



The State Bar of California

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AGENDA ITEM O-500

APRIL 2021

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

DATE: April 23, 2021

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Tara Clark, Program Manager, Moral Character Determinations

SUBJECT: Proposed 2020-2021 Moral Character Goals

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Below are the proposed goals for Moral Character Determinations for 2020–2021.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Moral Character goals for 2020 to 2021 are listed below for the approval of the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE).

1. CBE members to receive a presentation on rehabilitation related to a moral character determination. (2017 – 2022 Strategic Plan, Goal 4)

Completed

2. CBE members to receive a follow-up presentation on the Lawyer Assistance Program.

Completed

3. CBE members to receive a presentation on explicit and implicit bias. (2017 – 2022 Strategic Plan, Goal 4)

June 2021

4. CBE members to receive a presentation on explicit and implicit bias related to a moral character determination. (2017 – 2022 Strategic Plan, Goal 4)

August 2021

5. CBE members to receive a presentation on court cases relevant to moral character determinations.

October 2021

6. CBE members to receive a presentation on the dynamics of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

December 2020

7. Receive additional trainings on topics relative to moral character determinations (e.g. Ethics School, Client Trust Accounting School).

Ongoing

8. Conduct requested administrative reviews of adverse moral character determinations and make final determinations with respect to Applications for Determinations of Moral Character.

Ongoing

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF THE STATE BAR

None

AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL

None

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal: None - core business operations

Goal: 4. Support access to legal services...and promote policies...programs to eliminate bias and promote an inclusive environment in the legal system...and strive to achieve a statewide attorney population that reflects the rich demographics of the state's population

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee of Bar Examiners approve the 2020–2021 Moral Character goals set forth above.

PROPOSED MOTION

Should the Committee of Bar Examiners agree with the staff recommendation, the following motion should be made:

MOVE, that the 2020–2021 Moral Character goals be approved.