



# The State Bar *of California*

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**OPEN SESSION  
AGENDA ITEM  
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**DATE:** February 11, 2019

**TO:** Members, California Board of Legal Specialization

**FROM:** Amy C. Nuñez, Director, Admissions

**SUBJECT:** INTERIM ADVISORY COMMISSION OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

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## **SUMMARY**

There are 22 total current Chair and Vice Chair vacancies on the 11 Advisory Commissions to the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS). Recommendations for immediate appointment are provided for officer vacancies only.

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## **BACKGROUND**

Traditionally, recommendations to the CBLS to fill vacancies on its advisory commissions are presented on or about May or July each year. Due to the then-pending Appendix I review, which was to include a discussion of the appropriate size of the various State Bar sub-entities, staff did not present to the CBLS the advisory commission recommendations to fill the expiring terms of its officers and members. As a result, all 11 advisory commissions are without a Chair or Vice Chair.

In total, there are 22 officer positions available.

## **DISCUSSION**

For the 2018-2019 State Bar year, the advisory commissions recommend the following candidates for appointment:

### Admiralty & Maritime Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Randolph Moore  
Vice Chair: John Hughes

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#### Appellate Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Jeralyn Keller

Vice Chair: Eric Multhaup

#### Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Stella Havkin

Vice Chair: James Selth

#### Criminal Law Advisory Commission

Chair: David Cohen

Vice Chair: Marlisa Ferreira

#### Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Leslie Daff

Vice Chair: Jean Kohler

#### Family Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Blake Thompson

Vice Chair: David Patton

#### Franchise & Distribution Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Bryan Dillon

Vice Chair: Jim Mulcahy

#### Immigration & Nationality Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Lucy Avedissian

Vice Chair: Grace Alano

#### Legal Malpractice Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Ken Feldman

Vice Chair: Allison Buchanan

#### Taxation Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Ronald Mollis

Vice Chair: Mitchell Schwary

## Workers' Compensation Law Advisory Commission

Chair: Jeff Duarte

Vice Chair: Vysh Chandra

All Chair recommendations were made after each served the previous year as Vice Chair. All Vice Chair recommendations were made after each served on their respective commission as an attorney member.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the California Board of Legal Specialization approve the following motion:

**MOVE**, that the appointments of those mentioned above as Chair and Vice Chair to their respective advisory commission as interim appointments effective immediately until the sunset of the advisory commissions during 2019.