



The State Bar of California

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DATE: August 20, 2021

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Tara Clark, Program Manager, Moral Character Determinations

SUBJECT: Action on Moral Character 2020-2021 Goals & Accomplishments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Below is the report on the goals and accomplishments for Moral Character Determinations for 2020–2021.

BACKGROUND

The report on the goals and accomplishments for Moral Character 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)

December 2020

During the Committee's December 2020 meeting, the Committee received training by David Lane on rehabilitation related to a moral character determination.

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

March 2021

During the Committee's March 2021 meeting, the Committee received training by Michelle Harmon on the State Bar's Lawyer Assistance Program and how it relates to a moral character determination.

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

AUGUST 2021

During the Committee's August 2021 meeting, the Committee will receive training by Judge Mark Bennett on implicit bias.

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

OCTOBER 2021

Because of time considerations, this training will be presented at the October 2021 Committee meeting.

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

OCTOBER/DECEMBER 2021

Because of time considerations, this training will be presented at either the October 2021 or December 2021 Committee meeting.

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

DECEMBER 2021

Because of time considerations, this training will be presented at the December 2021 Committee meeting.

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee of Bar Examiners approve the report on 2020–2021 Moral Character goals and accomplishments 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 report on 2020–2021 Moral Character goals and accomplishments be approved.