys, one (1) non-profit attorney, and two (2) solo practitioners; and
- Two (2) labor and employment attorneys, one (1) disability rights advocate, one (1) family law attorney, four (4) civil litigators.

II. Recommendations for 2016-2017 CYLA Officers

As stated above, CYLA also completed a nominations and election process to select a Chair and Vice-Chair. Current CYLA Vice-Chair Kyle Nageotte ran unopposed for Chair. Second Year Board Member Roey Rahmil and First Year Board Member Christopher McConkey ran for Vice-Chair. After providing speeches about their vision and ideas for CYLA, the CYLA Board held an election in which Mr. Nageotte and Mr. Rahmil were elected Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

CYLA Chair: Kyle Nageotte

Kyle Nageotte represents and advises employers in a broad range of labor and employment law matters for Littler Mendelson in San Diego. His practice is primarily focused on claims involving class actions, wage and hour disputes, wrongful termination, and discrimination.

Prior to joining Littler, Mr. Nageotte worked at a plaintiff's litigation firm in San Diego. During law school, he worked as a certified legal intern in the Office of the Public Defender. He was a member of his law school's national mock trial team and received several awards for his oral advocacy skills. Prior to law school, Mr. Nageotte interned in the office of United States Congresswoman Susan A. Davis in Washington, D.C., and was a lobbyist at a land-use consulting firm in San Diego.

During his first year on the CYLA Board in 2014-2015, Mr. Nageotte demonstrated his energy and dedication by serving on CYLA's Communications Committee and Outreach Committee. As Vice-Chair, Kyle has demonstrated his ability to lead this Board time and time again. Kyle has been intimately involved in all of the committee work and has worked closely with the Chair and State Bar Staff to oversee the implementation of Bagley Keene compliant operations to assure that our membership continues to be well served. The Board unanimously elected Kyle Nageotte as Chair.

CYLA Vice Chair: Roey Rahmil

Roey Rahmil is an associate at Shartsis Friese. His practice focuses on complex business cases, with an emphasis on representing lawyers and law firms, as well as other professionals and businesses. Mr. Rahmil also counsels employers and employees regarding non-compete agreements and assists clients with commercial real estate matters.

Since joining CYLA's Executive Board, Roey has immersed himself in all of CYLA's operations. Roey currently chairs CYLA's Education Committee and is working closely with the Chair and State Bar Staff Kristina Robledo to plan CYLA's Practical Skills Symposium. Roey is respected by his colleagues on the Board because he is a workhorse; he constantly volunteers to take on responsibilities and complete tasks. He has proven that he is able to lead and to follow the leadership of others. Roey has served on each of CYLA's committees.

III. Recommendations for At-Large Board Member Appointments

1. Walter Behn: 3 year term

Walter Behn practices in the Family Wealth and Estate Planning Department of Hopkins & Carley in Palo Alto. He represents clients in estate planning, trust administration, probate, and trust litigation matters. Hopkins & Carley is a self-described regional law firm located in the heart of Silicon Valley. Prior to joining Hopkins & Carley, Martin was with Sinsheimer Juhnke McIvor & Stroh, LLP in San Luis Obispo and Grant & Gordon, LLP in Palo Alto.

Behn has served as Secretary and Treasurer of San Luis Obispo County Bar Association. His past experience demonstrates an interest in the work of bar organizations, such as CYLA. Behn's commitment to serving young lawyers has been demonstrated by his service to the San Luis Obispo Bar Association where he participated in several events to assist young lawyers. He expressed a strong desire to be involved with mentoring programs and pro bono initiatives.

2. Aaron Odell: 3 year term

Aaron C. O'Dell is an associate in the Litigation Department at Richards, Watson & Gershon. Mr. O'Dell represents municipalities and public entities, as well as private sector clients, in both state and federal courts in litigation matters.

Mr. O'Dell's interview revealed a very keen understanding of the issues facing young lawyers. Mr. O'Dell holds a leadership position the Notre Dame Law School Lawyer's Group of Los Angeles and shared many ideas to increase CYLA's involvement with local law schools. The Committee believes that Mr. O'Dell will be able to contribute early and often to CYLA's ongoing outreach initiatives.

3. Michael Iseri: 3 year term

Mr. Iseri is currently completing a fellowship with Bet Tzedek Legal Services. His practice includes the fields of Cyberlaw, Technology Law, Healthcare Law, and Disability Rights.

During his interview, Iseri shared that he feels compelled to be a voice for those suffering with disabilities. Iseri expressed a strong desire to engage underrepresented areas of the state as well as provide more resources to new and young lawyers wishing to pursue pro bono initiatives. Iseri also demonstrated a healthy understanding of the State Bar's function and expressed his desire to work within that structure to help young lawyers obtain the resources they need to succeed in the profession.

4. Samlecia Gaye: 3 year term

Samlecia Gaye is currently employed by Robert Half International where her practice is primarily in the field of labor & employment.

During her interview, Ms. Gaye expressed a strong desire to partner with law schools to increase CYLA's visibility. She also expressed a desire to work with any on-going mentoring programs that CYLA or the State Bar intends to implement. Ms. Gaye believes that service to the Bar, as part of CYLA's Board, is necessary to provide young lawyers with necessary resources to flourish in their careers.

5. Jessica Bustos: 3 year term

Jessica serves as a prosecutor in Stanislaus County. She is also active in volunteer organizations such as La Raza and the UCLA Alumni Group where she mentors students.

During her interview, Jessica expressed a strong desire to mentor other criminal law attorneys and shared many tangible ideas for free, creative events that CYLA could implement in Stanislaus County and elsewhere to increase CYLA's visibility. The Appointments Committee was extremely impressed with Ms. Bustos's application, interview, and sincere desire to help other young lawyers navigate the profession.

Ms. Bustos' application disclosed that a Complaint was filed against her and a colleague from her office on February 1, 2015. Following an investigation, Ms. Bustos' indicated that on April 2, 2015, the State Bar closed the file finding insufficient grounds for disciplinary conduct. No formal charges were filed by the State Bar.

6. Candice Garcia-Rodrigo: 3 year term

Candice Garcia-Rodrigo is a California probate & business law attorney with offices in the San Bernardino area. After graduating in the top five percent of her class from the La Verne College of Law she worked as an associate attorney before starting her own firm. A lawyer since 2007, Candice founded the Rodrigo Law Firm on the basis that all clients are entitled to the highest level of respect and service.

On her application and during her interview, Ms. Garcia-Rodrigo discussed the many CLE courses she has provided and emphasized her desire to help facilitate more educational resources for young attorneys. She inquired about the resources already available and offered ideas to help maximize attendance at CLE, networking mixers, and meetings. She also discussed the desire to serve as a mentor for young women attorneys. Our Board believes that Ms. Garcia-Rodrigo would be a strong asset to our constituents.

7. Shafiel Karim: 3 year term

Mr. Karim, a solo practitioner at the Law Office of Shafiel A. Karim, represents small and medium sized businesses in general business matters and consumers in consumer fraud cases. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Karim was a senior manager in a family-owned medium sized manufacturer for over a decade.

Mr. Karim is an active participant in a number of civic and professional organizations including Nickel Club, Southwestern Law Alumni Club, and the Orange County Bar Association. He explained his desire to leverage those relationships to increase CYLA's visibility and help provide even more resources to young lawyers.

B. One-Year Appointments

1. Aastha Maadan

Aastha Madaan, is the founder of Madaan Law, P.C. Ms. Madaan practices estate planning and business law, with a focus on franchise law. Ms. Madaan is an active member of the American Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Division. Ms. Madaan has been involved in the creation of myriad programming geared towards young lawyers. Ms. Madaan will be able to contribute early and often to CYLA's ongoing initiatives and will be instrumental in developing a stronger relationship between CYLA and the Young Lawyer Division of ABA.

2. Clarisa Sudarma

Clarisa Sudarma serves as deputy counsel for Solano County. Her practice focuses on issues concerning juvenile dependency. Ms. Sudarma is an active member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Solano County. She is described as a “young lawyer who stepped up and has proven to be a natural leader” by one of her colleagues in that Association.

During her interview, Ms. Sudarma shared her desire to help support CYLA’s current goals and a willingness to serve in whatever capacity the Committee saw fit. We believe that Ms. Sudarma will be a strong asset on our Board.

The above-named candidates are submitted after a very thorough and thoughtful process. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Shawtina Ferguson
Chair, CYLA

**Proposed 2016-2017
Environmental Law Section Executive Committee**
(Appointed/Reappointed by the Board of Trustees July 22, 2016)

Terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2016 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 2, 2016). The terms of the officers are one-year and expire at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (August 27, 2017). *Member terms expire at the close of the State Bar Annual Meeting on the date, or in the year, indicated.*

POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Osha R. Meserve	Sacramento	3	8/27/2017
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	K.E. Adair	Valencia	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT SECRETARY	Nicole H. Gordon	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT TREASURER	Michael R. Leslie	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Rebecca R. Akroyd	Sacramento	3	9/15/2019
	Christian L. Marsh	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	Jennifer F. Novak	Rolling Hills Estates	2	9/15/2019
	Peter A. Nyquist	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
	Allison C. Smith	Sacramento	3	9/15/2019
	Julia E. Stein	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Ryan R. Waterman	San Diego	4	8/27/2017
	Jonathan Welner	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Ellison Folk	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018
	Leah S. Goldberg	San Jose	6	9/16/2018
	Cara A. Horowitz	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Chelsea H. Tu	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018
	Alisha M. Winterswyk	Irvine	4	9/16/2018



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April 7, 2016

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Re: Environmental Law Section Executive Committee Officer and New Member Nominations

Dear Ms. Manalo:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Environmental Law Section, it is my privilege to submit the Executive Committee's nominations for its officers for the 2016-2017 year and for new Executive Committee members for 2016-2019 terms.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICER NOMINATIONS:

The Executive Committee nominates the following officers:

Chair:	Osha Meserve	District 3
Vice Chair:	K. Eric Adair	District 2
Secretary:	Nicole Gordon	District 2
Treasurer:	Michael Leslie	District 2

The Executive Committee selected these nominees by inviting all Committee members to nominate themselves for any positions that they were interested in, and then taking a Committee vote on the nominees for each position at the Committee's March 18, 2016 regular meeting. For all four positions there was only one nominee. The Committee invited each nominee to make a short statement about their respective qualifications for and interest in the office. The Committee then voted on a motion to approve these four names as the Executive Committee's nominees for its leadership for 2016-2017. The motion to approve the 4 nominees passed unanimously. The four nominees' qualifications for the respective positions for which they have been nominated include the following:

Chair: Osha Meserve is shareholder at small firm Soluri Meserve in Sacramento, where her practice focuses on environmental compliance and litigation in areas including CEQA and water law. Next year will be her fourth year on the Executive Committee. Ms. Meserve is currently Vice Chair of the Environmental Law Section, and she has been very active in Section activities. She is currently serving as the co-chair of the Section's annual Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite, and last year helped in planning the conference and our "North Cost Your Voice" in Fall 2015. In addition to helping to organize and support the Yosemite conference, she has served as a panelist and moderator at the

conference in previous years. She previously also served as Chair of the Environmental Section of the Sacramento Bar Association

Vice Chair: K. Eric Adair is shareholder at small firm Hinson Gravelle & Adair in Valencia, where his practice focuses on environmental and natural resources matters. Next year will be his third year on the Executive Committee and he has been very active in Section activities. Mr. Adair is currently serving as the co-chair of the Section's annual Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite as well as our Energy committee, and last year led the planning efforts for our Central Valley "Your Voice" in Spring 2015. He also helped plan our Negotiations Competitions.

Secretary: Nicole Gordon is a partner at small firm Sohagi Law Group in Los Angeles, where her practice focuses on environmental and land use matters including CEQA, NEPA, and the federal and California Endangered Species Act (ESA). Next year will be her third year on the Executive Committee. Ms. Meserve is currently Education Chair of the Environmental Law Section, and she has been very active in Section activities. She is currently serving as the co-chair of the Section's annual Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite, and last year helped in planning the conference. In addition to helping to organize and support the Yosemite conference, she has served as a panelist and moderator at the conference in previous years.

Treasurer: Michael Leslie is a partner at Caldwell Leslie & Proctor in Los Angeles, where his practice focuses in complex environmental litigation, including litigation brought under CERCLA, CEQA, common law environmental torts, and California's Proposition 65. Next year will be his third year on the Executive Committee and he has been very active in Section activities. Mr. Leslie is currently serving as the co-chair of the Section's Sponsorship Committee as he did last year. He is also the lead organizer for this year's Private Enforcement Conference. He has also helped organize and support the Yosemite conference in previous years, where he has served as a panelist and moderator. He previously served as a Co-Chair of the American Bar Association's Mass Environmental/Toxic Torts Subcommittee.

Each of these individuals has demonstrated strong and consistent commitment to the work of the Environmental Law Section and its Executive Committee, and each will bring enthusiasm and dedication to his or her respective role as an officer of the Committee. We are very confident about their abilities to lead our Executive Committee forward and to provide continued service to our Section.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEW MEMBER NOMINATIONS:

The Executive Committee submits the following nominations for 2015-2018 Executive Committee membership, ranked in order of preference:

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| 1. | Christian Marsh | (District 1) |
| 2. | Jennifer Novak | (District 2) |
| 3. | Julia Stein | (District 2) |
| 4. | Rebecca Akroyd | (District 3) |
| 5. | Peter Nyquist | (District 2) |
| 6. | Allison Smith | (District 3) |

Alternates:

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| 7. | Jill Yung | (District 1) |
| 8. | Oscar Espino-Padron | (District 2) |
| 9. | Elena Miller | (District 3) |

The Executive Committee selected these nominees through a 2-step process that involved (i) an initial review by an applications review subcommittee and (ii) full consideration and a vote by the Executive Committee. Advisor Ed Ochoa and Ryan Waterman, co-chairs of the applications review subcommittee, convened a teleconference meeting on March 10, 2016 and led the subcommittee through a detailed review and discussion of each applicant's qualifications. Based on that discussion, the applications review subcommittee grouped the twelve applicants into three "tiers" (Tiers 1-3), with the top tier divided into two sub-tiers, Tiers 1-A and 1-B. The applications review subcommittee then forwarded this tier ranking of the applicants on to the full Executive Committee, along with a summary of each applicant's qualifications and the reasons why the subcommittee placed each applicant in the applicant's respective tier. This submission to the full Executive Committee included a verbal presentation at the Executive Committee's regular meeting on March 18, 2016. The Executive Committee received the application review subcommittee's recommendation and considered it, and also engaged in a lively discussion and debate of the applications (in closed session). The Executive Committee considered and discussed all of the applications, and then held a vote by secret ballot. Ms. Robledo, our Section Coordinator, collected and tallied all of the votes and announced the results to the Committee. Although the Executive Committee found the application review subcommittee's tier recommendations useful, they were not binding on or determinative of the Executive Committee's vote, and in fact the final ranking of the applicants differs in a number of respects from the subcommittee's recommendations.

Please note that in accordance with the State Bar's Appointment Policies and Procedures, the Executive Committee also considered a multitude of other appropriate diversity factors in accordance with the Appointment Policies and Procedures.

The following summaries outline the qualifications of these 6 Executive Committee new member nominees and 3 Alternate nominees:

Christian Marsh, our top nominee, is a partner at Downey Brand LLP in San Francisco, a medium-sized firm. Mr. Marsh represents public agencies and private companies on a wide range of environmental and land use issues, including CEQA/NEPA, endangered species, water rights, water quality, wetlands, environmental review, and the public trust doctrine. Mr. Marsh has been active in bar and community organizations, and served as an Executive Committee member of the Bar Association of San Francisco, Environmental Law Section, has served on the American Bar Association Committee for Endangered Species, and is a Board Member of the San Francisco Bay Planning Coalition.

Jennifer Novak, second nominee, is a sole practitioner and owner of the Law Offices of Jennifer Novak in Rolling Hills Estates. Ms. Novak's practice involves water quality permitting and enforcement, soil and groundwater remediation, air quality, fishing rights, nuisance, fire suppression cost recovery in matters involving enforcement, compliance, government actions, and resolving issues with private parties. Her

practice also includes litigation in the trial and appellate courts. litigation, environmental, administrative, government, She has judged and mentored for many years judged for our Section's Student Negotiations Competition, and has served many different capacities at the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Julia E. Stein, third nominee, is an associate at Pillsbury Winthrop in Los Angeles. She is a member of the firm's Environment, Land & Resources Department, and she focuses her practice on environmental litigation, regulatory compliance, land use, and real estate development matters. Ms. Stein has been practicing law for only 6 years, but during this (relatively) short period she has attended the Section's Yosemite Conference and has written several articles article for the Section's journal *Environmental Law News* (among other articles published elsewhere). Ms. Stein is also provides pro bono immigration law assistance through Legal Aid Foundation of the Los Angeles and Public Counsel, and she also participates in volunteer programs at the Downtown Women's Center through the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles.

Rebecca Akroyd, fourth nominee, is an associate at small firm Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard in Sacramento, where she advises public and private sector clients in the areas of natural resources and water law. Her practice focuses on regulatory compliance, water rights and compliance with state and federal water and environmental law. She assisted in the organization of our San Joaquin Valley Your Voice program and has developed webinars for the Real Estate Property section. Ms. Akroyd has participated in many reported federal and state reported decisions, and was named a Northern California Risking Star in four consecutive years (2012-2015).

Peter Nyquist, fifth nominee, is a partner at Greenberg Glusker LLP, in Los Angeles, a medium-sized firm. Mr. Nyquist's practice covers a broad range of environmental matters, including federal and state Superfund and contaminated sites, cost recovery and citizen suit litigation, administrative and enforcement matters before federal and state regulatory agencies, water quality, indoor air quality (e.g., vapor intrusion), and M&A/transactional support. Mr. Nyquist has served in several different leadership positions with the Los Angeles County Bar Association Environmental Law Section, and has chaired both the Fall and Spring Symposiums for the Los Angeles Bar. He is the former Environmental Group Department Chair for Weston Benshoof LLP.

Allison Smith, sixth nominee, is an associate with Stoel Rives LLP in Sacramento, a medium-sized firm. Ms. Smith's practice focuses on environmental and energy law, including CEQA and land use litigation, and permitting solar, wind, biomass, geothermal and gas-fired energy facilities, environmental due diligence, federal and state air quality permitting, and greenhouse gas regulations. Prior to practicing law, Ms. Smith was a Peace Corps volunteer in Cote d'Ivoire. She has served on the Section's Legislative Committee since 2010 and is Co-Chair this year.

Our top three alternates are Elena Miller, Jill Yung and Oscar Espino-Padron.

Elena Miller, is a Senior Staff Attorney with the Chief Counsel's Office of the California Energy Commission. Ms. Miller's practice involves energy and environmental law. She has previously served as an attorney for California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, State Oil & Gas Supervisor for

California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), and Public Adviser for the Energy Commission.

Jill Carey Yung, is Of Counsel with Paul Hastings LLP in San Francisco, a large firm. Ms. Carey Yung's practice concerns environmental and energy law. Prior to joining Paul Hastings, Ms. Carey Yung served as in-house counsel for BrightSource Energy. Ms. Carey Yung has served on the Section's Legislation Committee since 2008, and volunteered as a judge for the Student Negotiations Committee in 2015.

Oscar Espino-Padron, is a staff attorney with Earthjustice in Los Angeles. Mr. Espino-Padron is new to the practice of environmental law (having joined Earthjustice in 2015) and has been admitted to practice since 2013. While in law school, Mr. Espino-Padron served as the Community Service Chair for La Raza Law Students Association, developed a legal services law clinic, and volunteered for Centro CHA (Community Hispanic Association).

We believe these nominees will enhance and further the Section's goal of serving its members by providing high quality education programs, legislative analysis, and publications, as well as by fostering diversity in Section membership and by affording meaningful opportunities for members participating in Section activities.

The remaining applicants for membership on the Executive Committee are listed below, in order of preference:

10. Maureen Bessette
11. Jason Holder
12. Wesley Miliband

The ranking of applicants 10-12 reflects their level of experience and/or involvement in the section. With respect to Mr. Miliband, I also note that he comes from the same firm as Ms. Allison Smith. State Bar policy prohibits two attorneys from the same firm from serving on the Section at the same time.

We respectfully request that the Nominations and Appointments Committee and the Board of Trustees approve these nominations. Should you have any questions or desire to discuss the nomination further, please feel free to call me at (916) 443-2745.

Sincerely,

Howard F. Wilkins
Chair, Executive Committee
Environmental Law Section

cc: Kristina Robledo, State Bar of California

**Proposed: 2016-2017
Family Law Section Executive Committee**

(Appointed/Reappointed by the Board of Trustees July 22, 2016)

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	David M. Lederman	Antioch	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	Avi Levy	Santa Monica	2	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT SECRETARY	Fariba R. Soroosh	San Jose	6	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Shauna L Chastain	Fairfield	1	9/15/2019
	Demetria L. Graves	Pasadena	2	9/15/2019
	Stephen D. Hamilton	Arroyo Grande	2	9/15/2019
	Amber R. Hayes	Vacaville	1	9/15/2019
	Steven G. Hittelman	Newport Beach	4	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	B.J. Fadem	San Jose	6	8/27/2017
	Abbas Hadjian	Sherman Oaks	2	8/27/2017
	Dorie A. Rogers	Orange	4	8/27/2017
	Jason J. Elter	San Ramon	1	9/16/2018
	Kendall L. Evans	Long Beach	2	9/16/2018
	Renee M. Fairbanks	Santa Barbara	2	9/16/2018
	Dawn Gray	Grass Valley	3	9/16/2018
	John B. Nieman	San Jose	6	9/16/2018



FAMILY LAW SECTION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

TO: The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

FROM: Vanessa Kirker Wright, Chair
The Executive Committee of the Family Law Section (FLEXCOM)
The State Bar of California

DATE: May 9, 2016

RE: Appointment Recommendations for Family Law Executive Committee

Background Process Re: Selection of New Members

At our regularly scheduled meeting on March 5, 2016, all 17 voting members of FLEXCOM, plus appointed advisors, discussed the applications for new member positions.

The committee reviewed each applicant's written application and letters of recommendation before the meeting. During the meeting, members shared their thoughts on each application and heard from their colleagues on the committee that had personal working experience with individual applicants. The discussion was led by advisors Michele Brown, CFLS, and Dianne Fetzer, CFLS. All the State Bar's express criteria, limitations and restrictions were considered as to each candidate. We were especially cognizant of diversity as described in the Board's appointment policies (geographic, gender, ethnicity, experience, type of practice, size of firm and others). The committee also considered each applicant's past efforts and achievements so as to maintain a robust and committed executive committee. We gave considered candidates who had provided volunteer service on local, statewide and nationwide levels.

The rank of each applicant in the order of preference for appointment is reflected in this letter. The new member selections were accomplished by majority vote, and consensus of the entire committee was reached as to each applicant.

Background Process Re: Selection of New Officers

The election of FLEXCOM officers for the term of 2015-16 began at our regularly scheduled meeting on April 9, 2016. All voting members, and advisors, participated in the discussion. Former Chair, John Hodson, led the discussion and outlined the selection process. Election for Chair proceeded by acclimation, as only one candidate declared for the position. Election for Vice-Chair proceeded by way of secret ballot of the voting members, as it was a contested position between two candidates. After much discussion, one candidate was chosen by secret ballot for Vice-Chair. The Office of Secretary was a contested position. After much discussion, one candidate was chosen by secret ballot for Secretary. The names identified below were selected by the voting members of FLEXCOM.

CHAIR: David Lederman

Mr. Lederman is a Certified Specialist in Family Law by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization, specializing in all aspects of family law since 1998. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa County Bar Association's Family Law Section and served as its Section President in 2008. Mr. Lederman was appointed to FLEXCOM in 2013, served on the Legislative Committee with distinction, and in 2014, was appointed Legislation Chair for the 2015 FLEXCOM term. Mr. Lederman also teaches professional seminars on many aspects of family law. Mr. Lederman's FLEXCOM term expires in 2016, so the committee recommends that Mr. Lederman be appointed to serve as Chair.

VICE-CHAIR: Avi Levi

Mr. Levi is a partner at Trabolsi & Levy, LLP and has been practicing family law exclusively since 2002. In 2011, he became certified as a family law specialist by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization. He is a member of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, the Los Angeles County Bar Association – Family Law Section, the Beverly Hills Bar Association – Family Law Section, and the State Bar of California, – Family Law Section. In 2015 Mr. Levi was the Chair of Affirmative/Developing Legislation for FLEXCOM. Mr. Levi's term expires in 2017, so no additional term is necessary.

SECRETARY: Fariba Soroosh

Ms. Soroosh is the supervising attorney for Santa Clara County Superior Court's Self Help Center and Family Law Facilitator's Office. She was admitted to practice in 1993. She was in private practice in the areas of family law and guardianship litigation and general mediation until 1998 when she joined the Court. Ms. Soroosh has dedicated her legal career to access to justice, prevention and eradication of domestic violence and developing legislation. She has been a Commissioner on Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council since 2004 and is currently serving as vice chair. She has also been an active member of the Santa Clara County's Legislative Committee since 2008 and a voting member of Family Law Executive Section of the State Bar since 2013.

Recommendations for New Members

Assuming the above officer appointments are approved, there are five (5) vacancies. One vacancy was created by a resignation that took effect last term. That vacancy had a term that expires in 2016, presently filled by the first applicant identified below, Shauna Chastain who was appointed to that position in 2015. The committee recommends Ms. Chastain be appointed for a three year term of 2016-2017 through 2018-2019. The committee further recommends the other individuals listed below, in order of preference, to fill the vacancies created by those individuals whose terms expire at the conclusion of the 2016 State Bar Annual Meeting.

1. **Shauna Chastain** – Ms. Chastain was licensed in 1996 (20 years). She is a certified family law specialist. She is a solo practitioner operating an office dedicated to the practice of family law in Solano County. Ms. Chastain currently serves on FLEXCOM as Chair of Awards Committee where she brings skills of communication and technology to committee work. Ms. Chastain is a very active participant during FLEXCOM legislative and business meetings. Former volunteer activities include serving as President for the Solano County Women Lawyers and the Solano County Bar Association, as Chair for the Solano County law committee and as Chapter Director and Associate Chapter Director for the Associates of Certified Family Law Specialists.
2. **Steven G. Hittelman** – Mr. Hittelman was licensed in 1995 (21 years). He is a certified family law specialist. Mr. Hittelman was a Deputy District Attorney for Orange County, California (1995-1997), then a senior associate at Minyard Morris LLP. He is now the managing partner of the Hittelman Strunk Law Group, LLP. He has served as Chair on of the Orange County Regional Standing Committee to FLEXCOM until April of 2015. Mr. Hittelman is committed to working toward improvement in legislation that closes the legal gaps and is encouraged when new legislation positively impacts the outcome for families. In addition Mr. Hittelman provides pro bono legal services through the Public Law Center, and volunteers his time at both the Human Options and Laura's House legal clinics for victims of domestic violence.
3. **Amber Hayes** – Ms. Hayes was licensed in 2010 (6 years) and is a certified family law specialist. She is dually licensed to practice law in the states of California and Minnesota. Since the beginning of her career as an attorney, she has focused exclusively on the practice of family law. Ms. Hayes joined the firm of Hodson & Mullin in 2011. In addition, she is a former member of the board of California Young Lawyers Association and a former co-chair of the Bay Area Regional Standing Committee.
4. **Stephen D. Hamilton** – Mr. Hamilton was licensed in 1994 (22 years) and is a certified family law specialist. Mr. Hamilton is a solo practitioner who has devoted his career to family law. Although he began his legal training at the University of California, Hastings, due to unforeseen financial and personal obstacles, Mr. Hamilton entered the practice of law by way of the Law Office Study Program. After completing his practical training he sat for and passed the bar exam in 1994. He has been active in the San Luis Obispo County Bar Association for the past 18 years. He is committed to the improvement of family law.

5. **Demetria Graves** - Ms. Graves was licensed in 2004 (12 years). She is a certified family law specialist. After practicing with a small law firm, Ms. Graves began her own family law firm in Glendale, California. Ms. Graves has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles since 2012, where she served as the Chair of the Pro Bono Committee. Ms. Graves was also the legal chair for the YWCA of Glendale and an instructor at West Los Angeles Community College. She is devoted to the advancement of family law.

Alternates

6. **Leena S. Hingnikar** – Ms. Hingnikar was licensed in 2007 (9 years). She has been an associate with Walzer Melcher LLP since 2008. She is a certified family law specialist. Ms. Hingnikar serves on the executive committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Section. She is a member of the Southern California Family Law American Inn of Court, the Family Law Section of the State Bar of California, the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the Beverly Hills Bar Association. She has served as an executive committee member on the San Fernando Valley Bar Family Law Section. She is also a member of the South Asian Bar Association. She has lectured several times on family law issues at the Inn of Court and the National Business Institute. Leena has also been a volunteer judge for the National Juvenile Law Moot Court competition held at Whittier Law School.
7. **Roz Bateman Smith** – Ms. Bateman Smith was licensed in 2013 (3 years). Before embarking on her legal career she worked for the Sonoma County Superior Court for 26 years, largely in the dependency court. Ms. Bateman Smith is an associate at Provencher & Flatt, LLP and she devotes her practice to family law. She was a member of the Bay Area Regional Standing Committee, the Sonoma County Family Law Education Committee and the Sonoma County Legal Services Foundation.
8. **Rebekah Frye** - Ms. Frye was licensed in 1995 (22 years). She has been practicing Family Law since 1997 and is a certified family law specialist. Before working in family law, she practiced in the corporate legal field. She holds an L.L.M. in taxation from Golden Gate University. She has been appointed by Santa Clara County judges as minor's counsel in numerous cases. She has also been a member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, the Santa Clara Bar Association, the San Mateo County Bar Association, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association.
9. **Katy M. Gronowski** – Ms. Gronowski was licensed in 1987 (28 years). She works at a small firm in Walnut Creek. She is certified family law specialist and has a unique and diverse background. She has been a litigator for 28 years, the last 18 of which are in the area of family law. She has served in various leadership capacities for Contra Costa County bar association. She served as Judge Pro Tem for the Contra Costa County Superior Court. She is devoted to the advancement of family law.
10. **Neil M. E. Forester** - Mr. Forester was licensed in 2004 (11 years). He is a certified family law specialist. He is a Shareholder of Forester Purcell Stowell. He is dedicated to the practice of family law. Mr. Forester is included on the Sacramento

Business Journal's "Best of the Bar" list, Sacramento Magazine's "Top Lawyers" list, and Northern California Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list. He is an adjunct professor with Pacific McGeorge, teaching Family Law Trial Skills each Spring semester. In addition to his work in the family law field, Mr. Forester serves on the Board of Directors for WEAVE, a Sacramento-based nonprofit organization working with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. He is currently the Board vice-president, and chairs the Legal Committee.

11. **Andy Cook** - Mr. Cook was licensed in 1994 (21 years). He is a certified family law specialist. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Bar Association. Since 2000 he has served as an arbitrator in the State of California's Mandatory Fee Dispute Arbitration program. Since 2005, he has served as a mandatory settlement conference judge for family law matters for the San Diego County Superior Court. In 2010 he began serving as a temporary judge in family law departments of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. He is committed to the practice of family law.
12. **Nathan Gabbard** – Mr. Gabbard was licensed in 2009 (5 years). Mr. Gabbard is an associate at Trabolsi & Levy, LLP. He handles all aspects of family law cases, including dissolution and legal separation proceedings, requests for child custody and visitation, child support, spousal support, post judgment modifications, establishment of parental relationships, drafting and review of marital settlement agreements, prosecuting and defending domestic violence and civil harassment restraining orders, and facilitating compromise in mediations, settlement conferences, and alternative dispute resolution. He is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Beverly Hills Bar Association, and Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. In the past, Mr. Gabbard has volunteered as a presenter of Safer Community workshops, providing information and opening a dialogue with incoming college students about domestic violence.

Should the applicants be appointed to FLEXCOM as requested, there will be gender and geographic balances on the committee. Accordingly, on behalf of the Committee I am privileged to Chair, I urge the appointment of these applications in the order presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Mitch Wood, Office of Sections

Proposed: 2016-2017
Intellectual Property Law Section Executive Committee
(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Elizabeth J. Rest	San Rafael	1	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Matthew J. Spark	Woodland Hills	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT SECRETARY	Thomas A. Hassing	San Jose	6	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Heather A. Antoine	Beverly Hills	2	9/15/2019
	Alex H. Chan	Austin, TX		9/15/2019
	Dana T. Iketani	Santa Clara	6	9/15/2019
	Bennet G. Kelley	Santa Monica	2	9/15/2019
	John D. Murphy	San Rafael	1	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Matthew I. Berger	Carpinteria	2	8/27/2017
	David P. Branfam	Oceanside	4	8/27/2017
	Gregory P. Goeckner	West Hollywood	2	8/27/2017
	Christopher R. Lockard	Oakland	1	8/27/2017
	Sharon Glanz	Universal City	2	9/16/2018
	Angelique Kaounis	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Marina A. Lewis	Palo Alto	1	9/16/2018
	Hannah G. Poteat	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018

Policy Issue: Out of State:

It is Board policy that an out-of-state member may be appointed to a State Bar committee if the member's service will not incur any additional costs for the committee. Alex H. Chan lives in Austin, Texas.



April 1, 2016

Appointment Secretary
The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

***Re: Intellectual Property Law Section Executive Committee Officer & New Member
Nominations – 2016-2017***

Dear Appointment Secretary:

As current Chair of the Executive Committee for the Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of California, I submit our Executive Committee's nominations for officers and new Executive Committee members for the 2016-2017 term.

Each year, in nominating members for the Executive Committee, we consider the criteria set forth in the State Bar's Appointment Policies and Procedures as well as a number of other factors including the geographic location, practice area and work background of each applicant. We also look for demonstrated prior commitment to the Section. With this in mind, and consistent with the Bylaws of the Section, the following individuals were nominated to serve as officials of our Section next year.

OFFICERS

Elizabeth Rest – Chair

Ms. Rest held the position of Secretary for the 2014-2015 term and is currently the Vice Chair of the Executive Committee. In that role, she is the planning chair for our 41st Annual IP Institute. Ms. Rest has been an active member of the Executive Committee for several years. She spearheaded the creation of our Entertainment and Sport Interest Group, which, until recently, she chaired. She also led two very successful one-day conferences on IP Entertainment and the Media in 2014 and 2015. In 2015, she headed the Section's delegation to Washington, D.C., during which time members of the Executive Committee meet with leaders of the key government agencies involved with intellectual property. Ms. Rest is founding partner at the firm Crown LLP in Northern California. Her practice is focused on trademark protection, copyrights, sports and entertainment law.

Matthew Spark – Vice Chair

Mr. Spark is presently a member of the Executive Committee, serving as Secretary for the 2015-2106 term, and until recently was the Liaison to the Patent Interest Group. Until two weeks ago, he was a solo practitioner, practicing patent law in Woodland Hills, California. He has recently joined the law firm of Zuber Lawler & Del Duca LLP, where he will develop and manage its patent prosecution practice group. Mr. Spark previously served as an officer of the Section's Licensing Interest Group. He has been an active member of the Executive Committee, including by participating in the Planning Committee for the 2014 and 2015 IP Institutes, contacting potential conference sponsors, and facilitating webinars. He was also a member of the Section's delegation to Washington D.C. in 2014. He is actively involved in initiatives to increase and retain membership in the Section.

Thomas Hassing – Secretary

Thomas Hassing is primarily a patent attorney who works in-house at Immersion in San Jose. He concurrently has a separate career in the performing arts as a writer member of ASCAP and with stints as a writer with the Twin Cities Opera Guild. He serves on the boards of the San Jose Chamber Orchestra and the Board of Trustees of the sjDANCEco, a contemporary dance company. He is a professional photographer, videographer and recording engineer. Mr. Hassing's concurrent career in the arts has left him with significant experience in Arts & Entertainment Law, including with trademarks and copyrights. He is licensed to practice law in California, Minnesota, and the District of Columbia. Last year Mr. Hassing was the Section's liaison to the In-House Counsel Interest Group and this year he served as liaison to the Patent Interest Group. In addition, last year he participated in the Section's DC Delegation and this year he is the chair of the Delegation. He has been instrumental in solidifying the Section's relationship with the new Silicon Valley office of the USPTO, helping to coordinate programs with that office. He has helped with the planning of Section mixers and was on the planning committee for the recent "Patent Disputes for Our Time" and is currently on the planning committee for the 41st IP Institute. Mr. Hassing has proven himself to be a contributor and an ambassador for the Section.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As you may be aware, the Executive Committee is authorized to appoint between 15-17 committee members. This year we have determined to recommend five appointees, which will bring the membership to sixteen for next year.

The candidates selected, in order of their ranking, are as follows:

1. Heather Antoine
2. David Murphy
3. Bennet Kelley
4. Alan Chan
5. Dana Todd Iketani

The individuals who were considered, but not selected, in order of ranking, were as follows:

7. Mavis Gallenson

8. S. Benjamin Diederich
9. Matthew Blackburn
10. Robert Rader
11. Jeremy Duggan

For the five candidates selected, we add the following background information for your consideration.

Heather Antoine

Ms. Antoine is a sole practitioner with Antoine Law Group, APC, which is located in Beverly Hills, CA. Her practice areas focus on intellectual property and internet law, and litigation. Ms. Antoine has been very active with the Intellectual Property Law Section. She has served as the program Chair for the Section's Technology, Internet and Privacy Interest Group. She served on the planning committees for the Adults Only IP Conference and the 40th Annual IP Institute, both held in 2015. She has been published in the Section's *New Matter* quarterly publication and is the planning committee chair for the Tips & Tricks for IP Practitioners conference, which is scheduled for early 2017. Ms. Antoine is also a member of the International Technology Law Association, and served on the planning committee for its 2015 World Conference. As an active Interest Group officer for several years, she has attended Executive Committee meetings, organized educational webinars for her Interest Group.

John David Murphy (Dave)

Dave Murphy serves as legal counsel to Kama, Inc. His practice focuses on intellectual property licensing and transactions related to software, talent, music, cloud and platform services, etc.; compliance with respect to data privacy, security, and contractual, policies, internal education, and management. Mr. Murphy is a member of the Entertainment and Sports Law Interest Group, serving as its Secretary, and currently its Vice Chair. He was a member of the planning committee for the IP in Entertainment and Media conference. He has attended a number of Executive Committee meetings, has helped other Interest Groups locate and contact speakers for their programs, and has regularly participated in Section webinars and Interest Group teleconferences.

Bennet Kelley

Bennet Kelley is a private practitioner and the founder of the Internet Law Center in Santa Monica, CA, where he has worked since 2007. His work focuses on around privacy, media, internet and technology related issues. Mr. Kelley has a track record of Section work, having served with the Business Law Section, including its Cyberspace Committee and Legislative Committee, and led an effort to develop a Cyberspace Primer for state policymakers. He has been active with the Intellectual Property Law Section since 2013, and serves as the Vice Chair of the Technology, Internet and Privacy Law Interest Group and was the planning committee chair for the 2015 IP and the Internet conference. Mr. Kelley is the founder of the Internet Law Leadership Summit. He has been named one of the country's top internet attorneys by several trade reporters and has numerous other noteworthy accolades that single him out as a leader in Internet Law.

Alex Chan

Alex Chan is a patent litigator and prosecutor with the San Francisco office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. He is an admitted patent agent to the USPTO. His commitment to serve the underrepresented is evident by his broad array of volunteer service to a number of impressive organizations that provide valuable work, including American Inns of Court (Program Awards Committee Member), Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (Community Service Committee Member), Austin Asian American Bar Association (Community Service Committee Member), Freedom House (representing victims of human trafficking) and Appleseed (representing immigrants seeking asylum). Aside from his dedication to serving the underrepresented, he founded and launched a data analytics project that focuses on predicting lawsuit success rates and finds creative ways to invalidate frivolous patents that stifle innovation. His articles have been published in LA Daily Journal, Law360, and Bloomberg BNA. While he has not previously been active with the Section, we believe he will be an excellent addition to the Executive Committee.

Dana Todd Iketani

Mr. Iketani is a partner with the San Jose firm of Ishimaru & Associates LLP. His practice areas include aerospace, computer engineering, software development, and web technology. He worked as an engineer in high technology industries before going to law school at age 47 to become an intellectual property attorney as a second career. He has a fascinating array of life experiences, including as a world traveler with 38 countries under his belt, which undoubtedly gives him a unique and sage perspective. Although Mr. Iketani has not previously been involved in the work of the Section, he is no stranger to volunteer work. He served as the Senior Operations Editor of the SCU Computer and High Technology Law Journal. He also volunteered with the Hanashi Oral History program of the Go For Broke National Educational Center. In that capacity, he interviewed Japanese-American World War II Veterans from the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 100th Infantry Battalion, and the Military Intelligence Service to capture and preserved the life stories of American heroes. He is an advocate for uniform justice and non-discriminatory practices in society. We believe he will truly be an asset to the Section.

The Intellectual Property Law Section received applications from a number of qualified applicants to serve on its Executive Committee. We believe that we have selected the individuals most likely to actively participate in the IP Section's Executive Committee, as well as bring representation and perspective from varied backgrounds and experiences. We believe that these officers and Executive Committee members will continue the level of enthusiasm and activity that has been the hallmark of the Intellectual Property Law Section Executive Committee over the last several years. We strongly urge the appointment of the foregoing individuals in the positions indicated.

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If you have any questions regarding any of our nominees or the process used for selection, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/Deborah E Greaves/

Deborah Greaves
Chair 2015-2016

**Proposed 2016-2017
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(Appointed/Reappointed by the Board of Trustees July 22, 2016)

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REAPPOINT CO-VICE CHAIRS	Alexander S. Darraby	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Michael R. Newman	Woodland Hills	2	8/27/2017
	William K. Pao	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT SECRETARY	Emilio E. Varanini	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT TREASURER	William T. Gay	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Catherine W. Brilliant	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
	Catherine L. Carlisle	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
	Li Yew Heah	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
	Theresa A. Leets	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Karla Haynes	San Ramon	1	8/27/2017
	Lizbeth H. Flores	La Jolla	4	8/27/2017
	Margrette A. Francisco	Inglewood	2	9/16/2018
	Neil A. Popovic	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018
	Joshua M. Surowitz	Albany	1	9/16/2018



INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

March 25, 2016

CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION

Members of the Nominations and Appointments Committee
Appointments Office
The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Re: International Law Section
Executive Committee Nominations for 2016-2017

To the Members of the Nominations and Appointments Committee:

The Executive Committee of the International Law Section (the "ILS") met in a closed session on Saturday, March 12, 2016, in Los Angeles, California, to elect new Officers and Members of the Executive Committee of the ILS for the 2016-2017 year. A quorum was present in person and by telephone.

The first order of business was the election of Officers as described below. We, then, considered all of the applications for membership that were received by the State Bar of California. All current members of the Executive Committee received electronic copies of the membership applications, supporting documents and a Diversity Matrix that summarized the applications.

In assessing the candidates for appointment as an Officer of the Section, the Chair first received nominations, including self-nominations, and determined eligibility of all persons interested in being nominated as a candidate for an Officer position, including self-nominations. This was an open and transparent process, and all Executive Committee Members were encouraged to run for office. On March 12, 2016, during the closed session meeting, further nominations and self-nominations were requested from the floor, and the Executive Committee, then, proceeded to a vote on each of the offices.

The results are reflected below.

Officers

On behalf of the ILS Executive Committee, I am pleased to submit the ILS' nominations for the 2016-2017 Officers.

Chair:	Enrique Hernandez	(District 4)
Co-Vice Chair:	Alexandra S. Darraby	(District 2)
Co-Vice Chair:	Michael R. Newman	(District 2)
Co-Vice Chair:	William K. Pao	(District 2)
Secretary:	Emilio E. Varanini	(District 1)
Treasurer:	William T. Gay	(District 2)

Chair - Enrique Hernandez: Enrique currently serves as the Co-Vice Chair of the ILS. Enrique previously served as the Treasurer of the ILS. Enrique has been serving as a Co-Chair of the ILS External Relations Committee and has been active in the development of friendship agreements with foreign bar associations, including with a preeminent business lawyers association (ANADE) in Mexico. Enrique is a licensed attorney in Mexico and in California. Enrique is a Partner (tax partner) at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP in San Diego. Enrique has held and sponsored a number of CLE programs and networking events for the ILS at the Procopio offices. In addition to the ILS, Enrique is an active member of The State Bar of California Taxation Section's International Committee, where he served as Chair of the Executive Committee, International Section Treasurer and Executive Commission. Since Enrique became involved with the ILS, he has been active with the ILS Executive Committee, volunteering for multiple tasks and working closely with other Members and Advisors. Enrique will be an excellent Chair of the ILS.

Co-Vice Chair - Alexandra Darraby: Alexandra currently serves as the Secretary of the ILS. Alexandra has been active in all facets of the ILS Executive Committee and has sought opportunities to contribute to the well-being of the ILS, including taking a leadership role in updating the ILS Mission Statement and Vision Statement and also serving as a speaker at the "Careers in International Law" programs held at various law schools in Southern California. Alexandra is the Principal in the Art Law Firm in Los Angeles. In addition to the ILS, Alexandra is active in the American Bar Association Section of International Law. Alexandra will be an active, contributing Co-Vice Chair of the ILS.

Co-Vice Chair - Michael Newman: Michael has been involved with and contributed to the ILS Executive Committee for many years. Michael is a Partner at Daar & Newman in Woodland Hills. Prior to serving as a Member of the ILS Executive Committee (this is while his law firm partner Jeffery Daar served as a Member of the ILS Executive Committee, including as the Chair of the ILS), Michael served for many years as an Advisor. Michael has been serving as a Co-Chair of the ILS External Relations Committee and has been active in the development of friendship agreements with foreign bar associations. Michael regularly serves as a speaker at the "Careers in International Law" programs held at various law schools in Southern California. Michael will be an active, contributing Co-Vice Chair of the ILS.

Co-Vice Chair - Will Pao: Will currently serves as the Treasurer of the ILS. Will has been active on the ILS Executive Committee. Will has distinguished himself as a productive and responsive member of the Executive Committee, working on various programs and projects, including reinvigorating the ILS's "The California International Law Journal" as the Chief Editor. With much gratitude to Will and his dedicated service, the ILS was able to resume the publication of the Journal on a regular basis. Will has continued his service on the Journal committee. In addition, Will has been an active member of the ILS's Sponsorship Task Force and Membership Task Force. Will is a Counsel at O'Melveny & Myers LLP in its Los Angeles office. Prior to law school, Will was a Fulbright Scholar in China and lived in China and Taiwan for two years. Will speaks Chinese fluently. Will will be an active, contributing Co-Vice Chair of the ILS. Having known Will, Michael and Alexandra for a number of years, we believe that they will work well together as Co-Vice Chairs.

Secretary - Emilio Varanini: Since beginning his service on the ILS Executive Committee, Emilio has been an active Member of the ILS Executive Committee, including working closely and tirelessly on the ILS's "The California International Law Journal" and volunteering to serve as an Editor of the ILS e-Newsletter. Emilio, a senior and experienced staff counsel at the State of California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, brings a good and helpful perspective to the ILS Executive Committee. Emilio writes well and will be an excellent Secretary who will be able to ensure the harmonization of the information and content in the ILS Journal, the ILS e-Newsletter, and the work of the ILS Executive Committee.

Treasurer - William (Bill) Gay: Bill has been a contributing member of the ILS Executive Committee, including serving as the Chair of the ILS Programs Committee. Bill has served as a speaker at the CLE programs presented by the ILS, including at the Annual Meeting of The State Bar of California, as well as speaking at the “Careers in International Law” programs presented by the ILS at various law schools in Southern California. In addition, in Spring 2014, Bill was a part of the ILS delegation to Japan and represented the ILS Executive Committee when the ILS presented the Joint Seminars with the Daiichi Tokyo Bar Association in Tokyo, Japan, and with the Osaka Bar Association in Osaka, Japan. Bill is a Partner at Wilson Elser in Los Angeles. As a business lawyer and as the Chair of the ILS Programs Committee, Bill is familiar with the programs presented by the ILS and will be an active, contributing Treasurer of the ILS.

Each of the individuals elected by the Members of the ILS Executive Committee has demonstrated a commitment to the working and goals of the ILS and has the strong support of the Members of the ILS Executive Committee. Each will bring enthusiasm and dedication to his or her role as an Officer of the ILS. We are confident that they will work well together and will continue to focus on the issues before the ILS, including increasing the membership, presenting good, solid CLE programs for the ILS and for The State Bar of California, promoting and enhancing the stature of the ILS and The State Bar of California in the international law community, and providing value to the members of the ILS and the community at large.

New Executive Committee Members

In assessing the applications for appointment to the Executive Committee, in the closed session on March 12, 2016, we first had a preliminary discussion of the criteria to be considered, as stated in the State Bar Appointment Policies. Factors that were taken into account included prior service as an Advisor to the ILS or in other capacity, such as a member of a subcommittee of the ILS Executive Committee, other State Bar and local Bar activities, community service, international practice experience, practice location, length of time practicing law and types of practice areas of the applicant, and diversity factors. We sought diversity, as well as those who are likely to continue beyond the service as an Advisor. The due diligence results were also discussed and shared amongst the Members of the ILS Executive Committee. We held open discussions regarding each application, the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate’s application material, the factors noted above and their potential contributions to the ILS. We, then, ranked all of the applicants, with each voting Member of the ILS ranking all of the applicants and then compiling the results.

On behalf of the ILS Executive Committee, I am pleased to submit the ILS nominations of the following individuals to serve as Members of the ILS Executive Committee starting in the 2016-2017 year (listed in rank order):

1. Catherine W. Brilliant (District 2)
2. Therese A. Leets (District 2)
3. Catherine L. Carlisle (District 2)
4. Li Yew Heah (District 2)

Catherine Brilliant currently serves as an Advisor to the 2015-2016 ILS Executive Committee. Catherine is an attorney with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Catherine was recommended to the ILS Executive Committee by the Los Angeles Regional Director of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. As an Advisor during the current year, Catherine has been a good, contributing addition to the ILS Executive Committee, including putting together a program submission on the topic of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) for The State Bar of California Annual Meeting to be held this year, based upon her regulatory practice at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, Catherine has volunteered to serve on the ILS International Public Law subcommittee, as we try to reshape and reinvigorate our work in the international public law arena. Catherine has continually demonstrated her

desire to become more and more involved with the ILS Executive Committee. Catherine will be a great addition as a Member of the ILS Executive Committee.

Theresa Leets currently serves as an Advisor to the 2015-2016 ILS Executive Committee. Theresa has contributed valuable input during ILS Executive Committee meetings and teleconferences and has indicated her strong desire to become more involved with the ILS Executive Committee. Together with Catherine Brilliant, Theresa has volunteered to serve on the ILS International Public Law subcommittee, as we try to reshape and reinvigorate our work in the international public law arena. Theresa is Senior Corporate Counsel in the Securities Regulation Division of the California Department of Business Oversight (formerly, the California Department of Corporations). In addition to her service on the ILS Executive Committee, Theresa has been active on the Executive Committee of the Business and Corporations Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, including serving as an Officer (Secretary) of LACBA's Business and Corporations Law Section in the past. Theresa will be a great addition as a Member of the ILS Executive Committee.

Catherine (Cathy) Carlisle has been serving on the ILS's International Public Law subcommittee and has had a positive impact on the subcommittee's work. Cathy is an associate at Dechert LLP in Los Angeles and handles complex commercial litigation. Cathy has expressed a desire to become actively involved with the ILS Executive Committee. As a part of her application to serve on the ILS Executive Committee, Cathy received high recommendations from a Clinical Professor of Law and the Director of the LLM Program in International Human Rights at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law and from a Supervising Attorney at The Legal Aid Society in New York, each based upon her prior volunteer work. In addition, Cathy received a high recommendation from Lee Berger of Paul Hastings who is a member of the Antitrust, UCL, and Privacy Section Executive Committee, based upon her volunteer work. We believe that Catherine will be a great addition as a Member of the ILS Executive Committee.

Li Yew (Tiffany) Heah has volunteered to serve as a speaker at the "Careers in International Law" programs presented by the ILS in law schools in Southern California, and Tiffany is a dynamic, energetic speaker. In connection with her application to serve on the ILS Executive Committee, Tiffany received a strong endorsement from Al Golbert, who has served on the ILS Executive Committee and contributed to the ILS from the time the ILS was established. Tiffany is an associate at Golbert & Associates in Los Angeles, with a specialty in tax. Previously, Tiffany practiced law in Malaysia for a number of years. Having practiced in Malaysia, Tiffany knows lawyers in Malaysia, as well as in Singapore. We believe that Tiffany will be a great addition as a Member of the ILS Executive Committee.

Executive Committee Advisors

We believe it is important to continue recruiting talented, committed individuals to the ILS Executive Committee. With that in mind, we would like to add the following individuals to serve as Advisors during the 2016-2017 year.

1. Richard (Ric) Bainter (District 4)
2. Rita Giebel (District 4)
3. Bora Rawcliffe (District 4 - in the process of moving to London, England)

Conclusion

The ILS Executive Committee makes a concerted effort to diversify, strengthen and enhance the volunteers who serve on the ILS Executive Committee. Our goal this year was to select leaders who (1) are committed to service to the ILS and The State Bar of California, (2) reflect the membership of The State Bar of California, including seasoned representatives of the governmental agencies, and (3) share a similar and committed vision for the future of the ILS and The State Bar of California.

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We believe that one of the important tasks in the 2016-2017 year is to continue engaging the ILS members and recruiting new ILS members, including from the various foreign bar associations, for the purpose of continued growth of the ILS. We believe this the slate of the Officers, the Members and the Advisors will help us achieve that goal.

Also, with the implementation of the requirements under Bagley-Keene, we were careful, in our process, to include and select individuals who are committed to legal compliance, who are dedicated and hard-working, and who would interact and work well with the entire ILS Executive Committee, regardless of whether an Officer, a Member or an Advisor.

On behalf of the International Law Section, I respectfully request that the Nominations and Appointments Committee and the Board of Trustees approve the above nominations.

If you have any question or would like to discuss the nominations, please kindly contact me at (213) 270-9620.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harumi Hata
Chair, International Law Section

Proposed 2016-2017
Labor and Employment Law Section Executive Committee
(Appointed/Reappointed by the Board of Trustees July 22, 2016)

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Bryan J. Schwartz	Oakland	1	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Thomas A. Lenz	Cerritos	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Samson R. Elsbernd	Sacramento	3	9/15/2019
	Jinny Kim	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	Arthur A. Krantz	Oakland	1	9/15/2019
	Christy J. Kwon	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	Miri Song	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Deborah M. Allison	Sacramento	3	8/27/2017
	Laboni A. Hoq	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
	Chaya M. Mandelbaum	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	James W. Michalski	Tustin	2	8/27/2017
	Charles O. Thompson	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Laura Z. Davis	Oakland	1	9/16/2018
	Monica T. Guizar	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Joseph T. Ortiz	Riverside	4	9/16/2018
	Kristianne T. Seargent	Sacramento	3	9/16/2018



March 16, 2016

VIA EMAIL (Margarita.Manalo@calbar.ca.gov)
AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: Labor and Employment Law Section / Appointments Recommendations

Dear Ms. Manalo:

On behalf of the Labor and Employment Law Section, I am pleased to submit the names of five well-qualified candidates for the Labor and Employment Law Section Executive Committee and two alternative candidates.

SELECTION PROCESS

In considering candidates, we strive to select individuals who will serve the Labor and Employment Law Section well and provide appropriate diversity in many areas. We take into consideration the following criteria: (1) diversity; (2) demonstrated leadership qualities; (3) commitment to the State Bar Labor and Employment Law Section; and (4) other intangible qualities that will be beneficial to the Executive Committee and the Labor and Employment Law Section in general, such as former experience and an outstanding reputation in the field of labor and employment law. The Executive Committee makes a concerted effort to maintain an even balance of plaintiff/labor attorneys and defense/management attorneys.

The process of applying for appointment to the committee is announced throughout the year at our Section's activities and in our emailed publications. We also ask our Executive Committee members and advisors to personally encourage any well-qualified individual to apply for appointment.

During the Executive Committee's March Meeting, which was held by conference call on March 15, 2016, the Executive Committee reviewed applications from thirteen candidates, and discussed the qualifications of each applicant at length, weighing his or her years of practice, legal position (labor/management/neutral), experience, diversity, and intangibles. We then used the discussion and points of consideration to rank applicants. As Chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section, I submit

herewith the top five applicants for the Board of Trustees' consideration and approval and alternate candidates ranked in order of preference.

After the Board of Trustees makes its decisions concerning the applicants put forth for nomination in this letter, Executive Committee members will contact the unsuccessful applicants to encourage them to remain involved with the Labor and Employment Law Section. In most cases, candidates are encouraged to reapply in a subsequent year.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS & REAPPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee has a procedure for selecting a Secretary who, barring unforeseen circumstances, is nominated for the Vice-Chair position for the following year, and the Chair position the third year.

Bryan Schwartz, of Bryan Schwartz Law, was nominated in 2014 to serve as Secretary for the 2014-2015 term, re-nominated in 2015 to serve as Vice-Chair for the 2015-2016 term and Chair for the 2016-2017 term. At the March 15, 2016 meeting, the Labor and Employment Law Section's Executive Committee re-confirmed their selection of Mr. Schwartz to serve as Chair of the Executive Committee for the 2016-2017 term. By this letter, I ask the Board of Trustees to confirm the Executive Committee's selection of Bryan Schwartz as Chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section's Executive Committee for the 2016-2017 term.

At the March 15, 2016 meeting Thomas Lenz, of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo was selected to serve as Vice-Chair for the 2016-2017 term, and barring unforeseen circumstances, will serve as Chair for the 2017-2018 term.

Ramit Mizrahi was selected on March 15, 2016 to serve as Secretary for the 2016-2017 term, and barring unforeseen circumstances, will serve as Vice-Chair for the 2017-2018 term and Chair for the 2018-2019 term. Her role will be as a non-voting advisor Secretary for the 2016-2017 term.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Labor and Employment Section's Executive Committee considered 13 applications for new committee members at its March 15, 2016 committee meeting. Guided by its review of legal position, diversity factors, members' personal knowledge of the candidates and an extensive discussion of each applicant's qualifications, the Executive Committee selected the following five applicants, in the order presented, to fill the five vacancies created for 2016-2017. Listed next are the alternate candidates, ranked in the order presented.

1. Samson Elsbernd has been an attorney for 7 years. He is a defense counsel at Wilke Flury Hoffelt Gould & Birney LLP in Sacramento. Samson has been an advisor to the Labor & Employment Law Section and a former CYLA liaison to the Section. He has participated on numerous

Section activities, including serving as vice-chair of the Section's new Basic Wage and Hour Conference, speaking on several panel presentations, and coordinating Section webinars.

2. Arthur Krantz has been an attorney for 19 years. He is plaintiff counsel at the Oakland law firm of Lenard Carder, LLP. Arthur has been active in the Section and has been a speaker on past Section education programs. He has published widely-read treatises and newsletters and would be an invaluable asset to the Law Review committee.

3. Jinny Kim has been an attorney for 17 years. She is a plaintiff counsel for the Legal Aid Society Employment Law Center in San Francisco. Jinny also practices disability rights law.

4. Cristy Kwon has been an attorney for 15 years. She is a supervisory attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, Region 20, in San Francisco where she investigates more than 150 unfair labor practice cases a year. Christy also supervises and directs the litigation of approximately 10-15 trials a year.

5. Miri Song has been practicing law for 3 years and recently moved from the office of the Attorney General to become defense counsel at Paul Hastings in Los Angeles. She has experience working on the Labor Section's Law Review. She is highly recommended by several members of the Executive Committee.

6. Carl Botterud (*alternate #1*) has been practicing law for more than 23 years. His practice areas have been extremely diverse. He has served as both defense and plaintiff counsel. He is a mediator and has been a neutral in more than 70 labor and employment law matters.

7. Scott Stillman (*alternate #2*) has 7 years of legal experience and currently is plaintiff counsel at McGuinn, Hillsman & Palefsky in San Francisco. He has been a speaker on Labor & Employment Law Section webinars, and organized several Diversity Summits for the California Employment Lawyers Association Diversity Committee. He will be an asset to the Section's education program committee.

Additional Alternates ranked in order:

8. Shanae Buffington
9. Andrea Dooley
10. Angel Horacek
11. Shannon Shewsbury
12. Evan Koch
13. Dennis Cook

The proposed candidates reflect an energetic, well-qualified group. They represent a wide range of practice areas and experience, and will make a significant contribution to the Labor and Employment Law Section Executive Committee's mission. Our existing and proposed Executive Committee members

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are diverse in background, ethnicity, geographic location, employer type/size, and areas of practice. We believe all of the recommended candidates are qualified and we request that the Board of Trustees approve all of them.

Should you or the Board of Trustees have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Amy Oppenheimer
Chair, Labor and Employment Section
The State Bar of California

cc: Bryan Schwartz, Labor and Employment Law Section Vice-Chair (via e-mail)
Pam Wilson, Director of Sections (via e-mail pam.wilson@calbar.ca.gov)
Carol Zlongst, Section Staff Administrator (via e-mail carol.zlongst@calbar.ca.gov)

Proposed: 2016-2017
Law Practice Management & Technology Section Executive Committee
(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

Terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2016 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 2, 2016). The officer terms are one year and expire at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (August 27, 2017). *Member terms expire at the close of the State Bar Annual Meeting on the date, or in the year, indicated.*

POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Peter N. Brewer	Palo Alto	6	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT MEMBER	Araceli Almazan	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Clayton Dodds	Palo Alto	6	9/15/2019
	Jason A. Peterson	Santa Clara	6	9/15/2019
	Cari M. Pines	Encino	2	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Jeffrey M. Bennion	San Diego	4	8/27/2017
	Eri M. Burns	Encino	2	8/27/2017
	Martin L. Dean	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Michael R. Fenger	Oakland	1	8/27/2017
	Donna W. Low	Sacramento	3	8/27/2017
	Annie S. Parrish	San Diego	4	8/27/2017
	Cynthia J. Mascio	Cerritos	2	9/16/2018
	Christi McGowan	San Clemente	4	9/16/2018
	George N. Seide	Calabasas	2	9/16/2018

APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY SECTION

DATE: June 14, 2016
TO: Members, Nominations and Appointments Committee
FROM: Kurt Obermeyer
RE: Appointment Recommendations for Law Practice Management & Technology

Background/Process: At its Conference Call meeting on June 13, 2016, the LPMT Executive Committee resolved to recommend to the Board of Trustees the following individuals for appointment to the LPMT Executive Committee as members for three-year and one year terms, beginning at the conclusion of this fall's Annual Meeting of the State Bar. Applications were reviewed by the entire Executive Committee and then ranked accordingly. In evaluating the qualifications of the applicants, the LPMT Executive Committee considers the following factors: knowledge in the fields of law practice management and technology, leadership skills and diversity.

Three Year Term

1. **Aracelli Alamazan**-Ms. Aracelli is a practicing attorney at the Law Offices of Stephenson, Acquisto & Coleman, Inc. She specializes in Healthcare Law Litigation and has been a delegate with the Los Angeles County Bar Association for two consecutive years (2013, 2014). She is also a committee member with the American Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee (LRIS). In addition she volunteers with non-profit organizations such as Los Angeles Mission in Skid Row and Hermanas Unidas Inc. Ms. Aracelli has held leadership roles in her academic and professional career. She is a good public speaker and has a passion towards helping attorneys better manage their practice so as to more efficiently and expediently provide legal services to clients.
2. **Cari Pines**-Ms. Pines is a practicing Family Law attorney with over 23 years' experience. Her Firm, Pines Law group, is in Encino, CA. In addition to her practicing law, Ms. Hines is a proponent of how technology can assist law firms in being more efficient. As an active member and officer for various Family Law organizations, she regularly experience a wide base of community Involvement and support from not only family law attorneys but also judicial officers, mental health and forensic experts throughout the field as well as non-profit legal aid providers and practitioners. She is the Chair of the ADR/CDR/Mediation Sub-Committee of LACBA's Family Law Section and the Administrator of the LACBA Family Law Section's Daily Settlement Officer

Program at the Mosk Courthouse. As an example of her experience, when Los Angeles Superior Court was forced to close the ADR office three years ago, she assumed the administration of this program on behalf of LACBA in order to preserve its role in our community which was faced with closure without LASC staffing and support. She immediately took the entire program online and developed an internet based calendaring and notification system. The program, over 200 volunteers strong, now runs entirely paperless and the coordination between the Court and the Bar has become entirely internet based. She will be a welcome addition to the LPMT Section.

3. **Clayton Dodds-** Mr. Dodds works for a Law Firm in Palo Alto California specializing in Marketing for the Firm. He brings a much needed background in Marketing and administration at the firm level to our committee and we think he will be a welcome addition. In addition to his firm level experience and background, Mr. Dodds is a member of Legal Marketing Association (LMA), Planning Committee, LMA Technology Conference 2015 & 2016, Co-Chair, Communications Committee, LMA-Bay Area Chapter Board of Directors 2016 Executive Committee Volunteer, FIRST® Tech Challenge. As we continue to find better ways to market not only the LPMT but also assist our members in better ways to market their firms, we look forward to having Mr. Dodds on our Exec Comm.
4. **Jason Peterson-** Mr. Peterson is a Law School student at the Santa Clara University of Law. We as a board are excited to have a current law school student on our Ex Comm to give us a better understanding as to what Law Firm students need and currently acquire in school from a law firm practice standpoint. We have long discussed the need for the right student to join our committee but have had few options to this point. In addition to his work in school, Mr. Peterson is a First-year representative with the Privacy Law Organization at Santa Clara Law that work with students to network with privacy lawyers in the Silicon Valley area. As a long time tech-enthusiast and paralegal turned law student, his goal is to work with the state bar to get students and new attorneys practice-ready with a technical skill set absent from traditional law school courses. His personal experience ranges from computer technician, to trial and mediation preparation, to a-discovery, but his most important attribute is that as a law student in the California Bay Area, he witnesses first-hand the needs of those just passing the bar and entering the legal profession. Working in this position he would like assist the state bar and LPMT involve law students throughout California more involved with the technology trends in the legal profession and coordinate CLE events. His goal in working with the Law Practice Management and Technology Committee is to offer a law student's perspective and get the state bar more

involved to help get the training out there to make more marketable students, and eventually better attorneys. This is a valuable perspective for our committee as we continue to find ways to assist younger attorneys in practice management.

Officer Nominations: At its Conference Call meeting on June 13, 2016, the LPMT Executive Committee resolved to recommend to the Board of Trustees the following individuals for appointment to the LPMT Executive Committee as Officers of the LPMT Executive Committee for a one year term beginning at the conclusion of this fall's Annual Meeting of the State Bar. Nominations were made via e-mail and during the meeting on June 13. Further nominations for the other seats will be forthcoming. The following Individuals were selected based primarily on their service to the LPMT Executive Committee.

Chair: Peter Brewer – Mr. Brewer has been a lawyer for over 35 years, and is also licensed by the California Bureau of Real Estate as a real estate broker. Mr. Brewer has served on the LPMT Executive Committee for many years and has contributed content and articles for both the eNews and ETBL. He is very well regarded within our group and will be a great addition to the leadership body of the LPMT Executive Committee. Mr. Brewer started his own firm in 1995. The firm has grown to five attorneys, practicing real estate and lending law. The firm serves the legal needs of homeowners, purchasers and sellers, real estate and mortgage brokers, agents, brokerages, title companies, investors, other real estate professionals and their clients. Mr. Brewer and his firm also represent clients in debt collection, creditor representation in bankruptcy, breach of contract matters, and other litigation and transactional work. He has served as Vice Chair this past year and worked closely with the Chair on future collaborations and efforts to be completed by the LPMT Section.

For the balance of the board positions, we will be taking further requests over the next few weeks and will be forwarding those nominations for your consideration at your next board meeting.

If I can be of any further assistance to the Board, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kurt Obermeyer

Chair, Law Practice Management and Technology Section
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**Proposed: 2016-2017
Litigation Section Executive Committee**

(Appointed/Reappointed by the Board of Trustees July 22, 2016)

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Kathleen H. Brewer	Westlake Village	2	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT SECRETARY	W.G. Wailes	Redwood City	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Michael E. Hanna	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	Rex S. Heinke	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
	Wendy W. Huang	Newport Beach	4	9/15/2019
	Jonathan A. Patchen	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	Jessica L. Riggan	San Francisco	1	9/15/2019
	Timothy R. Sullivan	Fresno	5	9/15/2019
	Michelle M. Wolfe	Riverside	4	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Terrance J. Evans	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Susan K. Horst	San Francisco	1	8/27/2017
	Kevin J. Kelley	San Diego	4	8/27/2017
	Jessica Barclay-Strobel	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Michael F. Kelleher	Oakland	1	9/16/2018
	Mary T. McKelvey	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Denise Thompson	Glendale	2	9/16/2018
	Christopher G. VanGundy	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018



LITIGATION SECTION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

April 7, 2016

Re: Litigation Section Appointment Nominations for 2016-2017 Term

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees:

Please accept this letter as the Litigation Section's nomination of officers and new members of the Executive Committee for the upcoming year.

Nomination Process

Our Executive Committee members nominated four current members to become officers.

We also received 8 applications for membership in the Executive Committee. Our Executive Committee members and advisors discussed the candidates at a meeting on February 27, 2016. Each member ranked the candidates based on their professional and volunteer experience, recommendations, diversity factors, and the needs of the Executive Committee.

Officer Nominations

1. Kathleen H. Brewer – Chair. Kathleen Brewer is a solo practitioner in Westlake Village and currently serves as vice-chair, having previously served as treasurer and secretary. She is editor-in-chief of California Litigation Review, chair of the Internal Allocation/State Bar Structure Working Group, and an active volunteer in other section activities. Her experience, industry, and ability make her an ideal candidate to chair the section. ***Kathy will serve as an Executive Committee member.***

2. Megan A. Rowe – Vice-chair. Megan Rowe is of counsel for Kennaday, Leavett and Daponte in Sacramento and currently serves as treasurer, having previously served as secretary. She is chair of the Marketing working group and an active volunteer in other section activities. Her experience, industry, and ability make her an ideal candidate for vice-chair. ***Megan will serve as an advisor in 2016-2017, not a member, to enable her to serve as a member in the following year as chair.***

3. J. Thomas Greene – Treasurer. Thomas Greene is Special Trial Counsel for the Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Competition in San Francisco and currently serves as secretary. He is chair of the Core Skills working group and an active volunteer in other section activities. His experience, industry, and ability make him an ideal candidate for treasurer. ***Tom will serve as an advisor in 2016-2017, not a member, to enable him to serve as a member in the following year as vice-chair.***

4. W. George Wailes – Secretary. George Wailes is Senior Counsel for Aaron, Riechert, Carpol & Riffle in Redwood City. He is vice-chair of the Core Skills working group and an active volunteer in other section activities. His experience, industry, and ability make him an ideal candidate for secretary. ***George will serve as an Executive Committee member.***

New Executive Committee Member Nominations

The Executive Committee is nominating the following distinguished individuals to become members, ranked in the order indicated.

1. Jonathan A. Patchen is an attorney with Taylor & Co. Law Offices in San Francisco. He previously served as chair of the San Francisco Bar Association and has other valuable volunteer experience.
2. Rex S. Heinke is a partner with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in Los Angeles. He organizes an annual conference on federal and state appeals and has extensive volunteer experience.
3. Timothy R. Sullivan is an attorney with McCormick, Barstow in Fresno. He previously served as president of the Fresno County Bar Association and vice-chair of the State Bar's Real Property Section, and has authored chapters in several CEB books.
4. Michelle M. Wolfe is an attorney with Varner & Brandt in Riverside. She has 25 years of litigation experience and has volunteer experience for local bar associations and organizations serving the disabled.
5. Michael E. Hanna is an attorney with Morris Polich & Purdy in San Francisco. He serves on the board of his family-owned wine business and has also volunteered for university alumni associations. Two of our former Executive Committee chairs recommended him for appointment.
6. Jessica L. Riggin is an attorney with Rukin Hyland Doria & Tindall in San Francisco. She has served as a speaker and a moderator for educational programs and has authored articles for legal publications.
7. Wendy W. Huang is an attorney with Crown Realty & Development in Irvine. She has served as general counsel for real estate development companies for many years and has volunteer experience with bar associations and other organizations, including leadership positions.

Other Candidates – candidates who are not appropriate for appointment at this time:

1. Ralph D. Kerwan

We are very proud to offer such a distinguished and diverse group of nominees for officers and Executive Committee members. We feel confident that they will carry forward the section's tradition of excellence. If you have any questions regarding our nomination process or the nominees, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Ben Ginsburg, Chair
Litigation Section of the State Bar of California

**Proposed 2016-2017
Public Law Section Executive Committee**

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	John M. Appelbaum	Sacramento	3	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Scott S. Smith	Irvine	4	8/27/2017
	Rachel H. Sommovilla	Richmond	1	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT SECRETARY	Michelle M. Kenyon	Oakland	1	8/27/2017
REAPPOINT TREASURER	Ryan M. Baron	Santa Ana	4	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Carmen L. Gibbs	Sacramento	3	9/15/2019
	Kathleen A. Kane	Burlingame	1	9/15/2019
	Holly E. Rickett	Santa Rosa	1	9/15/2019
	Christopher B. Whitman	Martinez	1	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Bernadette S. Curry	Fairfield	1	8/27/2017
	Christopher J. Diaz	Walnut Creek	1	8/27/2017
	Nina F. Dong	Martinez	1	8/27/2017
	Tiffani L. Shin	El Segundo	2	8/27/2017
	Alexander M. Calero	San Diego	4	9/16/2018
	Caroline B. Fowler	Santa Rosa	1	9/16/2018
	Tara L. Newman	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Eugene J. Park	El Cerrito	1	9/16/2018
	Arthur J. Wylene	Red Bluff	3	9/16/2018



PUBLIC LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 27, 2015

Members of the Nominations and Appointments Committee
Appointments Office
State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: California State Bar Public Law Section Executive Committee

Dear Members:

At its April 1, 2016 meeting, the Public Law Section Executive Committee ("PLSEC") considered the appointment of officers for the 2016-17 term and applications for new member appointments to the Executive Committee. The PLSEC voted to make the following recommendations for the coming year:

Officers

2016-17 Chair: John M. Appelbaum

Mr. Appelbaum has been a member of the PLSEC since October 2012, and currently serves as the Vice Chair. He is a Deputy Attorney General with the State of California. Mr. Appelbaum was co-chair of the PLSEC's Education, Membership, and Public Records Act Conference Subcommittees. Additionally, he has served on the Public Lawyer of the Year, Student Writing Competition, and Mentoring/CYLA Subcommittees. Mr. Appelbaum has done an outstanding job with the Committees, and has contributed greatly to the several-hundred member increase in Section membership. If confirmed, this will be Mr. Appelbaum's fifth year on the PLSEC, as permitted by the State Bar's Appointment Policies and Procedures as well as the PLSEC's bylaws. He will be an excellent Chair in 2016-2017.

2016-17 Vice-Chair: Scott C. Smith

Mr. Smith has been a member of the PLSEC since October 2012. He is a partner with the law firm of Best, Best, and Krieger in its Irvine office, where he is a member of the Municipal Law group. He is the City Attorney for the cities of Aliso Viejo and Lake Forest. Mr. Smith has co-chaired the Publications and Student Writing Competition Subcommittees, and has been an active member of the Education, Membership, and Public Records Act Conference Subcommittees. He has been a very hard-working member of the PLSEC, and can always be counted on for insightful guidance. If confirmed, this will be Mr. Smith's fifth year on the PLSEC, as permitted by the State Bar's Appointment Policies and

Procedures as well as the PLSEC's bylaws. The PLSEC bylaws also authorize multiple vice-chairpersons. He will make an excellent Vice-Chair in 2016-17.

2016-17 Vice-Chair: Rachel Sommovilla

Ms. Sommovilla has been a member of the PLSEC since October 2012. She is an Assistant City Attorney in the Richmond, California City Attorney's Office. Prior to that, she was a Deputy County Counsel for the Contra Costa County Counsel's Office. Ms. Sommovilla has been the co-chair of the Student Writing Competition Subcommittee, and an active member of the Education, Public Lawyer of the Year Award, and Publication Subcommittees. Ms. Sommovilla has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Section, and has contributed significant efforts towards the Section and subcommittees. If confirmed, this will be Ms. Sommovilla's fifth year on the PLSEC, as permitted by the State Bar's Appointment Policies and Procedures as well as the PLSEC's bylaws. The PLSEC bylaws also authorize multiple vice-chairpersons. She will make an excellent Vice-Chair in 2016-17.

2016-17 Treasurer: Ryan M. Baron

Mr. Baron has been a member of the PLSEC since October 2013. He is a Senior Deputy County Counsel in the Office of the County of Orange County Counsel, where he advises the Board of Supervisors and various agencies on energy and gas, communications law, infrastructure, water quality regulation and climate change. He previously practiced with Kellog, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel, a Washington D.C. law firm, where he focused on telecommunications litigation. Mr. Baron has been the co-chair of the Education and Membership committee and has played an invaluable role in the PLSEC's educational programming. If confirmed, this will be Mr. Baron's fourth year on the PLSEC, as permitted by the State Bar's Appointment Policies and Procedures as well as the PLSEC's bylaws. He will make an excellent Treasurer in 2016-17.

2016-17 Secretary: Michelle M. Kenyon

Ms. Kenyon has been a member of the PLSEC since October 2013. She is a partner at Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, where she provides legal representation for cities and other public agencies. Ms. Kenyon has worked extensively on the PLSEC to increase membership and also programming and outreach to the Section members. If confirmed, this will be Ms. Kenyon's fourth year on the PLSEC, as permitted by the State Bar's Appointment Policies and Procedures as well as the PLSEC's bylaws. He will make an excellent Secretary in 2016-17.

New Member Appointments

With regard to new members of the Executive Committee commencing with the 2016-17 year, the PLSEC received 5 applications to fill 4 positions on a 17-member roster. In recommending appointments to the PLSEC commencing with the 2016-17 year, the PLSEC thoroughly discussed and considered the

State Bar of California Board of Trustees' Appointment Policies and Procedures. The PLSEC relied on several criteria in determining the most qualified applicants, including professional experience and length of time in the field of public law, professional contributions, interest in the practice of public law, other volunteer positions, and any other special expertise. The PLSEC was also mindful of the need to maintain and encourage diversity with respect to geography, gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation. After discussion and review of the qualifications presented by the applicants and any letters of recommendation, the PLSEC makes the following recommendations:

1. Carmen L. Gibbs

Ms. Gibbs is Staff Counsel at the State of California, Department of Community Services and Development. Before serving as Staff Counsel, Ms. Gibbs was the Rural Fair Housing Center Manager for California Rural Legal Assistance in Marysville, CA. Ms. Gibbs has also clerked with Bay Area Legal Aid, the Child Advocacy Law Clinic at the University of San Francisco, and Alameda County District Attorney's office. She was admitted to practice law in California in June 2013. Ms. Gibbs has a demonstrated commitment to helping low-income families and working on access to justice for communities.

2. Kathleen A. Kane

Ms. Kane is City Attorney for the City of Burlingame. She has held that position since 2013. She previously served as the City Attorney for the City of East Palo Alto and as an attorney at Aaronson, Dickerson, Cohn & Lanzone. From 1999-2000 she was a law clerk to the Honorable Fortunato Benavides, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth District. Ms. Kane is active with the League of Cities City Attorney Division and is well versed in solo- and small-office management. She currently serves as a solo practitioner, responsible for general counsel services, code enforcement, and risk management for a city of 28,000. She is also a former board member of the Court Appointed Special Advocates of San Mateo County. Ms. Kane will bring an important perspective to the PLSEC since section members include sole-practitioners.

3. Holly E. Rickett

Ms. Rickett is a Deputy County Counsel for the County of Sonoma. Ms. Rickett brings a broad background in public service which ranges from service on a Grand Jury, to Board of Directors of a Bar Association, to current service on a Bench/Bar Committee with civil judges. She is also a Professor at Empire College, School of Law and active volunteer in her community. Ms. Rickett was recommended for the appointment by former PLSEC Chair, Sheryl Bratton, and current PLSEC member, Caroline Fowler.

4. **Christopher B. Whitman**

Mr. Whitman is a Deputy County Counsel in the Office of the County Counsel. Mr. Whitman also has experience in private practice and as a staff attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Mr. Whitman has previously applied for the PLSEC and he has also volunteered his time with the PLSEC, including assisting the Publications Committee by writing an article about the 2014 Public Records and Open Meetings Conference. Mr. Whitman will be a great addition to the PLSEC.

The PLSEC believes that the appointment of these four new members would bring additional diversity and experience to the PLSEC. If the recommended candidates are appointed, the PLSEC will have a reasonable balance of members employed by public agencies and members employed by private firms. It will also have a reasonable balance of members from Southern California and Northern California. Sectors represented by the PLSEC with the proposed new members include cities, counties, and departments of the State of California.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to the Board of Trustees in making recommendations for appointment to the PLSEC. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth G. Pianca
2015-16 Chair, Public Law Section Executive Committee

cc: Stephanie Carman, Section Coordinator, State Bar
Pam Wilson, Director of Sections, State Bar
John Appelbaum, PLSEC Vice-Chair

**Proposed 2016-2017
Real Property Law Section Executive Committee**
(Appointed/Reappointed by the Board of Trustees July 22, 2016)

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Donald E. Remensperger	Los Angeles	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	Cosmos E. Eubany	Redlands	4	8/27/2017
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	Jacqueline V. Frederick	Nipomo	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	Christine M. Gregorak	Sausalito	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	Matthew C. Henderson	Walnut Creek	1	8/27/2017
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	Gary M. Laturno	Lemon Grove	4	8/27/2017
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Tara R. Burd	San Diego	4	9/15/2019
	Steven W. DeLateur	Palm Desert	4	9/15/2019
	Gregg A. Martin	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019
	Jeremy L. Olsan	Santa Rosa	1	9/15/2019
	Jo A. Woodsum	Truckee	3	9/15/2019
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Norman A. Chernin	Los Angeles	2	9/16/2018
	Steven M. Cvitanovic	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018
	Neil D. Kalin	Los Angeles	1	9/16/2018
	Thomas E. Lombardi	Los Angeles	1	9/16/2018
	Christina R. Sansone	Glendale	2	9/16/2018



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May 20, 2016

By email -- margarita.manalo@calbar.ca.gov

Members of the Nominations and Appointments
Committee
Appointments Office
State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: California State Bar Real Property Law Section

Dear Members:

Subject to your approval, the Real Property Law Section has appointed the following persons as officers and new members respectively for the 2016-2017 year.

Officers

Chair	Donald E. Remensperger
Vice Chair	Cosmos E. Eubany
Vice Chair	Jacqueline V. Frederick
Vice Chair	Christine M. Gregorak
Vice Chair	Matthew C. Henderson
Vice Chair	Gary M. Laturno

New Member Appointment Recommendations (listed in ranked order)

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| 1. | Jeremy L. Olsan | (District 1) |
| 2. | Jo Ann Woodsum | (District 3) |
| 3. | Tara R. Burd | (District 4) |
| 4. | Steven W. DeLateur | (District 4) |
| 5. | Gregg A. Martin | (District 2) |

Alternate

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| 6. | John C. Murphy | (District 4) |
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Members of the Nominations and Appointments Committee
Re: California State Bar Real Property Law Section
May 20, 2016
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Thank you very much for your consideration and your service as members of the committee.

Yours very truly,

Randall G. Block
Sedgwick LLP

cc: Julie Martinez
Stephanie Carman

Proposed: 2016-2017
Solo and Small Firm Section Executive Committee
(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, July 22, 2016)

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Megan E. Zavieh	Alpharetta, GA		8/27/2017
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Ritzel S. Ngo	Pasadena	2	8/27/2017
APPOINT TREASURER	Renee N. Galente Ganci	San Diego	4	8/27/2017
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Steven M. Mayer	Encino	2	8/27/2017
	Glenn E. VonTersch	Belmont	1	8/27/2017
	Trina Chatterjee	Oakland	1	9/16/2018
	Jeremy M. Evans	San Diego	4	9/16/2018
	Charles H. Jung	San Francisco	1	9/16/2018



SOLO AND SMALL FIRM PRACTICE SECTION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

June 24, 2016

Appointments Administrator
The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Nominations for Officers the Solo & Small Firm Section Executive Committee

On behalf of our Executive Committee, I am submitting the nominations for new Executive Committee Officers for 2016-2017 for the Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of California. The actions were approved by the current Executive Committee on June 18, 2016.

Executive Committee Officer Nominees

For 2016-2017 Chair: Megan Zavieh

Megan Zavieh focuses her practice exclusively on attorney ethics, providing limited and full scope representation to attorneys facing State Bar disciplinary action, providing guidance to practicing attorneys on questions of legal ethics, and writing about ethics at Lawyerist.com, AttorneyatWork.com and her own blog CaliforniaStateBarDefense.com. Megan earned her J.D. at age 21 from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) in 1999, graduating Order of the Coif. After clerking for the Honorable Evan J. Wallach at the U.S. Court of International Trade in New York, she went on to practice securities litigation at three top firms in the New York area. Megan was Vice Chair for 2015-2016 providing excellent support to the Chair throughout the year. She is a contributing writer to our publication, BigNews, serves on the editorial board for BigNews and has temporarily stepped in as Editor in Chief when we needed help. Megan has also continued assisting the Chair of our membership subcommittee this past year. Megan will make an excellent Chair for the Solo and Small Firm Executive Committee.

For 2016-2017 Vice Chair: Ritzel Ngo

Ritzel Ngo focuses her practice exclusively on Family Law with special focus on domestic violence issues. Before practicing family law, Ms. Ngo worked for the Federal Reserve Bank where she handled compliance and regulatory matters. Ms. Ngo earned her law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law. She is a graduate of California State University, Northridge with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Women's Studies. Ritzel served this past year on the Committee as our Treasurer providing monthly financial reports. She is a frequent speaker at the Annual Meeting as well as the Solo Summit. Ritzel will be a dynamic addition to the Executive Committee leadership.

For 2016-2017 Treasurer: Renee Galente

Renee Galente Renee obtained her Bachelor of Science in marketing and business administration prior to pursuing her Juris Doctor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, graduating with highest honors in 2008. Since then, she has deepened her legal knowledge through training in multiple areas at Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College, where she is now on faculty, and working with experienced litigators at one of San Diego's leading plaintiffs' personal injury firms before starting her own firm. She also remains abreast of developments in her practice areas through her many memberships in professional organizations, including the Lawyers Club of San Diego, Consumer Attorneys of San Diego and the San Diego County Bar Association, all of which have benefited from her service in multiple capacities. Renee is a serial volunteer and can always be counted on to take on any tough project required by the Committee. The entire Executive Committee for the Solo and Small Firm Section is honored to nominate her.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations from the Solo and Small Firm Section Executive Committee. If you have any questions or comments about this letter or our recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

Terry A. Szucsko, Chair
California State Bar Solo and Small Firm Section

**Proposed 2016-2017
Taxation Section Executive Committee**

(Appointed/Reappointed by the Board of Trustees July 22, 2016)

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<i>POSITION</i>	<i>MEMBER</i>	<i>CITY</i>	<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES</i>
APPOINT NEW MEMBER	Chad D. Nardiello	Los Angeles	2	9/15/2019



TAXATION SECTION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

March 28, 2015

VIA EMAIL (Margarita.Manalo@calbar.ca.gov)
AND U.S. MAIL

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Ms. Margarita Manalo
Appointments Office
State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

Re: Taxation Section / Appointments Recommendations

Dear Ms. Manalo:

By letter dated March 29, 2016, I submitted the names of four candidates for the Taxation Section Executive Committee. On behalf of the Taxation Section, I am submitting the names of two additional candidates, one to serve as the fifth candidate for the Taxation Section Executive Committee and the other to serve as an alternate.

SELECTION PROCESS

In considering candidates, the Executive Committee strives to select individuals who will serve the Taxation Section well and provide appropriate diversity in many areas. During our review, we give credit to individuals who 1) satisfy diversity criteria we believe the Executive Committee currently lacks and that would strengthen representation of all of our membership by being represented on the Executive Committee, 2) have demonstrated leadership qualities, commitment to tax practice and to the State Bar Taxation Section through prior activities with the Bar or other bar associations, and 3) possess other intangible qualities that we believe will be beneficial to the Executive Committee and the Taxation Section in general, such as former government experience, an outstanding reputation in the field of tax law, and other qualities. These factors are discussed in more detail below.

We announce the process of applying for appointment throughout the year at our Section's activities and by a published appointment process. We also ask our Executive Committee members, past members, and standing committee members to personally encourage any well-qualified individual to apply for appointment.

At the Executive Committee's summer meeting, which was held from June 17-18, 2016, in Squaw Valley, California, the Executive Committee reviewed applications from four candidates and discussed the qualifications of each applicant at length, weighing his or her years of practice, experience in the field of taxation, diversity, and intangibles. Prior to beginning our discussions, the Executive Committee members identified areas in which the Committee needs diversity and other factors (see detailed discussion below) and gave points to candidates for meeting diversity and other factors. We then

used that point system to help rank applicants. As Chair of the Taxation Section, I submit herewith the top two applicants for the Board of Trustees' consideration and approval.

After the Board of Trustees makes its decisions concerning the applicants put forth for nomination in this letter, Executive Committee members will contact the unsuccessful applicants to encourage them to remain involved with the Taxation Section. In most cases, candidates are encouraged to reapply in a subsequent year.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following is a summary of some factors used by the Executive Committee in its selection process.

Experience

Applicants with significant practice years and bar association involvement tend to bring with them a wealth of positive input and guidance to the Executive Committee. As a result, this is one of the factors the Executive Committee tends to value in its consideration of prospective candidates. Because the Taxation Section has so many active projects requiring expertise and experience in specific tax disciplines, especially in connection with our numerous federal and state projects and educational programs, the Executive Committee considers candidates with a minimum of five years or more in tax practice. Applicants who do not have the requisite years of tax practice experience are encouraged to either remain or become involved with one or more of the Section's numerous standing committees so they can build on their credentials and acquire a strong working knowledge of the Section and its varied ongoing projects. In addition, we encourage new practitioners to become active in one of the several local chapters of our very successful Young Tax Lawyers Committee.

Prior State and Local Bar Activity and Related Experience

We give credit to each applicant who has already made significant contributions to the Taxation Section or to his or her local county bar through chairing a substantive committee or serving in some other meaningful capacity. We believe the important criteria for selection to the Executive Committee are significant experience in tax law and commitment to public service. Prior participation by an applicant in state or local bar activities enables us to assess an applicant's expertise, dedication to public service, and overall ability to contribute to the tax profession and public at large.

Diversity Factors

We strive to have the Executive Committee represent the diverse population in the tax community at large. Throughout the years, the Section has engaged in recruitment efforts in minority communities by contacting local and minority bar associations, contacting tax lawyers directly to encourage their participation, and presenting tax law seminars in different communities.

We also strive for geographic diversity. We give credit to candidates from regions not otherwise currently represented on the Executive Committee. Our two recommended candidates are from Los Angeles.

We also strive for diversity in technical practice areas within tax law and diversity of firm size and other employment perspectives in tax practice, such as in-house counsel and government experience. We give credit to applicants with needed qualifications. One of the two candidates is a sole practitioner who specializes in tax controversy and litigation. The second candidate is with a large law firm and specializes in corporate tax.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW

Guided by its objective criteria, members' personal knowledge of the candidates, and an extensive discussion of each applicant's qualifications, the Executive Committee selected the following applicants to fill the fifth vacancy and to be the alternate for 2016-2017:

Chad D. Nardiello was selected to fill the fifth vacancy for 2016-2017. Mr. Nardiello is a sole practitioner in Los Angeles, California, who specializes in civil and criminal tax controversy and tax matters. After graduating from the University of San Diego School of Law, he practiced for several years with a boutique law firm in Beverly Hills, California, following which he served as a Trial Attorney with the United States Department of Justice Tax Division in Washington, D.C. He received two Department of Justice Special Commendations for his exemplary representation of the United States. He then practiced with Latham & Watkins in Washington, D.C., before returning to California and starting his own firm. He is a frequent speaker and author on civil and criminal tax controversy issues. He is well-known to several members of the Executive Committee, who highly regard him, and will make an excellent addition to the Committee.

Lora Cicconi is an associate with Greenberg Glusker in Los Angeles. Her practice focuses on representing closely-held corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies and advising on the tax aspects of mergers, acquisitions, private equity investments, and other transactions. She received her juris doctor degree from UCLA, where she was senior editor of the UCLA Law Review and recipient of the Bruce I. Hochman Award for Excellence in Tax Law. She served as law clerk to the Honorable Cynthia Holcomb Hall of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She has published a number of articles on tax matters and does pro bono work with the Inner City Law Center and Bet Tzedek. The Executive Committee believes she is an excellent candidate if one of the members of the Committee is unable to serve.

The two proposed candidates are energetic, well-qualified tax lawyers with a wide range of experience. They will significantly add to the Taxation Section's Executive Committee's capabilities.

ONGOING RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH

The Executive Committee has used its annual meeting (scheduled for San Diego, California, this year from October 26-28, 2016) and its other programs to attract diversity in attendance and membership. We have also used publications as well as our contacts in local bar associations and professional organizations to recruit members to the Section and its committees. The Section also has a Young Tax Lawyers Committee, formed in the early 1990s, whose members have become active in substantive law committees and in the Executive Committee.

Ms. Margarita Manalo
State Bar of California
June 20, 2016
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We believe our efforts to identify individuals who can provide diversity and are also highly qualified as tax lawyers have yielded favorable results. Our existing and proposed Executive Committee members are also diverse in geographic location, firm size, and areas of practice. We believe all of the recommended candidates are well qualified and we request the Board of Trustees to approve all of them.

Should you or the Board of Trustees have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Horwitz
Chair, Taxation Section
The State Bar of California

cc: Betty J. Williams, Taxation Section Chair-Elect (by email betty@williamstaxlaw.com)
Pam Wilson, Director of Sections (by email pam.wilson@calbar.ca.gov)
Lynn Taylor, Taxation Section Staff Liaison (by email lynn.taylor@calbar.ca.gov)

APPLICANT POOL

Entity: Taxation Section Executive Committee
Chair: Robert Samuel Horwitz (310)281-3200

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Pref	State Bar No	Nominees/Applicant Name	Principal Place of Business	City-State Bar District	Chair Recommendation Proposed Term	Notes/Board Comm. Action
1	245224	Buckley, Laura L.	Higgs Fletcher et al	San Diego-04	9/15/2019 May BOT	NEW APPOINTMENT
2	155065	Ewing, Elliott S.	Deloitte Tax	Sacramento-03	9/15/2019 MAY BOT	NEW APPOINTMENT
3	263647	Hopley, Courtney A.	Greenberg Traurig	San Francisco-01	9/15/2019 MAY BOT	NEW APPOINTMENT
4	229746	Immordino, Ciro M.	Franchise Tax Board	Rancho Cordova-03	9/15/2019 MAY BOT	**Same Firm/ NEW APPOINTMENT
5	224837	Nardiello, Chad D.	Self-employed	Los Angeles-02	9/15/2019	NEW APPOINTMENT

Alternates and Remaining Applicants

6	252146	Cicconi, Lora A.	Greenberg Glusker	Los Angeles-02
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Applicants Listed in Alphabetical Order(i.e., Not Ranked)

234488	Parker, Christophe R.	Moss Adams et al	Rancho Cordova-03
249228	Zbylut, Gregory A.	Grant, Tani, Barash	Beverly Hills-02

SPECIAL NOTATIONS:

Signature: _____