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**Proposed: 2017-2018
Criminal Law Section Executive Committee**

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, May 12, 2017)

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<i>POSITION</i>	<i>MEMBER</i>	<i>CITY</i>	<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>MEMBER TERM EXPIRES</i>
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Christopher M. Honigsberg	Santa Rosa	1	2018
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Albert Camacho	Los Angeles	2	2018
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Jeffrey A. Aaron	Riverside	4	2020
	Tony J. Cho	Los Angeles	2	2020
	Janet E. Hong	Los Angeles	2	2020
	William J. Schlaerth	Bakersfield	5	2020
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Wade K. Chow	San Francisco	1	2018
	Firdaus F. Dordi	Los Angeles	2	2018
	Jana M. Seng	Los Angeles	2	2018
	Tangela D. Terry	Los Angeles	2	2018
	Benjamin M. Beltramo	Oakland	1	2019
	Leif M. Dautch	San Francisco	1	2019
	Kurt D. Hermansen	San Diego	4	2019
	Allison G. Macbeth	San Francisco	1	2019

April 7, 2017

Office of Appointments
The State Bar of California
180 Howard St.
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Nominations to fill vacancies in the Criminal Law Section Executive Committee

Dear Office of Appointments:

On March 18, 2017, the Executive Committee of the Criminal Law Section held a teleconference in San Francisco and Los Angeles, California, to consider applications from individuals wishing to join the Committee for three-year terms commencing October, 2017.

After a vote from a quorum of current members, the following applicants were nominated to fill the vacancies that will exist on the Committee as of October 2017.

1. William J. Schlaerth
2. Janet E. Hong
3. Tony J. Cho
4. Jeffrey A. Aaron

The Executive Committee strives to maintain both geographic (Northern/Southern California) as well as job (defense/prosecution) balance. We look for practitioners who demonstrate a commitment to serving California's criminal law legal community and will bring significant professional skills and experience to that undertaking. As set forth below, the individuals nominated satisfy all criteria and will be valued additions to the committee:

William J. Schlaerth, Kern County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Schlaerth has been a prosecutor for 13 years. He is recommended highly by a deputy public defender and by a supervisor at his office. The deputy public defender has known Mr. Schlaerth for 9 years and attests to the applicant's intellect and ethical conduct as a prosecutor. Mr. Schlaerth's supervisor cites his "reputation for honesty, integrity, and hard work." Mr. Schlaerth is also involved in mentoring and conducting training sessions for his office. This nomination is of value to the Committee in part because of a desire to include members from California's Central Valley.

Janet E. Hong, defense attorney, private practice, Los Angeles. Ms. Hong fills a position on the Committee for a Southern California defense attorney. She has been practicing law for 14 years. She has demonstrated a commitment to public service through involvement in the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, the KW Lee Center for Leadership, and service as a mock trial and moot court judge for UCLA students. She has worked as a deputy public defender for 11 years. Ms. Hong is recommended by a Committee advisor, and by a member of the Los Angeles Alternate Public Defender. Ms. Hong's motivation toward public service and her experience as an attorney will be useful to the Committee's objectives.

Tony J. Cho, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Cho has been practicing law for 15 years, 11 of which have been with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Cho has demonstrated a commitment to public service. He is on the Board of Directors of the Korean Prosecutor's Association, where he serves on the Public Outreach Committee. His work on that committee involves conducting training seminars. This experience will make him an important asset to the Criminal Law Section Committee, as he will be able to effectively conduct presentations including webinars. Mr. Cho fills a position on the Committee for a Southern California prosecutor.

Jeffrey A. Aaron, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Riverside, California. Mr. Aaron has extensive experience, having practiced law for 27 years. His work is almost entirely in federal court, and thus, he represents an important constituency of Criminal Law Section members who are federal practitioners. He has a history of community service and has taught ethics, trial and appellate advocacy, professional responsibility, and white collar crime. He is highly recommended by practitioners who have worked with him. In addition, Mr. Aaron's location in Riverside County represents an area where the Committee seeks to expand its profile and reputation.

The foregoing applicants are being submitted for appointment because they fill prosecution and defense vacancies on the committee, and due to their experience and personal characteristics. They stood out from the remaining two unselected applicants in part, due to the length and extent of their experience as attorneys. The committee is not identifying an alternate this year.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 443-7141.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Warriner
Chair, Executive Committee
Criminal Law Section
State Bar of California

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Entity: Criminal Law Section Executive Committee
Size of Entity: 17

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.

173846	Camacho, Albert	Public Defender's Ofc Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/VICE CHAIR 2018**	
181702	Fleming, Eric R.	DA's Ofc San Francisco-01	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
238552	Honigsberg, Christophe M.	DA's Ofc Santa Rosa-01	3/02/2012 Chair Elect	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/CHAIR 2018**	
227279	Rief, Sara E.	Law Ofcs of Stuart Hanlon San Francisco-01	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
166128	Warriner, Timothy E.	Self-employed Sacramento-03	9/18/2011 Chair	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
114152	White, Kerry L.	DA's Ofc Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	

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

168527	Chow, Wade K.	DA's Ofc San Francisco-01	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
186831	Dordi, Firdaus F.	Dordi Williams Cohen Los Angeles-02	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
217102	Seng, Jana M.	Public Defender's Ofc Los Angeles-02	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
224117	Terry, Tangela D.	Self-employed Los Angeles-02	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
220246	Beltramo, Benjamin M.	Ofc of DA's Oakland-01	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
283975	Dautch, Leif M.	DOJ San Francisco-01	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
166349	Hermansen, Kurt D.	Self-employed San Diego-04	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
203547	Macbeth, Allison G.	Ofc of DA's San Francisco-01	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		

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Annual Meeting dates to be determined.

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Entity: Criminal Law Section Executive Committee
Chair: Timothy Edward Warriner(916)443-7141

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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	219856	Schlaerth, William J.	Kern County DA's	Bakersfield-05	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
2	243607	Hong, Janet E.	Self-employed	Los Angeles-02	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
3	217387	Cho, Tony J.	Ofc of DA's	Los Angeles-02	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
4	135625	Aaron, Jeffrey A.	Ofc of Federal Public Defender	Riverside-04	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT

Applicants Listed in Alphabetical Order(i.e., Not Ranked)

256963	Bakhtjou, Arezou	Self-employed	Oakland-01
291898	Johnson, Amethyst D.	Self-employed	San Francisco-01

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Annual Meeting dates to be determined.

SPECIAL NOTATIONS:

Signature: _____

**Proposed 2017-2018
Environmental Law Section Executive Committee**
(Appointed/Reappointed by the Board of Trustees May 12, 2017)

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	K.E. Adair	Valencia	1	2018
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Nicole H. Gordon	Los Angeles	1	2018
APPOINT SECRETARY	Leah S. Goldberg	San Jose	6	2018
APPOINT TREASURER	Alisha M. Winterswyk	Irvine	4	2018
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	James M. Birkelund	San Francisco	1	2020
	Jessica Hafer Fierro	Fresno	5	2020
	Jeannie Lee	Sacramento	3	2020
	Ellen M. Peter	Sacramento	3	2020
	Jill E. Yung	Sacramento	3	2020
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Ellison Folk	San Francisco	1	2018
	Cara A. Horowitz	Los Angeles	2	2018
	Chelsea H. Tu	San Francisco	1	2018
	Rebecca R. Akroyd	Sacramento	3	2019
	Christian L. Marsh	San Francisco	1	2019
	Jennifer F. Novak	Rolling Hills Estates	2	2019
	Peter A. Nyquist	Los Angeles	2	2019
	Allison C. Smith	Sacramento	3	2019
	Julia E. Stein	Los Angeles	2	2019



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April 10, 2017

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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 2017-2018 year and for new Executive Committee members for 2017-2020 terms.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICER NOMINATIONS:

The Executive Committee nominates the following officers:

Chair:	K. Eric Adair	District 2
Vice Chair:	Nicole Gordon	District 2
Secretary:	Alisha Winterswyk	District 4
Treasurer:	Leah Goldberg	District 6

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 10, 2017 regular meeting. For three of the four positions there was only one nominee. For the Vice-Chair position, there were two nominees. 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 three of the four names as the Executive Committee's nominees for its leadership for 2017-2018. The motion to approve the 3 nominees passed unanimously. The Vice-Chair position was voted on separately and one candidate received a majority of the votes. The four nominees' qualifications for the respective positions for which they have been nominated include the following:

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. Last year, Mr. Adair is served as a co-chair of the Section's annual Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite as well as our Energy

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committee. Last year Mr. Adair led the planning efforts for our Central Valley “Your Voice” in Spring 2015. He also has helped plan our Negotiations Competitions.

Vice Chair: 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. Gordon is currently Secretary and serves as Education Chair, and she has been very active in Section activities. Last year she served as a co-chair of the Section’s annual Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite to plan 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.

Secretary: Alisha Winterswyk is a partner in the Best Best & Krieger LLP’s Environmental Law & Natural Resources practice group where she regularly counsels clients on the substantive and procedural mandates of CEQA/NEPA. Throughout her career, Alisha has reviewed and/or drafted hundreds of CEQA-related documents. She is also a trusted land use advisor and is regularly called upon to assist public and private clients with navigating the land entitlement process. Alisha served as an adjunct law professor at Whittier Law School where she taught California environmental law. In addition, she has guest lectured at several other Southern California universities on environmental and land use matters, and frequently speaks on CEQA and land use issues at professional conferences, seminars and continuing legal education events. Over the past several years, she has contributed as a panelist to several AEP basic and advanced CEQA workshops. Each year Alisha coaches or advises a team of law students who participate in the State Bar’s Annual Environmental Negotiations Competition.

Treasurer: Leah Goldberg is the Senior Deputy City Attorney at City of San José. Ms. Goldberg has been active in various section activities including assisting in our annual Legislation Day at the State Capitol. Ms. Goldberg has also been active in assisting with panels and speakers for the Yosemite Conference.

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 2017-2020 Executive Committee membership, ranked in order of preference:

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| 1. | Ellen Peter | District 3 |
| 2. | Jill Yung | District 1 |
| 3. | James Birkelund | District 1 |
| 4. | Jeannie Lee | District 3 |
| 5. | Jessica Fierro | District 5 |

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Alternates

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| 6. | Kimberly Bick | District 4 |
| 7. | David McCray | District 1 |
| 8. | Judith Carlson | District 3 |
| 9. | Christopher Jensen | District 1 |
| 10. | Madeline Stano | District 1 |

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 7th prior to the Executive Committee meeting 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 applicants into three tiers. The applications review subcommittee then forwarded this tiered 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 10, 2017. 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. 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 5 Executive Committee new member nominees and 5 Alternate nominees:

Ellen Peter, our top nominee, was appointed Chief Counsel of the California Air Resources Board in May 2008. Ms. Peter and her Office of Legal Affairs staff provide legal advice to the Board on a host of legal issues, including the development of air pollution control regulations. She was also part of the team that negotiated the landmark deal for national passenger vehicle greenhouse gas emission standards announced by the White House in May 2009. In addition, she manages the Board's Enforcement Division with more than 100 investigators and air pollution enforcement specialists.

Jill Carey Yung, second nominee, 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

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Section's Legislation Committee since 2008, and volunteered as a judge for the Student Negotiations Committee in 2015.

James Birkelund, third nominee, is a sole practitioner and owner of the Law Offices of James Birkelund. Mr. Birkelund represents public interest groups and businesses, non-profit organizations that advocate to protect parklands and wetlands, promote clean water and air, and other causes, as well as individuals, in a wide variety of legal matters. With over fifteen years of experience, his core competencies include litigation and business law, and he has been extensively involved with environmental, climate change, energy, and transactional matters. Mr. Birkelund has litigated in state and federal court, lobbied state and federal officials, and engaged in complex negotiations to settle disputes and execute transactional agreements. His experiences include the following: San Francisco Superior Court Judge pro tem; prior volunteer experience at Bar Association of San Francisco (housing clinic); adjunct Professor of Law, U.C. Hastings College of Law; climate Change Law Foundation (co-founder); and co-drafted Student Negotiation Competition fact pattern (2015).

Jeannie Lee, fourth nominee, is an attorney at the California Attorney General's Office. Represents state agencies in land use and litigation matters, including Delta Stewardship Council, Departments of Parks and Recreation, Finance, Conservation, General Services and the State Public Works Board. In the past, advised clients on renewable energy, CEQA, NEPA, State Planning and Zoning Law, SMRA and transportation. She has a Masters degree in City Planning with an emphasis on land use planning.

Jessica Fierro, fifth nominee, is an assistant counsel for San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Ms. Fierro has an environmental practice with emphasis in air quality and Clean Air Act and prior experience as an air quality specialist and planner also with San Joaquin Valley APCD. Ms. Fierro also has assisted with various community efforts including Fresno Art Museum event coordination (2017), The Undercurrent (Fresno local paper, 2006-2009), the Fresno County Bar Association, and the Fresno County Women Lawyers.

Our top three alternates are Kimberly Bick, David McCray, and Judith Carlson.

Kimberly Bick, is the founding and co-managing partner of Bick Law LLP. She has practiced environmental law since graduating law school in 1990. She has extensive experience representing major aerospace, manufacturing, land use, biotech, and real estate companies, in environmental litigation, regulatory compliance, enforcement, and corporate transactional work involving environmental issues. She also has defended companies in white-collar crime environmental matters. She regularly provides environmental counseling to corporations pertaining to regulations and business operations. Kimberly has unique subject matter training in contaminated sediment cleanup, from Texas A & M, which she has relied upon when representing clients in the Hudson River, N.Y., Portland Harbor, OR., and Harbor Island, WA. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Kimberly was educated as an environmental engineer, with bachelors and masters degrees from Stanford University and worked for several years for McDonnell Douglas Corporation (now Boeing Co.) as one of the company's primary environmental compliance and Superfund remediation engineers.

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David McCray, is Of Counsel with Beveridge & Diamond PC. David McCray's practice focuses on major project and infrastructure development, including environmental reviews, permitting and approvals from a wide range of federal and state natural resources agencies, and litigation defense of project decisions and policies. He counsels clients on regulatory matters and litigation regarding issues such as CEQA, NEPA, climate change, water, wetlands, project mitigation, and mobile source air toxics and related health impacts.

Judith Carlson, is the Deputy Attorney and Environmental Team Leader at California Department of Transportation, Legal Division in Sacramento. She has broad experience in state and federal environmental law, including NEPA and CEQA. She has spent her entire career in public service including Caltrans, Office of Secretary of State, and Department of Corporations.

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:

9. Christopher Jensen
10. Madeline Stano

The ranking of applicants 9-10 reflects their level of experience and/or involvement in the section and environmental law.

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) 445-7300.

Sincerely,



Osha R. Meserve
Chair, Executive Committee
Environmental Law Section

cc: Kristina Robledo, State Bar of California

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Size of Entity: 17

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.

150650	Adair, K. E.	Hinson Gravelle & Adair Valencia-02	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/CHAIR 2018**	
240056	Gordon, Nicole H.	Sohagi Law Group Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/VICE CHAIR 2018**	
126820	Leslie, Michael R.	Caldwell Leslie & Proctor PC Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
204240	Meserve, Osha R.	Soluri Meserve Sacramento-03	10/13/2013	9/22/2017	IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR NON-VOTING 2018**	
229485	Waterman, Ryan R.	Brownstein Hyatt et al San Diego-04	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
178578	Welner, Jonathan	Jeffer Mangels et al San Francisco-01	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	

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

149232	Folk, Ellison	Shute Mihaly Weinberger San Francisco-01	10/11/2015	9/16/2018		
157278	Goldberg, Leah S.	City Attorneys Ofc San Jose-06	10/11/2015	9/16/2018	APPOINT/TREASURER 2018**	
220701	Horowitz, Cara A.	UCLA School of Law Los Angeles-02	10/11/2015	9/16/2018		
294186	Tu, Chelsea H.	Center for Biology Diversity San Francisco-01	10/11/2015	9/16/2018		
240969	Winterswyk, Alisha M.	Best Best Krieger Irvine-04	10/11/2015	9/16/2018	APPOINT/SECRETARY 2018**	
267305	Akroyd, Rebecca R.	Kronick Moskovitz et al Sacramento-03	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		
209442	Marsh, Christian L.	Downey Brand San Francisco-01	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		
183882	Novak, Jennifer F.	Self-employed Rolling Hills Estates-02	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		
180953	Nyquist, Peter A.	Greenberg Glusker et al Los Angeles-02	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		
242663	Smith, Allison C.	Stoel Rives et al Sacramento-03	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		
269518	Stein, Julia E.	Pillsbury Winthrop et al Los Angeles-02	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		

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Entity: Environmental Law Section Executive Committee
Chair: Osha R. Meserve(916)455-7300

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1	72234	Peter, Ellen M.	California Air Resource	Sacramento-03	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
2	240894	Yung, Jill E.	Paul Hastings	San Francisco-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
3	206328	Birkelund, James M.	Self-employed	San Francisco-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
4	297668	Hafer Fierro, Jessica E.	Valley Air Pollution Control	Fresno-05	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
5	263716	Lee, Jeannie	Ofc of Attorney General	Sacramento-03	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT

Alternates and Remaining Applicants

6	151431	Bick, Kimberly L.	Bick Law et al	Newport Beach-04
7	169113	McCray, David H.	Beveridge & Diamond	San Francisco-01
8	213514	Carlson, Judith A.	CA Dept of Transportation	Sacramento-03

Applicants Listed in Alphabetical Order(i.e., Not Ranked)

235108	Jensen, Christophe D.	Hanson Bridgett et al	San Francisco-01
289660	Stano, Madeline B.	Center on Race, Poverty	Oakland-01

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SPECIAL NOTATIONS:

Signature: _____

**Proposed: 2017-2018
Family Law Section Executive Committee**

(Appointed/Reappointed by the Board of Trustees May 12, 2017)

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REAPPOINT CHAIR	Avi Levi	Santa Monica	2	2018
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	Amber R. Hayes	Napa	1	2018
APPOINT SECRETARY	Jason J. Elter	San Ramon	1	2018
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Louise B. Fighmaster	Windsor	1	2020 *
	Stephen A. Montagna	Fairfield	1	2020
	Kelly J. Robbins	San Francisco	1	2020
	David C. Stone	Anaheim	4	2020
	Anthony D. Storm	Beverly Hills	2	2020
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Kendall L. Evans	Long Beach	2	2018
	Renee M. Fairbanks	Santa Barbara	2	2018
	Dawn Gray	Grass Valley	3	2018
	John B. Nieman	San Jose	6	2018
	Shauna L. Chastain	Fairfield	1	2019
	Demetria L. Graves	Pasadena	2	2019
	Stephen D. Hamilton	Arroyo Grande	2	2019
	Leena S. Hingnikar	Woodland Hills	2	2019
	Steven Hittelman	Newport Beach	4	2019

Policy re: Prior Service: It is board policy that prior service on a committee is a militating factor against appointment; said factor is to be weighed among all other considerations. Ms. Louise B. Fightmaster served on the committee from 2003-2006 .



FAMILY LAW SECTION
THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

TO: Appointments
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FROM: David M. Lederman, Chair
The Executive Committee of the Family Law Section (FLEXCOM)
The State Bar of California

DATE: April 23, 2017

RE: Appointment Recommendations for Family Law Executive Committee

Background Process Re: Selection of New Members

At our regularly scheduled meeting on March 11, 2017, 16 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 Sherry Peterson, 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 2017-18 began at our regularly scheduled meeting on April 8, 2017. All voting members, and advisors, participated in the discussion. Advisors Sherry

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Peterson and Dianne Fetzer, led the discussion and outlined the selection process. Election for Chair proceeded by acclamation, as only one candidate declared for the position. Election for Vice-Chair proceeded by acclamation, as only one candidate declared for the position. The Office of Secretary 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 for Secretary. The names identified below were selected by the voting members of FLEXCOM.

CHAIR: Avi Levy, CFLS

Mr. Levy 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. Mr. Levy is the current Associate Director of Technology for the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists. In 2015 Mr. Levy was the Chair of Affirmative/Developing Legislation for FLEXCOM. In 2016 Mr. Levy served admirably as Vice-Chair, setting an example for future vice-chairs. Mr. Levy's FLEXCOM term expires in 2017, so the committee recommends that Mr. Levy be appointed to an additional term and serve as Chair.

VICE-CHAIR: Amber Hayes, CFLS

Ms. Hayes is a Certified Family Law Specialist, certified by the Board of Legal Specialization for the California State Bar. She holds designation as a Northern California Rising Star, bestowed upon her by the SuperLawyer Magazine for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. This honor is granted to the top 2.5% of attorneys in the State of California with less than 10 years of experience. And, in 2014, Solano County Bar Association saw fit to name her Young Lawyer of the Year. Ms. Hayes is the current FLEXCOM Legislation Vice-Chair. Ms. Hayes will be starting her second year on FLEXCOM thus will not need to be appointed for an additional term.

SECRETARY: Jason Elter, CFLS

Mr. Elter has practiced family law exclusively since 1997 in California, New York and Colorado. He has served as the Co-Chair to the Family Law Bay Area Standing Committee and is a member of the Alameda County Bar Association, Family Law Section, Contra Costa County Bar Association, Family Law Section and the Eastern Alameda County Bar Association. Mr. Elter served as the FLEXCOM publisher of Family Law News Monthly, webmaster oversight for the FLEXCOM website and Social Media Liaison. In May 2014, the Alameda County Bar Association awarded Jason its "Mentor of the Year Award" for his *Pro Bono* work. Jason also serves as a settlement conference judge and as a judge *Pro Tempore* in Alameda County.

Mr. Elter's Term on FLEXCOM expires in 2018 thus there is no need for an additional appointment.

Recommendations for New Members

Assuming the above officer appointments are approved, there are five (5) vacancies. The committee recommends the individuals listed below, in order of preference, fill the vacancies created by those individuals whose terms expire at the conclusion of the 2017 Counsel of Sections Annual Meeting.

1. Tony Storm (SBN: 270332)

Mr. Storm is the current Legislative Liaison for the Los Angeles area. He is the co-chair elect for the Beverly Hills Bar Association. Mr. Storm has practiced exclusively in the area of Family Law for 6 years and served as co-counsel in several seminal family law appeals (*Marriage of Lappe*, *Marriage of Carlson*, and *Marriage of Aitchison*). He is a frequent writer and speaker on family law matters.

2. Kelly Robbins, CFLS (SBN: 154297)

Kelly Robbins is a Family Law Specialist certified by the State Bar of California. Family and divorce law have been her sole focus for eighteen years with an emphasis on high-asset property division and support. She was initially selected as a “Super Lawyer” in 2010 and continues to maintain this distinction. That same year, Robbins Family Law was honored as one of the top two family law firms in the Bay Area by the Recorder Legal Newspaper Readers' Survey.

Ms. Robbins has taught MCLE and other certification-based family law seminars. She assists the San Francisco Superior Court as a volunteer meeting the needs of self-represented litigants. As an additional public service, she serves as Settlement Master for the Court's Mandatory Settlement Conferences. Ms. Robbins has also trained and served as Judge Pro Tem for the San Francisco Superior Court Family Law Division.

Ms. Robbins serves on the Board of Governors for California Women Lawyers as president in 2015. She is also a past President of Queen's Bench Bar Association.

3. Commissioner Louise Bayles-Fightmaster , CFLS (SBN: 86916)

Commissioner Fightmaster served on FELXCOM for a few months between 2003 and 2004 until she hired as a Family Law Commissioner in Sonoma County. Commissioner Fightmaster's credentials in family law are long and impressive. She was a member of the California Court Commissioner's Association, and CJER. She volunteered for the Sonoma County Family Justice Center Project and served on both the Elkins Task Force and the Elkins Implementation Task for the Judicial Council. In 2015 she was awarded the FLEXCOM Lifetime Achievement Award.

4. Stephen A. Montagna, CFLS (SBN: 283810)

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Mr. Montagna is a member of the Family Law sections of both the Solano County Bar Association and California State Bar. He is also an active member of the ABA Young lawyers division as well as a participant in a Domestic Violence roundtable that participates and contributes for the Family Violence Appellate Project. Mr. Montagna is currently the FLEXCOM Legislative Liaison for the North Bay.

5. David C. Stone (SBN: 202716)

Mr. Stone is the current FLEXCOM Legislative Liaison for Orange County. Before coming to family law, Mr. Stone was an active member of the US Army serving in Vietnam during the Vietnam War, he owned a Machine Shop with 50 employees. Mr. Stone currently serves as court appointed Minor's Counsel for the Orange County Superior Court.

6. Justin M. O'Connell, CFLS (SBN: 232188)

Mr. O'Connell, is a member of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, a member of the California State Bar Family Law Advisory Commission. He teaches family law at the Monterey College of Law.

7. Nancy DiCenzo, CFLS (SBN 104357)

Ms. DiCenzo is a Certified Specialist in Family Law. She served as a commissioner to the State Bar Family Law Advisory Commission, and as a Director on the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists.

8. Stephen A. Wagner, CFLS (SBN 277521)

Mr. Wagner is Certified Specialist in Family Law and an adjunct professor of Law at Allan Hancock College.

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,

David M. Lederman
Law Offices of David M. Lederman
3432 Hillcrest Ave., Suite 100
Antioch, CA 94531

cc: Mitch Wood, Office of Sections

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Size of Entity: 17

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.

118819	Fadem, B. J.	Law Ofc of B J Fadem San Jose-06	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017 2017**	TERMINATE	
134395	Hadjian, Abbas	Self-employed Sherman Oaks-02	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017 2017**	TERMINATE	
177960	Lederman, David M.	Law Ofc David M Lederman Antioch-01	10/13/2013 Chair	9/22/2017 2017**	TERMINATE	
223248	Levy, Avi	Trabolsi & Levy Santa Monica-02	9/14/2014 Vice Chair	9/22/2017 2018**	REAPPOINT/CHAIR	
102163	Rogers, Dorie A.	Law Ofc Dorie A Rogers Orange-04	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017 2017**	TERMINATE	
169335	Soroosh, Fariba R.	Superior Court San Jose-06	10/13/2013 Secretary	9/22/2017 2017**	TERMINATE	

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

212347	Elter, Jason J.	Law Ofc of Jason Elter San Ramon-01	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018 2018**	APPOINT/SECRETARY	
219312	Evans, Kendall L.	Self-employed Long Beach-02	9/14/2014 Member	9/16/2018		
237255	Fairbanks, Renee M.	Ehlers Fairbanks Santa Barbara-02	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
112483	Gray, Dawn	Self-employed Grass Valley-03	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
184195	Nieman, John B.	Ofc of Dependency Advocacy San Jose-06	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
187217	Chastain, Shauna L.	Self-employed Fairfield-01	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
232700	Graves, Demetria L.	Self-employed Pasadena-02	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
171868	Hamilton, Stephen D.	Self-employed Arroyo Grande-02	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
269961	Hayes, Amber R.	Hayes Family Law Napa-01	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019 2018**	APPOINT/VICE CHAIR	
251894	Hingnikar, Leena S.	Walzer Melcher et al Woodland Hills-02	12/19/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
175905	Hittelman, Steven G.	Hittelman Strunk et al Newport Beach-04	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		

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

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Entity: Family Law Section Executive Committee
Chair: David M. Lederman(925)522-8889

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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	270332	Storm, Anthony D.	Self-employed	Beverly Hills-02	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
2	154297	Robbins, Kelly J.	Robbins Family Law	San Francisco-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
3	86916	Fightmaster, Louise B.	Self-employed	Windsor-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT/ **POLICY ISSUE
4	283810	Montagna, Stephen A.	Hodson & Mulin	Fairfield-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
5	202716	Stone, David C.	Law Ofc of David Stone	Anaheim-04	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT

Alternates and Remaining Applicants

7	104357	DiCenzo, Nancy P.	Self-employed	Sacramento-03
8	277521	Wagner, Stephen A.	Comstock & Wagner	Santa Maria-02

Applicants Listed in Alphabetical Order(i.e., Not Ranked)

225870	Abrigo, Leslie L.	Leslie L. Abrigo	Chula Vista-04
232188	O'Connell, Justin M.	Cavassa O'Connell	Monterey-06

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

SPECIAL NOTATIONS:

** Fightmaster --Policy re: Prior Service: It is board policy that prior service on a committee is a militating factor against appointment; said factor is to be weighed among all other considerations. Ms. Fightmaster served on the committee from 2003-2006 .

Signature: _____

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Proposed: 2017-2018 Intellectual Property Law Section Executive Committee

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, May 12, 2017)

Terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (September 22, 2017). The officer terms are one year and expire at the close of the 2018 State Bar Annual Meeting (TBD). *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	Matthew J. Spark	Los Angeles	2	2018
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Thomas A. Hassing	San Jose	6	2018
APPOINT SECRETARY	Heather A. Antoine	Beverly Hills	2	2018
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Rebecca Chen	Palo Alto	6	2020
	Teri J. Karobonik	San Francisco	1	2020
	Scott S. Kokka	San Francisco	1	2020
	Sanjesh P. Sharma	Santa Ana	4	2020
	Wayne P. Sobon	San Francisco	1	2020
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Sharon J. Glanz	Universal City	2	2018
	Angelique Kaonis	Los Angeles	2	2018
	Marina A. Lewis	Menlo Park	1	2018
	Hannah G. Poteat	San Francisco	1	2019
	Alex H. Chan	San Francisco	1	2019
	Dana T. Iketani	Santa Clara	6	2019
	Bennet G. Kelley	Santa Monica	2	2019
	John D. Murphy	San Rafael	1	2019



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

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April 10, 2017

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

**Re: Intellectual Property Law Section Executive Committee Officer & New
Member Nominations - 2017-2018**

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 2017-2018 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 place a strong emphasis on 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 Officers of our Section next year.

OFFICERS

Matthew Spark – Chair

Mr. Spark is presently a member of the Executive Committee, serving as Vice-Chair for the 2016-2017 term. In that role, he is the planning chair for our 42nd Annual IP Institute. Mr. Spark is a Partner with the law firm of Zuber Lawler & Del Duca LLP in Los Angeles, where he manages its patent prosecution practice group. Mr. Spark is a former U.S. Patent Examiner. Mr. Spark is a member of the State Bar of California, and the New York Bar. He is also a registered patent attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. 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 Committees 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, during which time members of the Executive Committee meet with leaders of the key government agencies involved with intellectual property. He is actively involved in initiatives to increase and retain membership in the Section.

Thomas Hassing – Vice-Chair

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Mr. Hassing is presently a member of the Executive Committee, serving as Secretary for the 2016-2107 term. Mr. 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 and entertainment law, including with trademarks and copyrights. He is licensed to practice law in California, Minnesota, and the District of Columbia. He is also a registered patent attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Hassing previously served as the IP Law Section Executive Committee's liaisons to the In-House Counsel Interest Group and the Patent Interest Group. In 2015, Mr. Hassing participated in the Section's delegation to Washington, D.C. Mr. Hassing chaired the Washington, D.C., delegation in 2016. He has been instrumental in solidifying the Section's relationship with the new Silicon Valley office of the USPTO, and helping to coordinate programs with that office. He has helped with the planning of Section mixers, was on the planning committee for the "Patent Disputes for Our Time" conference, and the planning committee for the 41st IP Institute. Mr. Hassing is the Section's representative on the new entity working group, which is part of the Council of State Bar Sections. Mr. Hassing has proven himself to be an active and engaged contributor and an ambassador for the Section.

Heather Antoine - Secretary

Ms. Antoine is presently a member of the Executive Committee, and won the election for the position of Secretary for the 2017-2018 term. Ms. Antoine is the founder of Antoine Law Group, APC. Her practice is focused on the intersection between Internet law and intellectual property. Ms. Antoine is the Vice-Chair of the Section's Technology, Internet, and Privacy Law Interest Group. In that role, she has planned and moderated several webinars for the Section. Ms. Antoine has further shown her dedication to the Section by, among other efforts, participating in the Section's 2016 delegation to Washington, D.C., and chairing the planning committee for the "Tips and Tricks for IP Practitioners" conference. Ms. Antoine has been an active and engaged member of the Section and the Executive Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The IP Law Section Executive Committee is authorized to appoint between 15-17 committee members. This year we have voted to recommend five appointees, which will keep our membership at 16 members for the upcoming year. The candidates selected, in order of their ranking, are as follows:

1. Rebecca Chen
2. Teri Karobonik
3. Sanjesh Prabha Sharma
4. Wayne Sobon
5. Scott S. Kokka

The individuals who were considered, but not selected, are the following:

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1. Nicholas Thane Bauz
2. Matthew Swanlund
3. Soody Tronson
4. Carolin K. Shining

Michael Wallis, who also applied, is not a member of the Section, and is therefore ineligible to serve on the Executive Committee.

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

Rebecca Chen

Ms. Chen is the Chair of the International Interest Group of the IP Law Section. While serving on the International Interest Group, Ms. Chen has helped plan several educational webinars, and participated in the Section's 2016 delegation to Washington, D.C. Ms. Chen also serves as the Section's Delegate to the US Bar-JPO Liaison Council. As the IP Law Section delegate, Ms. Chen represents our members' concerns with regard to IP prosecution in Japan by US practitioners directly with leadership from the Japan Patent Office. Ms. Chen is an attorney with Kenja IP, a Silicon Valley based law firm specializing in intellectual property law, which operates in tandem with a Japanese firm. Ms. Chen has been an active member of the Section, and received strong verbal recommendations from a number of current and former Executive Committee members.

Teri Karobonik

Ms. Karobonik was the Vice Chair of the Copyright Interest Group of the IP Law Section, and has recently been made Chair. She is also an active member of the Section's Licensing Interest Group. Ms. Karobonik is a member of the planning committee for the Section's 42nd IP Institute. Ms. Karobonik is Associate Product Counsel at Twitter in San Francisco. At Twitter, Teri is responsible for providing timely copyright, trademark, privacy, and contract advice to product teams. Ms. Karobonik has been an active member of the Section, and received strong verbal recommendations from a number of current and former Executive Committee members.

Sanjesh Prabha Sharma

Ms. Sharma was the Vice Chair of the Patent Interest Group of the IP Law Section, and has recently been made Chair. While serving on the Patent Interest Group, Ms. Sharma has helped plan several educational webinars, and assisted with patent programming for other Section events. Ms. Sharma is Intellectual Property Counsel for Abbott Vision in Santa Ana. Ms. Sharma has been an active member of the Section, and received strong verbal recommendations from a number of current and former Executive Committee members.

Wayne Sobon

Mr. Sobon is a sole practitioner in San Francisco. Mr. Sobon has 24 years of technology, business, and legal experience, and is a registered patent attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Sobon's practice focuses on intellectual property, corporate process,

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and finance. Mr. Sobon is the Past President of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

Scott S. Kokka

Mr. Kokka is a founding member of Kokka & Backus, PC, a San Francisco intellectual property law firm. Mr. Kokka has been an intellectual property lawyer focusing on patent law for the last 15 years, and represents individuals, startup technology companies, and large corporations alike. Prior to his legal career, he co-founded Tresidder Networks, a venture-backed software development company that developed an enterprise application for deployment in wireless carriers. Mr. Kokka is a member of the State Bar of California, and the District of Columbia Bar. He is also a registered patent attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Kokka served as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy and deployed in support of Operations Desert Storm, Restore Hope (Somalia), and Enduring Freedom.

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 to 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. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Rest
2016-2017 Chair

APPOINTMENTS OFFICE

APPOINTMENT WORKSHEET FOR

EXPIRATION DATE: 9/22/2017

Entity: Intellectual Property Law Section Executive Committee

Size of Entity: 15

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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.

89078	Berger, Matthew I.	Matthew Berger Law Group, APC Santa Barbara-02	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
84295	Branfman, David P.	Branfman Law Group Oceanside-04	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
103693	Goeckner, Gregory P.	Hollywood Foreign Press West Hollywood-02	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
191149	Hassing, Thomas A.	Immersion Corp San Jose-06	9/14/2014 Secretary	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/VICE CHAIR 2018**	
246005	Lockard, Christophe R.	Salesforce San Francisco-01	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
244756	Rest, Elizabeth J.	Crown et al San Francisco-01	9/18/2011 Chair	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
206932	Spark, Matthew J.	Zuber Lawyer & Del Duca Los Angeles-02	10/13/2013 Vice Chair	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/CHAIR 2018**	

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

212622	Glancz, Sharon J.	NBC Universal TV Distribution Universal City-02	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
209833	Kaounis, Angelique	Gibson Dunn Crutcher Los Angeles-02	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
248816	Lewis, Marina A.	Procopio Cory et al Menlo Park-01	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
280643	Poteat, Hannah G.	Poteat Law San Francisco-01	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
246917	Antoine, Heather A.	Self-employed Beverly Hills-02	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019	APPOINT/SECRETARY 2018**	
278805	Chan, Alex H.	Akin Gump Strauss et al Pearland, TX-00	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
275921	Iketani, Dana T.	Wong Rees Santa Clara-06	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
177001	Kelley, Bennet G.	Internet Law Center Santa Monica-02	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
286085	Murphy, John D.	Kabam Inc. San Rafael-01	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		

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Annual Meeting dates to be determined.

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Entity: Intellectual Property Law Section Executive Committee
Chair: Elizabeth J. Rest(415)932-6557

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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	271524	Chen, Rebecca	Kenja IP Law	Palo Alto-06	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
2	286612	Karobonik, Teri J.	Twitter	San Francisco-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
3	203239	Sharma, Sanjesh P.	Abbott Medical Optics	Santa Ana-04	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
4	161380	Sobon, Wayne P.	Self-employed	San Francisco-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
5	219467	Kokka, Scott S.	Kokka & Backus	San Francisco-06	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT

Applicants Listed in Alphabetical Order(i.e., Not Ranked)

188439	Bauz, Nicholas T.	Bauz IP Law	La Jolla-04
201140	Shining, Carolin K.	Self-employed	Sherman Oaks-02
204542	Swanlund, Matthew F.	Self-employed	Los Angeles-02
179441	Tronson, Soodabeh	STLG IP	Woodside-01
508210	Wallis, Michael Public Member	ZS Pharma	San Francisco-01

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

SPECIAL NOTATIONS:

Signature: _____

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**Proposed 2017-2018
Labor and Employment Law Section Executive Committee**
(Appointed/Reappointed by the Board of Trustees May 12, 2017)

Terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (September 22, 2017). The terms of the officers are one-year and expire at the close of the 2018 State Bar Annual Meeting (TBD). *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	Thomas A. Lenz	Cerritos	2	2018
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Ramit Mizrahi	Pasadena	2	2018
REAPPOINT MEMBER	Deborah Maddux	Sacramento	3	2020
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	De Alba, Ana I.	Fresno	5	2020
	Kevin K. Hosn	Los Angeles	2	2020
	Scott M. Stillman	San Francisco	1	2020
	Katherine J. Thomson	El Cerrito	1	2020
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Laura Z. Davis	Oakland	2	2018
	Monica T. Guizar	Los Angeles	2	2018
	Joseph T. Ortiz	Riverside	4	2018
	Kristianne T. Seargeant	Sacramento	3	2018
	Carl A. Botterud	Pasadena	2	2018
	Samson R. Elsbernd	Sacramento	3	2019
	Jinny Kim	San Francisco	1	2019
	Arthur A. Krantz	Oakland	1	2019
	Christy J. Kwon	San Francisco	1	2019
	Miri Song	Los Angeles	2	2019

April 24, 2017

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: 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, the Executive Committee strives to select individuals who will serve the Labor and Employment Law Section well and provide appropriate diversity in many areas. We consider 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 also endeavor 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 publications. We also ask our Executive Committee members and advisors to personally encourage any well-qualified individual to apply for appointment.

At the Executive Committee's April 22 Meeting held at in Berkeley, CA, the Executive Committee reviewed applications from ten (10) new candidates, and one reappointment, discussed the qualifications of each applicant at length, weighing his or her years of practice, legal position (labor/management/neutral), experience, diversity, and intangible. The Executive Committee also reconsidered the reappointment of a Committee member who had been appointed to serve out the remainder of the unexpired term.

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.

Thomas A. Lenz, of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, was nominated in 2015 to serve as Secretary for the 2015-2016 term, re-nominated in 2016 to serve as Vice-Chair for the 2016-2017 term and Chair for the 2017-2018 term. At the April 22, 2017 meeting, the Labor and Employment Law Section's Executive Committee re-confirmed their selection of Mr. Lenz to serve as Chair of the Executive Committee for the 2017-2018 term. By this letter, I ask the Board of Trustees to confirm the Executive Committee's selection of Thomas A. Lenz as Chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section's Executive Committee for the 2017-2018 term.

At the April 22, 2017 meeting Ramit Mizrahi, of Mizrahi Law, APC, was selected to serve as Vice-Chair for the 2017-2018 term, and barring unforeseen circumstances, will serve as Chair for the 2018-2019 term.

Erich Shiners was selected on April 22, 2017 to serve as Secretary for the 2017-2018 term, and barring unforeseen circumstances, he will serve as Vice-Chair for the 2018-2019 term and Chair for the 2019-2020 term. His role will be as a non-voting advisor Secretary for the 2017-2018 term.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Labor and Employment Section's Executive Committee considered eleven individuals (1 reappointment and 10 new applicants) for committee members at its April 22, 2017 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 recommends reappointment of one member and appointment of the below four persons (in the order presented), to fill the five full term vacancies created for 2017-2018. Listed next are the alternate candidates, ranked in the order presented.

1. **Reappoint Deborah M. Maddux** (Bar #167875). Ms. Maddux is a current member of the Executive Committee whose interim appointment is expiring this

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year. She is an integral member of the Committee and has served as the Chair of the Education Committee for the last year. Her continued membership on the Executive Committee will ensure continuity of the excellent programming planned for 2018.

The Executive Committee also recommends appointment of the following new members to the Executive Committee.

2. **Scott M. Stillman** has been in practice for 8 years. Mr. Stillman was the 2nd alternate in the 2016-2017 appointments process, and was encouraged to reapply this year. Scott is a plaintiffs' attorney at McGuinn, Hillsman & Palefsky in San Francisco. He has been actively involved in Section activities and a leader in the California Employment Lawyers Association's diversity committee, where he has chaired or co-chaired the Diversity Summit for Northern California for several years. He was speaker at the 2016 Labor Annual Meeting, co-presented a Section webinar, and participated in the Section's segments on KALW's "Your Legal Rights" radio program. His continued participation will greatly benefit the Section.
3. **Ana I. De Alba** has been in practice for 9 years. She has a mixed practice representing both plaintiffs and defendants at the Fresno firm of Lang Richert & Patch, where she is the first Latina female equity shareholder. De Alba is a founding member of the Fresno Workers' Rights Clinic, and sits on the Boards of California Rural Legal Assistance, Legal Aid at Work and California State Bar Pro Bono Coordinating Committee, among other organizations. Her diverse background and experience will be an asset to the work of the Section.
4. **Kevin K. Hosn** has been an attorney for 18 years, and is employed defending employment actions at Office of the Attorney General in Los Angeles. He has been involved in labor and employment law at the local level, having served as an executive committee member of Sacramento County Bar's Section, and is active in the Iranian-American legal community. His interests and experiences working on educational program development and publications will be beneficial to the Section.
5. **Katherine J. Thomson** is a sole practitioner in El Cerrito. She has been in practice as an arbitrator and mediator with a background in both employment litigation and labor law in the public sector for 31 years. She has served on the Labor and Employment Law Section ExCom for the Bar Association of San Francisco and as a fee arbitrator for the Alameda County Bar. She has organized several State Bar panels at the Labor Section's Public Sector Conference.
6. **Timothy G. Williams** is the first Alternate Candidate. Mr. Williams has been an attorney for 20 years (defense and plaintiffs'-side), and is a partner at Pope, Berger Williams & Reynolds, LLP in San Diego. He previously served as vice chair of the Labor Section's Advance Wage & Hour Conference.

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7. **Gilbert A. Castro** is the second Alternate Candidate. Mr. Castro is an attorney at Littler Mendelson in San Francisco and has been in practice for 6 years. He is a litigator and counsels private and public entities on labor and employment law matters, in both English and Spanish.

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

Bryan J. Schwartz
Chair, Labor and Employment Section
The State Bar of California

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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.

233315	Mizrahi, Ramit	Mizrahi Law Pasadena-02	10/13/2013	10/02/2016	REAPPOINT/VICE CHAIR	2018**
224140	Hoq, Laboni A.	Asian Americans Advancing Los Angeles-02	10/13/2013	9/22/2017	TERMINATE	2017**
152624	Lenz, Thomas A.	Atkinson Andelson et al Cerritos-02	10/14/2012	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/CHAIR	2018**
167875	Maddux, Deborah	VanDermyden Maddux Sacramento-03	10/28/2015	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/MEMBER	2020**
239084	Mandelbaum, Chaya M.	Rudy Exelrod et al San Francisco-01	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	TERMINATE	2018**
177015	Michalski, James W.	Relyonus Medical Group La Mirada-02	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	TERMINATE	2017**
209903	Schwartz, Bryan J.	Bryan Schwartz Law Oakland-01	10/14/2012	9/22/2017	TERMINATE	2018**
139841	Thompson, Charles O.	Polisinelli San Francisco-01	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	TERMINATE	2017**

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

196494	Davis, Laura Z.	Public Empl.Relations Board Oakland-01	10/11/2015	9/16/2018		
202480	Guizar, Monica T.	Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfel Los Angeles-02	10/11/2015	9/16/2018		
218660	Ortiz, Joseph T.	Best Best Krieger et al Riverside-04	10/11/2015	9/16/2018		
245489	Sergeant, Kristianne T.	Sutter Health Sacramento-03	10/11/2015	9/16/2018		
161712	Botterud, Carl A.	Ritt Tai Thvedt et al Pasadena-02	9/09/2016	9/16/2018		
264598	Elsbernd, Samson R.	Wilke Fleury et al Sacramento-03	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		
208953	Kim, Jinny	Legal Aid Society San Francisco-01	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		
182629	Krantz, Arthur A.	Leonard Carder et al Oakland-01	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		
217186	Kwon, Christy J.	National Labor Relations San Francisco-01	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		
291140	Song, Miri	Paul Hastings Los Angeles-02	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		

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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
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2	267506	Stillman, Scott M.	McGuinn Hillman et al	San Francisco-01	2020 **	NEW APPOINTMENT
3	253917	De Alba, Ana I.	Lang Richert & Patch	Fresno-05	2020 **	NEW APPOINTMENT
4	199122	Hosn, Kevin K.	Attorney General's Ofc	Los Angeles-02	2020 **	NEW APPOINTMENT
5	120324	Thomson, Katherine J.	Arbitrator Mediator	El Cerrito-01	2020 **	NEW APPOINTMENT

Alternates and Remaining Applicants

6	193810	Williams, Timothy G.	Pope Berger & Williams	San Diego-04		
7	269872	Castro, Gilbert A.	Little Mendelson	San Francisco-01		

Applicants Listed in Alphabetical Order(i.e., Not Ranked)

282027	Gertner-Samet, Avital	Pymetrics Inc	Sunnyvale-06		
208742	Laiacona, Andrea	Self-employed	Oakland-01		
82613	Paller, Joseph L.	Gilbert & Sackman	Los Angeles-02		
82698	Robbins, Michael A.	EXTTI Incorporated	Bell Canyon-02		

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Proposed 2017-2018 Public Law Section Executive Committee

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, May 12, 2017)

Terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (September 22, 2017). The officer terms are one year and expire at the close of the 2018 State Bar Annual Meeting (TBD). *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	Ryan N. Baron	Santa Ana	4	2018
REAPPOINT CO-VICE CHAIRS	Michelle M. Kenyon	Oakland	1	2018
	Scott C. Smith	Irvine	4	2018
REAPPOINT SECRETARY	Christopher J. Diaz	Walnut Creek	1	2018
REAPPOINT TREASURER	Bernadette S. Curry	Fairfield	1	2018
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Christine N. Wood	Los Angeles	2	2018
	Charles A. Carriere	San Francisco	1	2020
	Katherine A. Cook	Sacramento	3	2020
	Leslie R. Lopez	West Sacramento	3	2020
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Alexander M. Calero	San Diego	4	2018
	Caroline B. Fowler	Santa Rosa	1	2018
	Tara Newman	Los Angeles	2	2018
	Eugene J. Park	El Cerrito	1	2018
	Carmen L. Gibbs	Sacramento	3	2019
	Kathleen A. Kane	Burlingame	1	2019
	Holly E. Rickett	Santa Rosa	1	2019
	Christopher B. Whitman	Martinez	1	2019

**PUBLIC LAW SECTION NOMINATION LETTER TO THE
NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

DATE: Friday, April 21, 2017
TO: Members, Nominations and Appointments Committee
FROM: John M. Appelbaum, Chair, Public Law Section
RE: Appointment Recommendations for the Public Law Section

Background/Process: The Public Law Section aggressively recruits high-caliber Executive Committee members to serve as officers. As the Chair, I oversee the process and evaluate potential officers. Members may also voluntarily run for officer positions. In open session, the candidates explain their qualifications for the positions for which they are running. Then in closed session, the remaining Committee members discuss their qualifications and vote as to whether to recommend the person for the position to the Board of Trustees. In the future, our Committee will need officers who are actively involved and want to continued with our cutting-edge conferences and publications.

Officer Nominations: *List the names of ALL proposed officers and briefly note the merits of their qualifications. Describe the process for selection, e.g., vote by committee, selection based on service, etc., and explain special issues, if any.*

Chair. **Ryan Baron**, Of Counsel, Best, Best & Krieger. Ryan has spent many years as senior counsel to Orange County where he specializes in energy regulation. Ryan has been extremely active in the section particularly with our conferences and law school panel/receptions.

Vice Chairs:

Scott Smith: Scott is a senior partner at Best, Best & Krieger and has been integral to our publications. He ensures that all publications are edited and that the Public Law Journal maintains its excellence. He also has served on many of our other working groups, including in putting on law school panel/receptions.

Michelle Kenyon: Michelle is a partner at Burke, Williams & Sorensen and has served as our Secretary. She is an active Board member and has provided important support to our programs.

Treasurer

Bernadette Curry: Bernadette has increasingly taken on more important roles for our section. She assisted on our law school panel/receptions and leads our Public Lawyer of the Year Award group.

Secretary

Christopher Diaz: Chris is of counsel to Best, Best & Krieger and has really stepped up his participation. He currently coordinates webinars and oversees membership. He also assists on our major conferences.

Recommendations for Reappointment of Members *[If applicable]: For members who were appointed to fill vacancies of one year or less (appointed on or after 10/2/2016), list the name and reason for recommendation (see reason listed for Anne Alexander below). If you have a member eligible for reappointment but you are not recommending reappointment, please indicate why (e.g., attendance, no longer able to make commitment, not interested in another term). Members whose terms expire in 2018 and 2019 automatically continue and do not require any reappointment action. If you have already covered a reappointment recommendation for a member to serve as Chair or Vice Chair in the Officer Nomination section above, you do not need to restate the reappointment recommendation in this section.*

1. Position vacated by Arthur Wylene:

Christine Wood: counsel to the LA Unified School District and is committed to serving as Executive Committee member. She has worked her way up in the District from paralegal to attorney and is committed to her community and has served as the Chair of the Education Committee of the Black Women Lawyers of Los Angeles and is a founding advisor to the National Society of Black Engineers. She has a sincere commitment to legal service.

Recommendations for New Members: *List the names in order of preference and reason for selection or ranking. **Do not include** the applicants' confidential information such as gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age or disability in the description. This data is provided to the board committee in a separate report.*

Leslie Lopez: is the most qualified applicant we reviewed. Lopez is the Chief Counsel to the California Department of General Services managing a large legal staff. Prior to this, she served as the Deputy Secretary and General Counsel to the Business, Consumer Services Agency reporting to the Governor's office. Prior to this, she served as a Deputy Attorney General. She has considerable litigation experience and seeks to get more involved in the legal community.

Charles Carriere: has a demonstrated background in community service. At UC Berkeley Law School he was co-president of the Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society and is eager to participate in the section's law school panel/receptions. He also is motivated to work on our conferences, something we really need. He is counsel at the Department of Business Oversight and as a young lawyer will give us needed

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Katherine Cook: She is an associate at Myers/Nave, a prestigious firm which practices public law. She currently mentors at McGeorge Law School and when she was a student there served as a member of the Public Legal Services Society. She is passionate about public law and in giving back to the legal community. She promises to be an active and contributing member of the Section, something we definitely need.

Alternates

List the alternates in order of preference and the reasons for their recommendation and/or ranking. Explain special issues, if any, such as policy conflicts (prior service, same firm) or lack of qualifications (e.g., no experience in the field, no section involvement). The following are two examples of listing the alternates:

We have no alternate selections.

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These members` terms will expire.

149643	Appelbaum, John M.	CA Office of Atty General Sacramento-03	10/14/2012	9/22/2017	TERMINATE Chair 2017**	
226568	Baron, Ryan M.	County Counsel Santa Ana-04	10/13/2013	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/CHAIR Treasurer 2018**	
197203	Curry, Bernadette S.	County Counsel Fairfield-01	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/TREASURER Member 2018**	
235249	Diaz, Christophe J.	Best Best & Krieger Walnut Creek-01	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/SECRETARY Member 2018**	
127969	Kenyon, Michelle M.	Burke Williams Sorensen Oakland-01	10/13/2013	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/CO-V CHAIR Secretary 2018**	
235806	Shin, Tiffani L.	Ofc of LA County Counsel Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	TERMINATE Member 2017**	
120736	Smith, Scott C.	Best Best & Krieger Irvine-04	10/14/2012	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/CO-V CHAIR Vice Chair 2018**	
231529	Sommovilla, Rachel H.	City Attorney's Ofc Richmond-01	10/14/2012	9/22/2017	TERMINATE Vice Chair 2017**	

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

238389	Calero, Alexander M.	Dept of Business Oversight San Diego-04	10/11/2015	9/16/2018	Member	
110313	Fowler, Caroline B.	City Attorney's Ofc Santa Rosa-01	10/11/2015	9/16/2018	Member	
210960	Newman, Tara L.	Attorney General Los Angeles-02	10/11/2015	9/16/2018	Member	
273395	Park, Eugene J.	Port of Oakland El Cerrito-01	10/11/2015	9/16/2018	Member	
222792	Wylene, Arthur J.	Tehama County Counsel Red Bluff-03	10/11/2015	9/16/2018	Member	Resigned 3/14/2017
290443	Gibbs, Carmen L.	Dept. Community Svcs Dev. Sacramento-03	10/02/2016	9/15/2019	Member	
209727	Kane, Kathleen A.	City of Burlingame Burlingame-01	10/02/2016	9/15/2019	Member	
150902	Rickett, Holly E.	Ofc County Counsel Santa Rosa-01	10/02/2016	9/15/2019	Member	
223636	Whitman, Christophe B.	Ofc of City Counsel Martinez-01	10/02/2016	9/15/2019	Member	

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1	131979	Lopez, Leslie R.	Dept. GS	West Sacramento-03	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
2	285837	Carriere, Charles A.	CA Dept of Business Oversight	San Francisco-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
3	276834	Cook, Katherine A.	Meyers Nave	Sacramento-03	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
4	291816	Wood, Christine N.	LA Unified District	Los Angeles-02	2018**	Replaces Resign Member Arthur J. Wylene
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Proposed: 2017-2018 Solo & Small Firm Section Executive Committee

(Appointed by the Board of Trustees, May 12, 2017)

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POSITION	MEMBER	CITY	DISTRICT	MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Ritzel S. Ngo	Pasadena	2	2018
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Renee N. Galente	San Diego	4	2018
APPOINT TREASURER	Jeremy M. Evans	San Diego	4	2018
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Omar S. Anorga	Pasadena	2	2019
	James I. Ham	South Pasadena	2	2020
	Belle H. Hsu	Torrance	2	2020
	Robert M. Klein	Los Angeles	2	2020 *
	Bennett W. Root	Pasadena	2	2020
	J.C. Toews	San Luis Obispo	2	2020
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Trinia Chatterjee	Oakland	1	2018
	Charles H. Jung	San Francisco	1	2018
	Sabrina L. Green	San Diego	1	2019
	Steven L. Krongold	Irvine	4	2019
	Angelica O. Scienco	San Diego	4	2019

Policy Issue:

** Klein--Policy re: Prior Service: It is board policy that prior service on a committee is a militating factor against appointment; said factor is to be weighed among all other considerations. Mr. Klein served on the committee from 2004-2008 .



SOLO AND SMALL FIRM PRACTICE SECTION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

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May 1, 2017

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

Re: *Nominations for Officers and Members of the Solo & Small Firm Section Executive Committee*

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Solo and Small Firm Section, I submit here the committee's nominations for new officers and for new members.

Executive Committee Officer Nominees

I am submitting the following nominations for new Executive Committee Officers for 2017-2018 for the Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of California. The actions were approved by the current Executive Committee on April 25, 2017.

For 2017-2018 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 has been a tremendous asset to the Executive Committee since joining. She has been the Education Chair, taking on the full responsibility of that role plus organizing an in-person MCLE event entirely on her own; and she has served as the Vice Chair this past year, handling many leadership duties. Ritzel will be a great Chair to see the Section through the transition to the non-profit entity currently being designed to house the Sections as they separate from the State Bar.

For 2017-2018 Vice Chair: Renee Galente

Renee Galente 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

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have benefited from her service in multiple capacities. Renee is the incoming President of the California Women Lawyers and a trustworthy volunteer who 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.

For 2017-2018 Treasurer: Jeremy Evans

Jeremy Evans is a sports lawyer practicing in San Diego. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 2011. Jeremy serves as the Director of the Center for Sports Law and Policy at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego. Immediately following law school, he clerked for the state courts. Since joining the Solo and Small Firm Executive Committee in 2015, Jeremy has been an enthusiastic and critical member of the team. He managed the electronic newsletter of the Section in his first year with us, and in his second year served as Editor in Chief of our print publication.

New Executive Committee Member Nominees

I am submitting the following nominations for new Executive Committee Members for terms beginning September 2017. The nominations were approved by the current Executive Committee on April 25, 2017.

The following five nominations are for full three-year terms:

James Ham – Committee Member

James Ham has been a practicing attorney in California since 1981. His practice focuses largely on the attorney discipline system as he counsels lawyers through the discipline process and would-be attorneys through the moral character application process. His small firm also handles legal malpractice cases and other litigation matters. Mr. Ham has served as a Commissioner on the State Bar of California Rules Revision Commission and other State Bar of California committees. He has also taught at the law school of the University of Southern California for many years. Mr. Ham brings a wealth of experience in multiple firm environments and a substantial career of public service to the committee.

Bennett Root– Committee Member

Bennett Root has been a Member of the State Bar since 1970. He has served on multiple boards in the past, including the Commission of Alcohol & Other Drugs of the County of Los Angeles. He was a partner at Latham & Watkins for over 15 years before going into solo and then small firm practice. He focuses his law practice on legal, finance, brokerage and business development for small and middle market entities. His business and real estate law focus is different than many other members of the committee, and this experience will bring a substantive area diversity to the committee. In addition, his lengthy career in high-achieving positions indicates that he is likely to be a high-level contributor to the committee as well.

J. Christopher Toews – Committee Member

J. Christopher Toews has practiced law for 32 years, most of that time in California. He practices in the relatively small community of San Luis Obispo, bringing to the executive committee a smaller community perspective on solo practice. He is an enthusiastic applicant who has spent time with the executive committee even before this nomination process, and he comes with the recommendation of an advisor to the executive committee who has known Mr. Toews for many years. Mr. Toews also took it upon himself to publish an article in the Solo and Small Firm Section publication prior to his application for this committee, demonstrating his dedication to the Section. Mr. Toews' practice focuses on trusts and estates and tax law, but he also has a focus in his writing on small firm practice management and business development. His experience and perspectives make him a great fit for this committee.

Belle Hsu – Committee Member

Belle Hsu is a solo labor and employment lawyer in the Playa Del Rey area. She was admitted to the State Bar in 1997. Ms. Hsu provides labor and employment counseling to organizations of all sizes and spends significant time volunteering for legal associations including the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles County (former President), Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Disability Rights Foundation, and Equity in the Profession subcommittee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Ms. Hsu's extensive volunteering experience and dedication to the solo practice of law will make her a great asset to the committee.

Robert Klein – Committee Member

Robert Klein is a former member of this committee (2007-2011). The committee would like to welcome him back to the executive committee following his period of absence. Advisors to the committee who worked with Mr. Klein during his tenure speak very highly of him. Mr. Klein brings back to the committee his dedication to solo law practice, a talent for presenting MCLE programs of interest to our members, and an enthusiasm for the section and its work. As we head into a period of transition for the Section, having voting members who have nurtured the Section through many years of its work will be very helpful; Mr. Klein's past experience with this committee, coupled with his colleagues from his past tenure holding him in high regard, makes him an asset.

The Section has one vacant seat for a term expiring in 2019 due to the resignation of a member last year. The following nomination is for the balance of the open term expiring in 2019:

Omar Anorga – Committee Member

Omar Anorga has been practicing in California since 2005. He dedicates his practice to business law and focuses his client base in the Latino community. A graduate of Whittier Law School and a member of its Law Review, he has shown an ongoing dedication to volunteer work. He spoke at the Annual Meeting of the State Bar in 2015 and receives the recommendation of his co-presenter, who spoke highly of Mr.

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Anorga's dedication to preparation and his work ethic. He has served on the ABA House of Delegates and its committees, and on the Review Committee of the JNE. The Executive Committee sees Mr. Anorga as an asset to the Section's work.

We have one alternate selection in the event that any of our recommended nominations is unable to serve for some reason. That alternate selection is Meredith Rae Levin. It is the intent of the Executive Committee that we not invite Ms. Levin onto the Executive Committee at this time, but rather that the Board of Trustees approve her alternate status so that we may extend an invitation in the future if one of our other nominees is unable to accept the appointment.

Meredith Rae Levin – Committee Member

Meredith Rae Levin is a family lawyer in solo practice. She was first admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, but she moved to California in 2002 and has been a Member of the Bar since 2004. She has an extensive background in volunteering in organizations, most critically in organizing and forming the specialty bar San Diego Family Law Bar Association. She has also served as co-chair and then chair of the Family Law Section of the San Diego County Bar Association. Ms. Levin's application was supported by three very strong letters of recommendation by colleagues who have worked with her on her volunteer work in the past.

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,

Megan Zavieh, Chair
California State Bar Solo and Small Firm Section

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These members` terms will expire.

259750	Galente, Renee N.	Galente Ganci APC San Diego-04	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/VICE CHAIR	2018**
170548	Mayer, Steven M.	Mayer Law Group APC Encino-02	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	TERMINATE	2017**
243275	Ngo, Ritzel S.	Law Ofc of Ritzel Ngo Pasadena-02	10/13/2013	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/CHAIR	2018**
197058	VonTersch, Glenn E.	SVPC Belmont-01	9/14/2014	9/22/2017	TERMINATE	2017**
206446	Zavieh, Megan E.	Zaviech Law Alpharetta, GA-00	10/13/2013	9/22/2017	TERMINATE	2017**

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

201184	Chatterjee, Trina	Murphy Vu et al Oakland-01	10/11/2015	9/16/2018		
283168	Evans, Jeremy M.	California Sports Lawyer San Diego-04	10/11/2015	9/16/2018	APPOINT/TREASURER	2018**
217909	Jung, Charles H.	Nassiri Jung San Francisco-01	10/11/2015	9/16/2018		
226361	Green, Sabrina L.	Stratton Green San Diego-04	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		
125952	Krongold, Steven L.	Krongold Law Corp. Irvine-04	10/02/2016	9/15/2019		
265643	Sciencio, Angelica O.	Self-employed San Diego-04	1/02/2016	9/15/2019		

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

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Entity: Solo and Small Firm Section Executive Committee
Chair: Megan E. Zavieh (510)936-1534

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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	100849	Ham, James I.	Pansky Markle Ham	South Pasadena-02	2020 **	NEW APPOINTMENT
2	45847	Root, Bennett W.	Nano Law Group	Pasadena-02	2020 **	NEW APPOINTMENT
3	111201	Toews, J. C.	Self-employed	San Luis Obispo-02	2020 **	NEW APPOINTMENT
4	193469	Hsu, Belle H.	Self-employed	Torrance-02	2020 **	NEW APPOINTMENT
5	112807	Klein, Robert M.	Self-employed	Los Angeles-02	2020 **	NEW APPOINTMENT/ **POLICY ISSUE
6	236520	Anorga, Omar S.	The Anorga Law Firm	Pasadena-02	2019 **	NEW APPOINTMENT/ REPLACES UNFILLED POSITION

Alternates and Remaining Applicants

7	226437	Levin, Meredith R.	mrl adr	San Diego-04
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Annual Meeting dates to be determined.

SPECIAL NOTATIONS:

** Klein--Policy re Prior Service: It is board policy that prior service on a committee is a militating factor against appointment; said factor is to be weighed among all other considerations. Mr. Klein served on the committee from 2004-2008 .

Signature: _____

**Proposed 2017-2018
Taxation Section Executive Committee**

(Appointed/Reappointed by the Board of Trustees May 12, 2017)

Terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (September 22, 2017). The terms of the officers are one-year and expire at the close of the 2018 State Bar Annual Meeting (TBD). *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	Patrick W. Martin	San Diego	4	2018
REAPPOINT CHAIR-ELECT	Troy M. VanDongen	San Francisco	1	2018
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Daniel G. Brown	Burlingame	1	2020
	Jason J. Galek	San Francisco	1	2020
	Carolyn M. Lee	San Francisco	1	2020
	Lorraine Y. Yu	Los Angeles	2	2020
	Jaclyn N. Zumaeta	Rancho Cordova	3	2020
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Christopher W. Campbell	Los Angeles	2	2018
	Kurt Kawafuchi	Honolulu, HI		2018
	Michael P. Varela	Palo Alto	6	2018
	Allen B. Walburn	San Diego	4	2018
	Joseph P. Wilson	Newport Beach	4	2018
	Laura L. Buckley	San Diego	4	2019
	Elliot S. Ewing	Sacramento	3	2019
	Courtney A. Hopley	San Francisco	1	2019
	Ciro M. Immordino	Rancho Cordova	3	2019
	Chad D. Nardiello	Los Angeles	2	2019



TAXATION SECTION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

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March 21, 2017

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

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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:

On behalf of the Taxation Section, I am submitting the names of five well-qualified candidates for the Taxation Section Executive Committee and two alternative candidates.

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 and 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 or an outstanding reputation in the field of tax law. 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. I personally updated the announcement with more detail regarding our activities and the time commitment applicants should expect.

We received 15 applicants this year, to whom I offered the opportunity for a brief telephone interview so that I could answer any questions the applicant may have, and further delve into the applicants' interest in serving on the committee. All 15 applicants accepted my offer and therefore I conducted a brief

interview with each of the candidates prior to our Executive Committee meeting held March 10-11, 2017 in Sacramento, at which time we discussed the candidates and voted on our selections.

Prior to our vote, we discussed each candidate and our diversity factors. Some candidates who are relatively new to the practice of law were identified as people who should become involved with one of our 11 standing committees if not voted to serve on the Executive Committee. Similarly, some candidates who currently serve on standing committees were identified as those who should continue in that activity if not selected to serve on the Executive Committee. As Chair of the Taxation Section, I submit herewith the top five applicants and two alternatives 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, I 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.

Of our 15 candidates, three candidates had five or fewer years of experience; five candidates had six to ten years of experience; two candidates had 11-20 years of experience; and four candidates had 33-48 years of experience.

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.

Seven of our applicants had prior volunteer experience with one of our taxation section standing committees ranging from attending meetings regularly, holding an officer position, and/or speaking at events.

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. Applicants this year hail from Burlingame, Irvine, Los Angeles, Oakland, Orange, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, and Santa Cruz, California, as well as Mesa, Arizona.

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. The candidates this year ranged from self-employed, large firm, small firm, government applicants, a law professor, and a retired applicant.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

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 five vacancies and two as the alternates for 2017-2018:

Daniel Brown was selected as a new member for 2017-2018. He lives in Burlingame, California and practices with Carr McClellan, PC, with a focus on trusts and estates. He is 59 years old and was desirable as a candidate to several of the Executive Committee members who knew of him or his work.

Jason Galek was selected as a new member for 2017-2018. He lives in San Francisco, California and has his own practice, Galek Law. Jason has practiced federal tax law for 11 years and has been involved in the Bay Area Young Tax Lawyers. He is 43 years old and identifies as an Asian-American. Jason has served on the Barrister's Board of Directors and likes mentoring others. He has been involved in pro bono work benefiting low-income taxpayers.

Carolyn Lee was selected as a new member for 2017-2018. She lives in San Francisco, California and works for Morgan, Lewis & Brokus. Carolyn currently serves as the Tax Practice and Litigation co-Chair as well as the Young Tax Lawyer Co-Chair. She has served in a variety of capacities including as Editor of the California Journal of Tax Litigation and has been involved in the Bay Area Young Tax Lawyer group. Written recommendations were provided on Carolyn's behalf by former Chair, Robert Horwitz, and Adria Price, a former Executive Committee member. Carolyn was recommended by most, if not all, of the voting members.

Lorraine Yu was selected as a new member for 2017-2018. Lorraine works in Los Angeles, California, for the IRS. She has practiced federal law for 17 years and has been heavily involved with the Asian Pacific American Bar of Los Angeles. She is 41 years old, identifies as Chinese, and was recommended to serve by Richard Pietrofeso by letter, and personally by some current Executive Committee members.

The fifth candidate selected to serve for 2017-2018 is Jaclyn Zumaeta. Jaclyn works in Rancho Cordova, California for the California Franchise Tax Board. She has practiced in state and local tax for seven years and has served as an officer for the State and Local Tax standing committee, as well as Chair of the Sacramento Young Tax Lawyers. She is 32 years old and received written recommendations by former Chair, Fred Campbell-Craven, former Executive Committee member, Shellie Hughes, and Chief Counsel of the FTB, Jozel Brunett.

The five candidates listed above are in alphabetical order; the two alternates are listed in order of most votes, with the highest number going to Ralph Bramhall, who is our first alternative, and Kevan McLaughlin, who received the second highest number of votes as an alternate.

Ralph Bramhall is retired from the California Franchise Tax Board and KPMG. He lives in Mesa Arizona, and is 69 years old.

Kevan McLaughlin practices in San Diego, California, where he has a firm, McLaughlin Legal. Kevan has a state and federal tax controversy practice, has served as the San Diego Young Tax Lawyer's Chair, and co-Chairs both the Tax Practice and Litigation standing committee as well as the Young Tax Lawyer standing committee. Kevan is 34 years old and will be asked to reapply next year after serving his final year as Chair of the Tax Practice and Litigation standing committee.

The Executive Committee believes the candidates who were selected are well-qualified tax lawyers with a wide range of experience. We believe they will significantly add to our section's capabilities.

ONGOING RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH

The Executive Committee has used its annual meeting (scheduled to be held in Carlsbad, California, this year from November 1-3, 2017) 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

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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.

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 contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Betty J. Williams
Chair, Taxation Section
The State Bar of California

cc: Patrick Martin, Taxation Section Chair-Elect 2017-2018 (by email Patrick.martin@procopio.com)
Troy VanDongen, Taxation Section Chair-Elect 2018-2019 (by email tvandongen@winston.com)
Tricia Horan, Director of Sections (by email tricia.horan@calbar.ca.gov)
Lynn Taylor, Taxation Section Staff Liaison (by email lynn.taylor@calbar.ca.gov)

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Size of Entity: 17

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.

169576	Gutierrez, Laurelle M.	McDermott Will & Emery Menlo Park-01	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017 TERMINATE	2017**	
245543	Hughes, Shellie L.	State of Nevada Dept Taxation Carson City, NV-00	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017 TERMINATE	2017**	
253203	Lewis, Jenna M.	Franchise Tax Board Rancho Cordova-03	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017 TERMINATE	2017**	
163932	Martin, Patrick W.	Procopio Cory et al San Diego-04	10/13/2013 Chair Elect	9/22/2017 REAPPOINT/CHAIR	2018**	
245541	O'Toole, Rebecca L.	McKenna Long Aldridge Rancho Santa Fe-04	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017 TERMINATE	2017**	
201288	VanDongen, Troy M.	Winston & Strawn San Francisco-01	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017 REAPPOINT/CH ELECT	2017**	
224793	Williams, Betty J.	Law Ofc of Williams & Assoc Sacramento-03	10/12/2012 Chair	9/22/2017 TERMINATE	2017**	

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

205936	Campbell, Christophe W.	Loeb & Loeb Los Angeles-02	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
110691	Kawafuchi, Kurt	Law Ofc Kurt Kawafuchi Honolulu, HI-00	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
234790	Varela, Michael P.	Hopkins Carley Palo Alto-06	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
179576	Walburn, Allen B.	Allen Matkins et al San Diego-04	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
228180	Wilson, Joseph P.	Wilson Tax Group Newport Beach-04	11/19/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
245224	Buckley, Laura L.	Higgs Fletcher et al San Diego-04	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
155065	Ewing, Elliott S.	Deloitte Tax Sacramento-03	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
263647	Hopley, Courtney A.	Greenberg Traurig San Francisco-01	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
229746	Immordino, Ciro M.	Franchise Tax Board Rancho Cordova-03	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
224837	Nardiello, Chad D.	Self-employed Los Angeles-02	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		

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Annual Meeting dates to be determined.

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Entity: Taxation Section Executive Committee
Chair: Betty J. Williams(916)488-8501

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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	206138	Yu, Lorraine Y.	Internal Revenue	Los Angeles-02	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
2	249889	Lee, Carolyn M.	Morgan Lewis et al	San Francisco-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
3	268957	Zumaeta, Jaclyn N.	Franchise Tax Board	Rancho Cordova-03	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
4	239638	Galek, Jason J.	Galek Law	San Francisco-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
5	112338	Brown, Daniel G.	Carr McClellan	Burlingame-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT

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6	127997	Bramhall, Ralph D.	Retired	Mesa-00		
7	258423	McLaughlin, Kevan P.	McLaughlin Legal	San Diego-04		
8	113391	Hess, Cameron L.	Wagner Kirkham et al	Mather-03		
9	254667	Shaikh, Muhammad I.	Reed Smith	Los Angeles-02		
10	121895	Becker, Jane E.	Self-employed	Santa Cruz-06		

Applicants Listed in Alphabetical Order(i.e., Not Ranked)

264057	Creech, James O.	Self-employed	Burlingame-01		
118850	Doti, Frank J.	Chapman University Law	Orange-04		

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Annual Meeting dates to be determined.

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Entity: Taxation Section Executive Committee
Chair: Betty J. Williams (916)488-8501

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		Nominees/Applicant Name	Principal Place of Business	City-State Bar District	Chair Recommendation Proposed Term	Notes/ Board Comm. Action
Pref	State Bar No					
	306705	Flatì, Zachary J.	Watts Law	Irvine-04		
	311965	Fraser, Erin L.	Self-employed	Oakland-01		
	294150	Shatara, Saba S.	State Board of Equalization	Sacramento-03		

SPECIAL NOTATIONS:

Signature: _____

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Proposed: 2017-2018
Trusts and Estates Section Executive Committee
(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, May 12, 2017)

Terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (September 22, 2017). The officer terms are one year and expire at the close of the 2018 State Bar Annual Meeting (TBD). *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 TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	Herbert A. Stroh	San Luis Obispo	2	2018
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	Yvonne A. Ascher	Monterey	6	2018
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	John M. Andersen	Ventura	2	2020
	Kristen E. Caverly	San Diego	4	2020
	Howard A. Kipnis	San Diego	4	2020
	Ciaran A. O'Sullivan	San Francisco	1	2020
	Michael J. Rosen-Prinz	Los Angeles	2	2020
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Mary deLeo	Sacramento	3	2018
	Mason L. Brawley	Merced	5	2018
	Bill J. Brieton	San Diego	4	2018
	Stella Pantazis	San Francisco	1	2018
	Carlena L. Tapella	Sacramento	3	2018
	Elizabeth M. Engh	Walnut Creek	1	2019
	Ralph E. Hughes	San Diego	4	2019
	Andrew Katzenstein	Los Angeles	2	2019
	Joy J. Paeske	Solana Beach	4	2019
	Carol E. Zolla	Los Gatos	6	2019



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April 7, 2017

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Members, Nominations and Appointments Committee
Appointments Office
State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

RE: Appointment Recommendations for the Trusts and Estates Section

Dear Members of the Nominations and Appointments Committee:

I am writing as Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Trusts and Estates Section of the State Bar. I enclose the appointments worksheet, which I have completed and signed. I have also summarized below in this letter the appointments that the Section's Executive Committee is recommending, based upon the Nominating Committee's work. This year, as in years past, we advertised for application in our Section's publication, the *California Trusts and Estates Quarterly*, and we also sent several E-Blasts to members shortly before and at the time applications were due. Many Executive Committee members spoke to our colleagues throughout the state asking for applications. As a result of these efforts, we had a robust pool of 22 applicants.

NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Section submits the following names of nominees as five new members of the Executive Committee in the following order:

1. Rosen-Prinz, Michael J. Michael is from District 2. He practices in Los Angeles with the firm of McDermott, Will, & Emery, LLP. He works with families and individuals to prepare straightforward and complex estate plans, assists multi-national families and individuals with foreign and domestic trusts and cross border investment planning, and establishes and administers private trust companies, family offices, and other family governance structures.

Michael has already demonstrated commitment. He has been a volunteer with the Trusts and Estates Section Executive Committee ("TEXCOM") since 2014. He first worked with TEXCOM on issues in planning for digital assets. He volunteered as a member of the Uniform Laws Committee to assist with California's passage of a law governing fiduciary access to digital assets. Although his work on digital assets legislation has been his primary experience with TEXCOM, he has also volunteered in a

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few other capacities, such as co-presenting a webinar on transfer taxes as part of the California State Bar Trusts and Estates Section Fundamentals of Trusts and Estates Practice II series in October 2014, and was an assistant editor for an article in Vol. 22, Issue 1 of the California Trusts and Estates Quarterly.

Michael will bring his experience as well as his skills, knowledge, and energy as a lawyer to the committee. His unique expertise in digital assets and technology in general will be a benefit to TEXCOM.

2. Caverly, Kristen E. Kristen is from District 4. She practices with the firm of Henderson, Caverly, Pum, & Charney, LLP in San Diego. She is one of the owners of this woman-owned law firm. Kristen has lectured on estate and trust issues with an emphasis on litigation for many years. Her practice focuses on complex litigation matters, and she has extensive experience with court procedures, rules and statutory interpretation. She is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and spoke at their annual meeting in 2016. She also spoke at the 61st Estate Planning Seminar sponsored by the University of Washington School of Law in Seattle in 2016.

Kristen will be able to contribute to the complex legal analyses undertaken by TEXCOM in doing its work. She has many years of experience with families in crises, including conservatorship and guardianship disputes, and how the Probate Code works in such situations. As much of TEXCOM's work concerns reviewing pending legislation and proposed legislation involving trusts and estates litigation, her input will be invaluable to members' understanding of such issues.

3. Andersen, John M. John is from District 2. He practices with the firm of Ferguson Case Orr Paterson, LLP, in Ventura. During his 24 years in the estate planning practice, at several different firms and jurisdictions, he has had the opportunity to work with many accomplished estate planning lawyers and experienced different approaches to estate planning. John's interests include making quality estate planning services, and legal services in general, accessible to ordinary people, not just the wealthy. He has worked in medium size firms (25-35), as well as a mega-firm (800+), and has practiced in both Southern California and Northern California, as well as in Washington.

John has always been active in local, professional and community organizations. John will provide the experience and wisdom only a long-tenured practitioner can bring to TEXCOM, as well as insight from the viewpoint of mid to large size firms.

4. O'Sullivan, Ciaran. Ciaran is from District 1. He is a solo practitioner in San Francisco. His practice focuses primarily on trust and probate litigation. He has been an active volunteer on TEXCOM's Litigation standing committee for several years. He also has experience working as part of the California Conference of Bar Associations, which is of value to TEXCOM.

Ciaran was born in Cork City, Ireland, and received his undergraduate degree from University College Dublin, in Dublin, Ireland. After moving to the United States, he earned a law degree from

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Hastings College of Law, and practiced at several firms before opening his own firm approximately 10 years ago. Ciaran's commitment to legal excellence, and his diverse background, will add a unique perspective to TEXCOM.

5. Kipnis, Howard A. Bradley is from District 4. He is a name partner in the firm of Hickson, Kipnis, & Barnes, LLP in San Diego.

Howard has an interesting background. He started in private practice, before accepting a position as assistant general counsel to a bank. After several years in industry, Howard returned to private practice, culminating in partnership at his current firm. He has expressed his concerns that judges and court-personnel are over worked, and noted his reservations over the erosion of civility of practitioners. Howard would like to use his 31 years of experience to do what he can as a member of TEXCOM to reverse these trends, as the ultimate victim is the client.

His area of expertise is trusts and estates litigation. In particular, TEXCOM is in need of members with litigation experience, particularly in light of several litigators finishing up their tenure on TEXCOM at the end of the year. Howard's experience and his commitment to the client will be of great value. TEXCOM will benefit from his participation.

ALTERNATES

Should one be needed, our nomination for two alternate members include, in order of priority: Agnieszka Adams of Roisman Henel, LLP in Oakland (District 1); and Katherine H. Becker of Schuck, Becker, & Dehesa, LLP in Santa Paula (District 2).

OFFICE OF SECTION CHAIR

Traditionally, the Vice-Chair of our Section assumes the office of Chair after one year as Vice-Chair. We are pleased to follow that tradition and therefore submit the name of Herb Stroh of San Luis Obispo, District 2, to become our Section Chair as of the conclusion of the annual meeting in 2017.

OFFICE OF SECTION VICE-CHAIR

The Nominating Committee entertained the nomination from the Executive Committee for a Vice-Chair from among the advisors to the Executive Committee whose time as advisor was expiring. Based upon the recommendations and deliberations of the Nominating Committee, the Section submits the name of Yvonne Ascher of Monterey, District 6, as our new Vice-Chair as of the conclusion of the annual meeting in 2017. Yvonne has served on several important committees of the Section, including as Co-Chair of the Legislation standing committee. She has been instrumental in leading the Legislative committee and maintaining a legislative program that reviews every legislative bill for relevance to the trusts and estates area; provides valuable input on pending legislation; and follows relevant bills through

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the legislative process. She has chaired the Ethics standing committee, and been active in tracking the proposed revised Rules of Professional Conduct. Yvonne has demonstrated commitment and effective leadership. She will be an asset as Vice Chair and then Chair.

CONTINUING MEMBERS AND ADVISORS

The enclosed worksheet indicates the five members whose terms will expire at the conclusion of the annual meeting in 2017. Consistent with long-standing practice of our Section, five members have been invited to continue their service on the Executive Committee as advisors for the next three years. We have also asked our current Chair, Gina Lera, to follow past practice and remain as an advisor for an additional three years. All have accepted. Simultaneous with the appointment of these five terminated members as advisors, five former members who have been serving as advisors to the Section, namely, Syna Dennis, Julia Gold, Julia Kwon, Matthew Matiasovich and Bart Schenone will conclude their service to the Section's Executive Committee.

Also attached are copies of the applications for the five nominees and two alternates listed above. I am pleased to report that these seven were chosen from a field of twenty-two applicants. The Nominating Committee and the Section's Executive Committee gave careful thought to the selection of the most qualified applicants, keeping in mind diversity of objectives and other criteria adopted by the Board of Trustees. We believe these objectives have been achieved with this year's nominees.

If you have any questions concerning any of the nominees, or his or her qualifications, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your anticipated assistance in considering these nominees for appointment to the Section's Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Patrick A. Kohlmann
Chair, Nominating Committee

Enclosures

cc: Gina Lera, Chair (w/enclosures)
Herb Stroh, Vice-Chair (w/enclosures)
Nominating Committee Members (w/enclosures)
Janet L. Brewer, Board Liaison (w/enclosures)

ATTACHMENT 9CEntity: Trusts and Estates Section Executive Committee
Size of Entity: 17

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.

121733	Ascher, Yvonne A.	Self-employed Monterey-06	9/18/2011 Member	9/14/2014	APPOINT/VICE CHAIR 2018**	
250358	Bratt, Jennifer M.	DLP Piper San Diego-04	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
91351	Kerner, Michael P.	US Trust Bank Palo Alto-06	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
179241	Lera, Gina L.	Lera Tiberini PC Sacramento-03	9/13/2009 Chair	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
95134	Lindsley, Philip P.	San Diego Elder Law Center Bonita-04	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
187303	McMurtrey, Matthew W.	Sacks Glazier et al Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
213110	Shaver, Thomas W.	Hartog & Baer Orinda-01	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
120257	Stroh, Herbert A.	Sinsheimer et al San Luis Obispo-02	10/02/2016 Vice Chair	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/CHAIR 2018**	

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

206056	deLeo, Mary K.	Weintraub Tobin et al Sacramento-03	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
53217	Brierton, Bill J.	Bierton & Jones San Diego-04	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
203098	Erdosi, Bradley S.	Superior Court Orange-04	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018	Resigned	1/10/2017
130082	Pantazis, Stella	County Counsel San Francisco-01	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
160263	Tapella, Carlana L.	Webb & Tapella Sacramento-03	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
251322	Brawley, Mason L.	Murphy & Brawley et al Merced-05	3/10/2017 Member	9/16/2018	Replaces Resigned Mb Bradley Erdosi	
80002	Engh, Elizabeth M.	Donahue Fitzgerald Walnut Creek-01	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
71289	Hughes, Ralph E.	Hughes & Pizzuto San Diego-04	11/08/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
105848	Katzenstein, Andrew M.	Proskauer Rose et al Los Angeles-02	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
223558	Paeske, Joy J.	Self-employed Solana Beach-04	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
186805	Zolla, Carol E.	Self-employed Los Gatos-06	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		

** Term expires at close of Annual Meeting in the year indicated.

Annual Meeting dates to be determined.

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Entity: Trusts and Estates Section Executive Committee
Chair: Gina L. Lera(916)403-5180

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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	259834	Rosen-Prinz, Michael J.	McDermott Will et al	Los Angeles-02	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
2	175070	Caverly, Kristen E.	Henderson Caverly et al	San Diego-04	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT/**Policy Issue
3	162930	Andersen, John M.	Ferguson Case et al	Ventura-02	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
4	198970	O'Sullivan, Ciaran A.	Self-employed	San Francisco-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
5	118537	Kipnis, Howard A.	Hickson Kipnis et al	San Diego-04	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT

Alternates and Remaining Applicants

6	267472	Adams, Agnieszka K.	Roisman Henel	Oakland-01		
7	277131	Becker, Katherine T.	Schuck Becker et al	Santa Paula-02		

Applicants Listed in Alphabetical Order(i.e., Not Ranked)

197006	Antonchuk, Jeffrey T.	Dudnick Detwiler	San Francisco-01		
130295	Begun, Kenneth M.	Law Ofc of Ken Begun	San Ramon-01		
190767	Bergman, Beti T.	Peninsula Law	Torrance-02		
135894	Bishop, Bonnie K.	Ofc of Bonnie Bishop	Berkeley-01		
112338	Brown, Daniel G.	Carr McClellan	Burlingame-01		

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	250908	Buchbinder, Emily J.	Law Ofc of Emily Buchbinder	Santa Cruz-06		
	311965	Fraser, Erin L.	Self-employed	Oakland-01		
	262943	Hunt, Daniel A.	Law Ofc Daniel Hunt	Sacramento-03		
	231750	Last, Bruce A.	Self-employed	Pleasant Hill-01		
	224377	Mardian, Robert C.	Henderson Caverly et al	San Diego-04		**Policy Issue
	186955	Powell, Mark E.	Self-employed	Costa Mesa-04		
	186922	Sandoval, Dennis M.	Ofc Dennis M Sandoval	Riverside-04		
	174203	Savage, Philip M.	Gresham Savage et al	San Bernadino-04		
	152784	Sosa, Steven C.	Ofc of Steven C. Sosa	Los Angeles-02		
	114590	Vaught, Jon R.	Vaught & Boutris	Oakland-01		
	141320	Viswanathan, Sreelata	Deloitte Tax	Los Angeles-02		
	176687	Yokomoto, Kristin L.	Albrecht & Barney	Irvine-04		

SPECIAL NOTATIONS:

**Policy Issue--Same Firm: It is Board policy that a militating factor against appointment is whether an applican't firm is on the same committee, this factor is to be weighed among other appointment considerations. Applicants Kristen E. Caverly and Robert C. Mardian is in the same firm.

Signature: _____

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Proposed: 2017-2018 Workers' Compensation Section Executive Committee

(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, May 12, 2017)

Terms of the officers and new members begin at the close of the 2017 State Bar Annual Meeting (September 22, 2017). The officer terms are one year and expire at the close of the 2018 State Bar Annual Meeting (TBD). *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 TERM EXPIRES
REAPPOINT CHAIR	David M. Skaggs	Thousand Oaks	2	2018
REAPPOINT VICE CHAIR	Maria A. Sager	Oakland	1	2018
REAPPOINT SECRETARY	Eric D. Ledger	San Francisco	1	2018
REAPPOINT TREASURER	Jack Goodchild	Encino	2	2018
REAPPOINT MEMBER	Elizabeth N. Furlow	San Francisco	1	2020
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	William M. Carero	Oxnard	2	2020
	John Hernandez	Covina	2	2020
	George W. Mason	Oakland	1	2020
	Erin M. Wintersteen	Sacramento	4	2020
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Jeffrey S. Price	Long Beach	2	2018
	Joan M. Succa	San Francisco	1	2018
	Tiffany A. Boyland	Sacramento	3	2019
	Justin M. Litvack	Oakland	1	2019
	John J. Parente	San Rafael	1	2019
	Sharon Velzy-Lenington	Van Nuys	2	2019

March 24, 2017

Office of the Secretary
Appointments Administrator
State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

RE: Appointment Recommendations – Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee

Dear Appointments Administrator:

The Workers’ Compensation Executive Committee is comprised equally of attorneys who represent injured workers (applicants), attorneys who represent employers, insurance carriers and/or claims administrators (defendants), and workers’ compensation judges. We strive for diversity amongst our membership, including geographic diversity between northern and southern California.

Over the past year, the Executive Committee solicited applications for new members from the entire workers’ compensation community. After receipt of the applications, they were each reviewed by every member of the Executive Committee, including all current advisors. The Executive Committee then met on March 10, 2017, at which time each application was discussed in an open forum. Once each application was thoroughly discussed, the Executive Committee ranked the applications for Executive Committee membership in order of preference.

There are currently five vacancies on the Executive Committee that need to be filled. The following are the applications being recommended for membership by the Committee, in ranked order:

1. Elizabeth N. Furlow – (Defense Attorney, Northern California) – Elizabeth is an associate attorney with Lewis, Brisbois et al. in San Francisco. She is currently a member of the Executive Committee, and was appointed approximately one year ago to replace a member who had resigned. She is now being recommended for reappointment so that she can fulfill a complete term. She will undoubtedly continue to bring enthusiasm and energy to the Committee on which she has already served as a member.
2. George W. Mason – (Retired Workers’ Compensation Judge, Northern California) – George is a former presiding judge of two district offices of the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board. He has been making significant and lasting contributions to California’s workers’ compensation system for over forty years. In 1993, the Workers’ Compensation

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Section Executive Committee named him Judge of the Year. Since his retirement in 2004, he has owned and operated a mediation and arbitration business, where he continues to assist workers' compensation practitioners. His knowledge and experience will be invaluable on the Executive Committee.

3. William M. Carrero – (Workers' Compensation Judge, Southern California) – William is currently a sitting workers' compensation judge at the Oxnard District Office of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. He is known throughout the community as being a thoughtful, intelligent pragmatist. He has also recently spoken for the Workers' Compensation Section at a seminar regarding lien claims, which was well received. He will bring a measured and insightful perspective to the Executive Committee.
4. Erin M. Wintersteen – (Defense Attorney, Northern California) – Erin is the managing attorney of the Sacramento office of Michael Sullivan & Associates. She is certified by the State Bar as a specialist in workers' compensation law. Her work ethic and leadership skills will assist the Executive Committee in countless ways.
5. John Hernandez – (Applicant Attorney, Southern California) – John is a former defense attorney for workers' compensation claims, and a former workers' compensation judge. He now represents injured workers. Due to this varied background, the Committee believes he will bring a unique perspective to all of our endeavors. Originally from Honduras, John will also add a diverse cultural influence to the Executive Committee.

In addition to the foregoing applicants, the Executive Committee also ranked the following alternates:

6. Lauren J. Moniz – (Defense Attorney, Northern California) – Lauren represents employers and insurance carriers in workers' compensation defense. She represents several public agencies, and has a deep understanding of specific laws that affect public employers. Should any of the above-ranked applicants be unable to serve, the Committee would recommend Ms. Moniz's application.
7. Howard Goodman – (Retired Workers' Compensation Judge, Southern California) – Howard served as a workers' compensation judge from 1994 until his retirement in 2012. Since then, he has operated a private law practice with an emphasis on mediation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. Should any of the above-ranked applicants be unable to serve, the Committee would recommend Mr. Goodman's application.

The Executive Committee is pleased with the above-ranked candidates. If approved, we will have a committee which reflects the diversity and heterogeneity of our field. Additionally, it will be comprised of a balanced group of professionals with considerable expertise in workers' compensation law. Each of the above-ranked applicants has consistently demonstrated a high level of commitment to the continuing education of the State Bar, professional organizations and the public at large.

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In addition to considering applications for new membership at our March 10, 2017 meeting, the Executive Committee also voted on officer positions for the 2017-18 year. The following current Executive Committee members were unanimously voted into officer positions for next year:

Chair: David Skaggs (Current Secretary)

Vice Chair: Maria Sager (Current Treasurer)

Secretary: Eric Ledger (Current Vice-Chair)

Treasurer: Jack Goodchild (Current Executive Committee Member)

Based on these members' qualifications and commitments to the Executive Committee, we recommend their appointments as officers for the upcoming year.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth M. Sheppard
Chair
Workers' Compensation Section
Executive Committee

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Entity: Workers' Compensation Section Executive Committee
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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

These members` terms will expire.						
147095	Atcherley, Linda F.	WCAB Judge San Diego-04	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
65971	Goodchild, Jack	Goodchild & Duffy Encino-02	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/TREASURER 2018**	
83569	Harter, Joel K.	WCAB Judge Sacramento-03	9/14/2014 Member	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
273423	Ledger, Eric D.	Workers' Comp Appeals Board San Francisco-01	10/13/2013 Vice Chair	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/SECRETARY 2018**	
201083	Sager, Maria A.	Boxer and Gerson Oakland-01	10/13/2013 Treasurer	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/VICE CHAIR 2018**	
227066	Sheppard, Kenneth M.	Jones Clifford et al San Francisco-01	9/18/2011 Chair	9/22/2017	TERMINATE 2017**	
187363	Skaggs, David M.	Pacific Comp Ins Thousand Oaks-02	10/14/2012 Secretary	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/CHAIR 2018**	
These members were appointed to fill vacancies.						
282926	Furlow, Elizabeth N.	Lewis Brisbois San Francisco-01	5/13/2016 Member	9/22/2017	REAPPOINT/MEMBER 2020**	
These members have one or more years to complete in their terms.						
246328	Price, Jeffrey S.	Morrison LaRossa Price et al Long Beach-02	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
172897	Succa, Joan M.	WCAB (Judge) San Francisco-01	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018		
206893	Vuong, Lauren N.	State Comp Ins Fund San Francisco-01	10/11/2015 Member	9/16/2018	Resigned	
235480	Boyland, Tiffany A.	Samuelson Gonzalez Sacramento-03	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
239658	Litvack, Justin M.	Boxer Gerson Oakland-01	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
72189	Parente, John J.	Self-Employed San Rafael-01	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		
153506	Velzy-Lenington, Sharon L.	DIR Van Nuys-02	10/02/2016 Member	9/15/2019		

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Entity: Workers' Compensation Section Executive Committee
Chair: Kenneth M. Sheppard(415)431-5310

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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
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2	51115	Mason, George W.	Mediator	Oakland-01	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
3	102636	Carero, William M.	Workers' Comp Appeals Board	Oxnard-02	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
4	241296	Wintersteen, Erin M.	Adelson Testan et al	Sacramento-04	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT
5	209737	Hernandez, John	Self-employed	Covina-02	2020**	NEW APPOINTMENT

Alternates and Remaining Applicants

6	293024	Moniz, Lauren J.	RTGR Law	Oakland-01		
7	87427	Goodman, Howard	Self-employed	Agoura Hills-02		

Applicants Listed in Alphabetical Order(i.e., Not Ranked)

141035	Collins, Brian W.	Law Ofc of Brian Collins	Redlands-04		
102790	Masters, David M.	Self-employed	Rancho Cucamonga-04		
118036	Nicholas, Scott A.	Samuelson Gonzalez	Corona-04		
158399	Petty, Myrle R.	WCAJ	San Bernardino-04		
313524	Sheva, Sasi	Law Ofc of Robin Jacobs	Los Angeles-02		
150825	Singer, Edward J.	Law Ofc of Edward Singer	Los Angeles-02		

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Proposed: 2017-2018
Legal Specialization: California Board of Legal Specialization
(Appointed/ Reappointed by the Board of Trustees, May 12, 2017)

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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	Glenn J. Plattner	Santa Monica	2	2018
REAPPOINT IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR	Jeffrey B. Hayden	Redwood City	1	2018
APPOINT VICE CHAIR	Michael S. Berg	San Diego	4	2018
APPOINT NEW MEMBERS	Cynthia Levin	Sunnyvale	6	2019
	Robert Hershenson	Valencia	2	2021
CONTINUING MEMBERS	Miles D. Friedman	Laguna Niguel	4	2018
	Jeremy B. Kline	Los Angeles	2	2018
	John W. Munsill	Gold River	3	2018
	L.R. Vermes	Santa Ana	4	2019
	Janet M. Coulter	Long Beach	2	2019
	Louis J. Esbin	Stevenson Ranch	2	2019
	Donald K. Sheppard	San Diego	4	2019
	Mark A. Lester	Oxnard	2	2020
	Neil Thakur	Palo Alto	6	2020
	Aurelio Torre	Santa Ana	4	2020

**NOMINATION LETTER TO BOARD STAKEHOLDERS, ACCESS TO
JUSTICE AND APPOINTMENTS**

California Board of Legal Specialization

DATE: April 21, 2017
TO: Members, Board Stakeholders, Access to Justice and Appointments
FROM: CBLS Officers Jeffrey Hayden, Ricardo Goñi and Glenn Plattner
RE: Appointment Recommendations for the California Board of Legal
Specialization

Background/Process: The California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS) recommends the following appointments to the CBLS. The CBLS prioritizes the following criteria when reviewing applications: prior experience drafting and/or grading examinations on an advisory commission; having a range of specialties represented; having a range of geographies represented to the extent possible.

Officer Nominations: The current Chair is nominated as Immediate Past Chair, the current Vice Chair is nominated as Chair and a former member who has recently completed his term is nominated to return as Vice Chair.

Chair: Glenn Plattner is recommended for appointment to a one-year term as Chair.

Vice Chair: Michael Berg is recommended for appointment to a one-year term as Vice Chair in recognition of his contributions to the CBLS.

Immediate Past Chair: Jeffrey Hayden is recommended for appointment to a one-year term as Immediate Past Chair.

Recommendations for New Members:

1. Cynthia Levin. Ms. Levin is recommended for interim appointment to fill the unexpired term of the current public member vacancy. Ms. Levin has over 20 years of experience in major technology businesses and has worked with several companies such as Risk Management Solutions, Salesforce.com and Yahoo. Her professional experience will bring needed contribution to the CBLS, as the program is in the process of purchasing an updated computer system.
2. Robert Hershenson. Mr. Hershenson is recommended for appointment to a four-year term as a public member. Mr. Hershenson has a wide range of corporate experience. He also has volunteer experience as a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Clarita Valley. His experience will bring needed contribution to the CBLS, as the program continues to streamline operations and invest in new initiatives to increase public protection.

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Other Applicants:

The CBLS also received an application from Todd Berman for appointment as public member. Mr. Berman is a current law student who plans to take the February 2018 administration of the California Bar Examination. Mr. Berman also indicated on his application that he intends to apply for certification in Franchise and Distribution Law, pending submission to the State Bar of California. He will be asked to reapply in the future as an attorney member.

While there were no attorney vacancies expected on the CBLS for the upcoming year, the CBLS received three attorney applications from Brian Cole, Melbourne Gwin, Jr. and George Moore. Since there are no attorney member openings for the upcoming term, these attorney applicants will be encouraged to reapply in the future.

Entity: Legal Specialization: California Board
Size of Entity: 15

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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
These members` terms will expire.						
507024	Goni, Ricardo A.	Desmond Marcello et al West Sacramento-03	11/04/2011	9/22/2017 Immediate Past Chair/P	TERMINATE 2017**	
147552	Hayden, Jeffrey B.	Self-employed Redwood City-01	10/14/2012	9/22/2017 Chair	REAPPOINT/IMMED PAST 2018**	
137454	Plattner, Glenn J.	Bryan Cave et al Santa Monica-02	10/02/2016	9/22/2017 Vice Chair	REAPPOINT/CHAIR 2018**	
These members have one or more years to complete in their terms.						
102972	Berg, Michael S.	Self-employed San Diego-04	9/14/2014	9/16/2018 Member	APPOINT/VICE CHAIR 2018**	
115636	Friedman, Miles D.	Area Counsel/IRS Laguna Niguel-04	9/14/2014	9/16/2018 Member		
120602	Kline, Jeremy B.	Feinberg Mindel et al Los Angeles-02	9/14/2014	9/16/2018 Member		
95705	Munsill, John W.	Self-employed Gold River-03	9/14/2014	9/16/2018 Member		
93034	Vermes, L. R.	Wilson Pesota & Fox LLP Santa Ana-04	9/14/2014	9/16/2018 Member		
106348	Coulter, Janet M.	WCAB Long Beach-02	10/11/2015	9/15/2019 Member		
119705	Esbin, Louis J.	Self-employed Stevenson Ranch-02	10/11/2015	9/15/2019 Member		
213991	Sheppard, Donald K.	Higgs Fletcher & Mack San Diego-04	10/11/2015	9/15/2019 Member		
96521	Lester, Mark A.	Jones & Lester et al Oxnard-02	10/02/2016	9/13/2020 Member		
509280	Thakur, Neil	Teknos Associates Palo Alto-06	10/02/2016	9/13/2020 Public Member		
228920	Torre, Aurelio	OC County Counsel Santa Ana-04	10/02/2016	9/13/2020 Member		
1 unfilled public member position term ending 2019.					will be filled by Cynthia Levin	

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Entity: Legal Specialization: California Board
Chair: Jeffrey B. Hayden(650)368-5700

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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	509660	Levin, Cynthia Public Member	Director of Strategic Planning	Sunnyvale-06	2019 **	Public Member
2	509720	Hershenson, Robert Public Member	Hershenson Consulting	Valencia-02	2021 **	

Applicants Listed in Alphabetical Order(i.e., Not Ranked)

509697	Berman, Todd Public Member	Law Student	Long Beach-02		
212748	Cole, Brian H.	Self-employed	Manhattan Beach-02		
74509	Gwin, Melbourne N.	Self-employed	Merced-05		**Policy Issue
127740	Moore, George M.	Middlebury Institute	Monterey-01		

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SPECIAL NOTATIONS:

**Policy Issue--Gwin re: Prior Service: It is board policy that prior service on a committee is a militating factor against appointment; said factor is to be weighed among all other considerations. Gwin Melbourne served on the commission from 2008-2012.

Signature: _____