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II.C. Moral Character
10-08-21 Scope Meeting
Open Session

WORKING GROUP

DATE: October 5, 2021

TO: Scope Subcommittee, Closing the Justice Gap Working Group

FROM: Scope Subcommittee Co-Chairs

SUBJECT: II.C Discussion and Possible Action on a Subcommittee Recommendation
Assessing Moral Character and Fitness for Authorized Persons

At the September Scope meeting, the subcommittee voted to recommend to the working group that the sandbox application requirements to submit to a background check and to make disclosures should apply only to each applicant's authorized person or persons as defined in the sandbox application form. For agenda item II.C, the subcommittee will discuss the approach that the sandbox regulator should use for evaluating character and fitness information submitted by such persons.

In preparation for this discussion, subcommittee members are asked to review the "[Factors and Conduct Relevant to a Moral Character Determination](#)" that are used in the State Bar's attorney admissions process. In addition, for more extensive information subcommittee members may also consider the "[Moral Character Determination Guidelines](#)." These guidelines are intended to reflect standards set forth by the California Supreme Court and other governing law, but as clarified in the guidelines, the State Bar's process recognizes that applicants are unique and are considered on their individual merits.