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TO: Members, Board Executive Committee
Members, Board of Trustees

FROM: Louisa Ayrapetyan, Board Secretary, Office of the Executive Director

SUBJECT: Approval of Annual Appointment of Officers and Members of State Bar Subentities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This agenda item presents the candidates recommended for appointment to the Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct, Council on Access and Fairness (COAF), California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS), Client Security Fund (CSF) Commission, Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) Commission, Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC), and the Review Committee of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (RJNE), for the 2022–2023 committee year.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the State Bar recruits for diverse candidates, including lawyers and nonlawyers, to serve on various State Bar committees. The State Bar is most effective when membership of its committees represents the rich racial, ethnic, geographic, and professional diversity of Californians. To that end, in recent years subentity appointment recruitment efforts have been expanded. For this recruitment cycle, Board appointments staff launched an extensive recruitment campaign in February 2022, targeting hundreds of nonprofit and community-based

organizations, as well as local and affinity bar associations. Multimodal outreach efforts were employed including direct email and paid social media campaigns.

This comprehensive recruitment strategy resulted in a record number of applications received in total and for public members specifically: (1) 121 from attorney applicants; (2) 38 from nonattorney applicants; and (3) 5 from judicial applicants. A description of each committee's charge and composition, along with appointment recommendations, are provided in the Discussion section of this memo.

Board appointments staff prepared a detailed overview of the demographics of subentities and applicant pools in a worksheet. This [worksheet](#) also reflects the future state composition of each subentity as they would be comprised if recommended appointments are made.

On June 20, 2022, coordinators of each subentity met with the Board Appointments Liaison Melanie Shelby to present their recommended candidates for appointment.

DISCUSSION

JUDICIAL NOMINEES EVALUATION (JNE) COMMISSION

The JNE Commission is an agency of the State Bar created by Government Code section 12011.5 for the purpose of evaluating judicial candidates who are under consideration for appointment by the governor of California. Pursuant to statute, prior to exercising judicial appointment authority, the governor is required to submit the names of candidates to the JNE Commission for an investigation and evaluation of the candidates' judicial qualifications. The commission must report back to the governor within 90 days of the date of submitting its rating of candidates as one of the following: exceptionally well qualified, well qualified, qualified, or not qualified.

The commission consists of a maximum of 38 members, up to 20 percent of whom can be public members pursuant to State Bar rule 7.2 (A). State Bar rules require that one of the lawyer members be a former judicial officer, preferably of an appellate court. Commissioners serve a single three-year term and only the chair may serve a fourth year. The first JNE Commission meeting of the commission year occurs in June and the last meeting occurs the following April. The April meeting serves as the shadow meeting for the incoming first-year commissioners sworn in at their orientation meeting in January. Each year, the third-year commissioners and the chair term off at the April meeting.

Appointment of New Members and Alternates to the 2023 JNE Commission

Ninety-two applications were received for 13 2023 JNE Commission vacancies: 18 from public member applicants, 71 from lawyer applicants, and three from former judicial officers. In addition to filling 13 vacancies for the 2023 commission, the Board is also asked to fill a 2022 JNE Commission vacancy arising from a recent resignation and to approve the list of alternates.

In reviewing applications for appointment to the commission, 2022 JNE Commission Chair Adam Hofmann and Vice-Chair Justin Palmer screened applicants for: (1) leadership in their areas of practice or employment; and (2) diversity of background and experience. The criteria used to consider the lawyer applicants include length of time in practice, type of practice, and area of specialty. Melanie Shelby, the Board's Appointments Liaison, has reviewed and approved commission leadership's recommendations.

The following recommended appointees will result in the commission being comprised of 15 percent public members, an increase from 5 percent in 2021.

Staff and JNE Commission leadership are committed to continue efforts to recruit qualified public members to increase the number of public member applicants in the coming year. A list of applicants recommended as new members and alternates is provided below:

2022 JNE Commission Public Member Addition

- Jeanine Kraybill – Bakersfield, CA

Proposed 2023 First-Year Class

(In alphabetical order within categories)

Public Members

- Kevin Nichols – Oakland, CA
- Linda Romero Soles – Hughson, CA

Former Judicial Officer

- Hon. James Robert Lambden (ret.) – Benicia, CA

Lawyer Members

- Kirstin Ault – San Francisco, CA
- Joseph Goldstein-Breyer – Oakland, CA
- Caroline Hahn – Tustin, CA
- Stephen Hamilton – Arroyo Grande, CA
- Roger Christopher Lim – Los Angeles, CA
- Esteban Mendoza – Sacramento, CA
- Antoinette Morris – Sacramento, CA
- Jehan Pernas – Los Angeles, CA
- Michele Pincus – Los Angeles, CA
- Cuautemoc Ortega – Los Angeles, CA

Proposed 2023 Alternates

(In order of rank)

1. Theresa Hurley (public member) – Concord, CA
2. Tara Azad Amin (attorney member) – Sacramento, CA
3. Kim Tran (attorney member) – Irvine, CA

4. Sara Haji (attorney member) – Los Angeles, CA
5. Erin Michelle Petrig (attorney member) – San Diego, CA
6. Abbas Hadjian (attorney member) – Encino, CA
7. Khalil Ferguson (public member) – Sacramento, CA
8. Carly Bittman (attorney member) – San Francisco, CA
9. Dale Kiken (attorney member) – Irvine, CA
10. Michael Friedman (attorney member) – La Quinta, CA

Melanie Shelby, the Board's Appointments Liaison, has reviewed and is in support of staff's recommendations.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO THE 2023 JNE COMMISSION

JNE Commission Chair

Historically, the vice-chair position has been used to prepare a member of the commission to serve as the chair. The vice-chair has substantial responsibilities and serving in that position provides a hands-on training opportunity to develop the expertise necessary to perform the functions of the chair. There is every expectation that the vice-chair will serve as chair the following year. The chair is the only member of the JNE Commission that may serve a fourth year. Typically, the vice-chair is the only candidate for chair. That is the case in this appointments cycle. Justin Palmer, the current vice-chair, is the only candidate for chair.

Board Appointments Liaison Melanie Shelby interviewed Vice-Chair Palmer by Zoom on June 29, 2022, and recommends that he be appointed as chair of the 2023 JNE Commission. Vice-Chair Palmer has been a lawyer for 12 years and is currently the managing partner at Filer & Palmer, LLP, in Long Beach, handling both civil and criminal matters. As the 2023 JNE Commission chair, commissioner Palmer is committed to advancing the JNE Commission's goal of supporting equal access to justice.

JNE Commission Vice-Chair

As previously stated, the vice-chair has substantial responsibilities. On June 29, 2022, Melanie Shelby, the Board's Appointments Liaison, interviewed two candidates for the vice-chair position and was impressed with the level of interest and commitment shown by each.

Although a difficult choice given the superior talent of the candidates, the appointments liaison recommends that Chhaya Malik serve as vice-chair of the 2023 JNE Commission. Commissioner Malik currently serves as counsel at Ramsey & Ehrlich LLP, a boutique firm that focuses on white-collar criminal cases. She has a well-rounded legal background and a demonstrated commitment to increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in the legal profession and on the bench.

REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL NOMINEES EVALUATION (RJNE)

RJNE, established pursuant to article 6, rule 7.66 of the Rules of Procedures of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, is a five-member committee that is charged with reviewing

requests from those candidates that are seeking reconsideration of a “not qualified” rating by the JNE Commission. RJNE evaluates information pertaining to the investigation of the candidate and focuses on possible violations of rules or procedures.

RJNE consists of two members of the Board of Trustees, one nonattorney member and one attorney member; one past member of the JNE Commission; and two at-large members appointed at the discretion of the Board. RJNE members serve four-year terms, except for the Board positions, which are filled annually by the Board chair at the commencement of the new Board year.

Appointment of New Members and Alternates to the RJNE

In 2022, RJNE seeks to fill two vacancies created by the expiration of the term of current at-large members Angelique Bonanno and David George. In reviewing the 30 applications received for the two vacancies, the current RJNE Chair Jody Nuñez and staff took into consideration the applicants’ attorney or other legal-related experience, knowledge of the judiciary, analytical skills, and ability to assess confidential information in a thorough and objective manner. After a thorough review of the applicant materials, the committee’s leadership recommended the following candidates as new members and alternates:

- Tobi Inlender (public member) – Los Angeles, CA
- Maureen Onyeagbako (attorney member) – Sacramento, CA

Proposed Alternates

1. Elizabeth Kuczynski D’Orazio (attorney member) – San Francisco, CA
2. James D. Crosby (attorney member) – San Diego, CA
3. Reema M. El-Amamy (attorney member) – Los Angeles, CA
4. Justice James Gary Hastings (Ret.) (former judicial officer) – Redondo Beach

Melanie Shelby, the Board’s Appointments Liaison, has reviewed and is in support of staff’s recommendations.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONDUCT (COPRAC)

COPRAC addresses matters involving professional ethics. The committee helps educate and provide guidance to attorneys, judges, and the public about the ethical duties of an attorney. The committee’s work includes: (1) drafting advisory opinions on issues of professional ethics; (2) drafting arbitration advisories to provide guidance to fee arbitrators; (3) studying and recommending changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct; (4) conducting studies and providing consultation to the Board of Trustees on professional responsibility issues; and (5) engaging in educational and outreach programs on legal ethics topics, including conducting an annual ethics symposium.

The committee consists of 13 members, which include the chair, vice-chair, and advisor; two nonattorney members and eight attorney members.

Appointment of New Members to COPRAC

In reviewing the 35 applications to fill two vacant positions, staff and COPRAC leadership evaluated the applicants' qualifications and identified several strong applicants in both the attorney and nonattorney categories. After a thorough review of the applicants' materials, the committee's leadership recommended the following candidates as new members and alternates:

- Raquel Brown (public member) – Los Angeles, CA
- Daniel O'Rielly (attorney member) – Los Angeles, CA

Proposed Alternates

1. Vikita Poindexter (public member) – Temecula, CA
2. Marcia Gray (public member) – Pleasanton, CA
3. Tigran Topadvhikyan (public member) – Glendale, CA
4. Kimberly Pierce (public member) – Los Angeles, CA
5. Justin Denlinger (attorney member) – Los Angeles, CA
6. Mary Guzman (attorney member) – Martinez, CA
7. Anthony Khoury (attorney member) – Bakersfield, CA
8. James Banks (attorney member) – Roseville, CA

Melanie Shelby, the Board's Appointments Liaison, has reviewed and is in support of staff's recommendations.

Appointment of Officers to COPRAC

The current appointment practice, which staff recommends continuing, is that the current vice-chair should be recommended as chair for the upcoming committee year.¹ Therefore, staff recommends appointing the current vice-chair, Sarah Banola, to be appointed to another one-year term to serve as chair.

This year, there was one candidate who requested consideration for the vice-chair position. That candidate is Brandon Krueger from Laguna Beach. He is well qualified to serve as vice-chair based on his active involvement in the committee's work, including being a lead drafter for an ethics opinion and a drafting team member on three other ethics opinions and two arbitration advisories. He was a key participant in the 2022 State Bar of California Statewide Annual Ethics Symposium, serving as the moderator for the panel addressing significant issues, impediments, and developments relating to the entry into the practice of law.

In July 2021, the Board approved the reinstatement of the advisor position. The advisor is a one-year appointment, filled by the individual who served as the committee chair in the immediate-preceding year, and is subject to Board appointment as part of the yearly committee appointment process. Staff recommends appointing Justin Fields, the outgoing chair, as the next advisor for a one-year term.

¹ See, [Appendix B to the Board of Trustees Policy Manual](#), Appointment and Composition Requirements or Guidelines: "For leadership continuity, committee staff will generally nominate the committee member serving as Vice-Chair to serve as Chair in the committee year following service as Vice-Chair."

Melanie Shelby, the Board's Appointments Liaison, has reviewed and is in support of staff's recommendations.

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION (CBLS)

The CBLS provides guidance on policies and protocols for certification of specialists in specified subject matter areas; develops testing and legal education criteria for specialists; provides recommended changes to program rules; and advises the Board of Trustees on the establishment of specialty fields.

The CBLS consists of seven members, up to two of whom may be public members. The CBLS has prioritized the following criteria when considering appointments: (1) having prior volunteer experience, particularly experience drafting and grading specialist examinations; (2) having a range of specialties represented, including representation for each of the three largest specialty areas (Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law; Family Law; and Workers' Compensation Law); and (3) allowing for diverse representation to the extent possible, which includes racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, and geographical representation.

Appointment of New Members to CBLS

Staff conferred with the current CBLS officers to review the pool of candidates and to make a recommendation to the Board's Appointments Liaison Melanie Shelby to fill the single current vacancy. After their review of the candidate pool and CBLS needs, the officers recommended to the Board's Appointments Liaison, Melanie Shelby, that Grace Rosas Alano, an attorney, be appointed; Ms. Shelby is in support of this recommendation.

Appointment of Officers to CBLS

Current Vice-Chair and attorney member Natalie P. Vance has submitted a letter of interest for appointment to the chair position. Attorney member Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt has submitted a letter of interest for appointment to the vice-chair position.

Staff recommends that Natalie P. Vance be appointed to the chair position and that Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt be appointed to the vice-chair position, each for a one-year term. Ms. Vance is currently the vice-chair on the CBLS, and has previously served as member and chair of the Legal Malpractice Law Advisory Commission. Mr. Hammerschmidt has previously served as member and chair of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission.

Melanie Shelby, the Board's Appointments Liaison, has reviewed and is in support of staff's recommendations.

CLIENT SECURITY FUND (CSF) COMMISSION

The CSF reimburses victims who have lost money or property due to theft or an equivalent dishonest act committed by a California lawyer acting in a professional capacity. To

administer the CSF, the Board of Trustees has established a CSF Commission composed of five members appointed by the Board. Three members at most may be present or former licensees of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States.

Appointment of New Members to CSF

The commission needs one new public member. The selected applicant will fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the current chair's term. The current chair and vice-chair of the commission reviewed all of the applications submitted and then conducted interviews of their top three candidates. Based on this process, the following candidate is recommended as a new member; alternate appointments are also recommended:

- Monica Cooper (public member) – Carson, CA

Proposed Alternates

1. Dr. Venetta Campbell (public member) – Los Angeles, CA
2. Raquel Brigham Brown (public member) – Los Angeles, CA

Appointment of Officers to the CSF Commission

The commission considered the appointment of officers given the expiration of the current chair's term. The commission recommends that current Vice-Chair Melanie O'Day become the next chair of the commission and current attorney member Fenglan Liu become the Vice-Chair of the commission.

Melanie O'Day is an attorney who is an active volunteer with multiple organizations, including the American Bar Association, the Junior League, and the Los Angeles Conservancy. Fenglan Liu is a sole practitioner, with an office in Arcadia, California. Ms. Liu has been a licensed attorney in China for over 30 years and practices in both China and the U.S. Both officers have been dedicated and reliable members of the commission since their appointment.

Melanie Shelby, the Board's Appointments Liaison, has reviewed and is in support of the commission's recommendations.

COUNCIL ON ACCESS AND FAIRNESS (COAF)

The 10-member COAF supports the Board of Trustees in effectuating the State Bar's DEI goals and objectives, which include: pipeline to the legal profession, retention and career advancement, and judicial diversity.

COAF consists of judges, lawyers, and public members from diverse practice settings and constituencies. New members are expected to have a working knowledge of DEI issues, a record of leadership in improving outcomes, and the ability to engage in strategic visioning focused on measurable change.

Appointment of Officers to COAF

For 2022–2023, there will be no regular membership vacancies; however, the chair and vice-chair positions need to be named by the Board. One letter of interest was received for the chair position and one letter of interest for the vice-chair position.

Staff recommended that Judge Kristin Rosi serve as chair. Judge Rosi has been a member of COAF for three years and is currently serving as the vice-chair. Judge Rosi has participated in numerous COAF working groups to advance DEI in various areas of the profession. She also currently serves as a COAF representative on the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the California Bar Exam. Staff recommended that Michael Rhoads be appointed as vice-chair. Mr. Rhoads has impressed COAF leadership with his active participation and collaboration on various projects, including working with stakeholders from LGBTQIA+ affinity bar associations to provide feedback on questions in the annual Attorney Census and participating in various COAF working groups.

Melanie Shelby, the Board’s Appointments Liaison, has reviewed and is in support of staff’s recommendations.

LEGAL SERVICES TRUST FUND COMMISSION (LSTFC)

This commission administers grant programs that fund nonprofit civil legal aid organizations, including Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts grants and the Equal Access Fund.

The commission consists of 24 voting members; the Board of Trustees appoints six voting members.

The commission seeks lawyers and nonlawyer public members who possess a commitment to the delivery of legal services and sensitivity to the needs of low-income communities. Lawyers and members of the public who have experience or familiarity addressing the particular problems of self-represented litigants, experience and familiarity with community economic development, or who have knowledge of the structure and practices of banking and financial institutions are encouraged to apply.

Appointment of New Members to LSTFC

While there are nine total vacancies on the commission for the 2022–2023 term, the Board has only one vacancy to fill.

Twenty-one applications were received for the Board’s one vacant position—13 from attorney applicants and eight from public member applicants. Of these applications, five are current commission members seeking reappointment: (1) Catherine Blakemore, (2) Erica Connolly, (3) Pamela Bennett, (4) Richard Reinis, and (5) Christina Vanarelli. All five were appointed by the Board.

To the extent possible, staff coordinated its applicant review with other LSTFC appointing entities to ensure a qualified, balanced, and diverse commission.

With this coordinated review in mind, staff recommended that Erica Connolly be reappointed by the State Bar. The Board appointed Ms. Connolly to the commission in 2019. She currently serves as chair of the Eligibility and Budget Review Committee and is a member of the Rules Committee.

Melanie Shelby, the Board's Appointments Liaison, has reviewed and is in support of staff's recommendations.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

None

AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL

None

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

Updates are being made to this section of the agenda item template to reflect the 2022–2027 Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Should the Board Executive Committee concur in the proposed action, passage of the following resolution is recommended:

Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees appoints Justin Palmer to serve as the chair of the 2023 Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) Commission and Chhaya Malik as presented in Attachment A, to serve as the vice-chair of the 2023 JNE Commission, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the last business meeting of the 2022 JNE Commission on April 15, 2023, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2023 JNE Commission on April 20, 2024, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees appoints public member Jeanine Kraybill as presented in Attachment A, to the 2022 JNE Commission for a three-year term commencing August 19–20, 2022, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2024 JNE Commission in April 2025, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees appoints new members and alternates to the 2023 JNE Commission as presented in Attachment A, each for a three-year term commencing upon administration of the oath of the office at the orientation meeting on January 27–28,

2023, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2025 JNE Commission in April 2026, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier.

Review Committee of the Commission on Judicial Nominees

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Maureen Onyeagbako and Tobi Inlender of the Review Committee of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation as presented in Attachment B, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the September 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the September 24–25, 2026, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Committee of Professional Responsibility and Conduct

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Justin Fields to serve as special advisor, Sarah Banola to serve as chair, and Brandon Krueger to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment C, all for a one-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 21–22, 2023, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Raquel Brigham Brown and Daniel O’Rielly as presented in Attachment C, to serve on the Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 24–25, 2026, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment C, each for a four-year term if a vacancy is created due to a midterm resignation.

California Board of Legal Specialization

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Natalie P. Vance to serve as chair and Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment D, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 21–22, 2023, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Grace Rosas Alano as presented in Attachment

D, to serve on the California Board of Legal Specialization, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 24–25, 2026, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Client Security Fund Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Melanie O’Day to serve as chair and Fenglan Liu to serve as vice-chair, as presented in Attachment E, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 21–22, 2023, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Monica Cooper as presented in Attachment E, to serve on the Client Security Fund Commission, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 24–25, 2026, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approves the list of alternate members to the Client Security Fund Commission as presented in Attachment E, each for a four-year term if a vacancy is created due to a midterm resignation.

Council on Access and Fairness

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Judge Kristin Rosi to serve as chair and Michael Rhoads to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment F, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 21–22, 2023, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Legal Services Trust Fund Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Erica Connolly as presented in Attachment G, to serve on the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 24–25, 2026, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Should the Board of Trustees concur in the proposed action, passage of the following resolution is recommended:

Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee appoints Justin Palmer to serve as the chair of the 2023 Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) Commission and Chhaya Malik to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment A, to serve as the vice-chair of the 2023 JNE Commission, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the last business meeting of the 2022 JNE and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2023 JNE Commission on April 20, 2024, or until further order of the Board whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee appoints public member Jeanine Kraybill as presented in Attachment A, to the 2022 JNE Commission for a three-year term commencing August 19–20, 2022, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2024 JNE Commission in April 2025, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee appoints new members to the 2023 JNE Commission as presented in Attachment A, each for a three-year term commencing upon administration of the oath of the office at the orientation meeting on January 27–28, 2023, and expiring at the close of the last business meeting of the 2025 JNE Commission in April 2026, or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee approves the list of alternate members to the 2023 JNE Commission as presented in Attachment A, each for a three-year term if a vacancy is created due to a midterm resignation.

Review Committee of the Commission on Judicial Nominees

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Maureen Onyeagbako and Tobi Inlender of the Review Committee of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation as presented in Attachment B, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the September 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the September 24–25, 2026, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Committee of Professional Responsibility and Conduct

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, appoint Justin Fields to serve as special advisor, Sarah Banola to serve as chair, and Brandon Krueger to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment C, all for a one-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of

Trustees on September 21–22, 2023, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, appoint Raquel Brigham Brown and Daniel O’Rielly as presented in Attachment C, to serve on the Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 24–25, 2026, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the list of alternate members as presented in Attachment C, each for a four-year term, if a vacancy is created due to a midterm resignation.

California Board of Legal Specialization

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, appoint Natalie P. Vance to serve as chair and Jeffrey T. Hammerschmidt to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment D, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 24–25, 2023, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, appoint Grace Rosas Alano as presented in Attachment D, to serve on the California Board of Legal Specialization, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 24–25, 2026, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Client Security Fund Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, appoint Melanie O’Day to serve as chair and Fenglan Liu to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment E, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 24–25, 2023, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, appoint Monica Cooper as presented in Attachment E to serve on the Client Security Fund Commission, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 24–25, 2026, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier; and it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee approves the list of alternate members to the Client Security Fund Commission as presented in Attachment E, each for a four-year term, if a vacancy is created due to a midterm resignation.

Council on Access and Fairness

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, appoint Judge Kristin Rosi to serve as chair and Michael Rhoads to serve as vice-chair as presented in Attachment F, each for a one-year term commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 24–25, 2023, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

Legal Services Trust Fund Commission

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, appoint Erica Connolly as presented in Attachment G, to serve on the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, for a four-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 22–23, 2022, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 24–25, 2026, or until further order of the Board of Trustees, whichever occurs earlier.

ATTACHMENTS LIST

- A.** Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission Roster of Current Members and Proposed Members
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**Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission Roster of Current Members
and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Adam	Hofmann	✓		April 2022
Vice-Chair, Justin	Palmer	✓		April 2023
Daniel	Allender	✓		April 2023
Ugochi	Anaebere-Nicholson	✓		April 2024
Caley	Anderson	✓		April 2025
Matthew	Barnachia		✓	April 2025
Chhaya	Bhalotra	✓		April 2024
Andre	Bollinger	✓		April 2024
Aundrea	Brown	✓		April 2024
Julia	Choe	✓		April 2024
Jamie	Crook	✓		April 2023
Tara	Doss	✓		April 2025
Frine	Eger-Gelston	✓		April 2025
Jeffrey	El-Hajj	✓		April 2023
Noemi	Esparza	✓		April 2025
Diana	Garrido	✓		April 2024
Winnifred	Gin	✓		April 2023
Stacey	Guillory	✓		April 2024
Brenda	Harbin-Forte	✓		April 2024
Pamela	Hemann		✓	April 2023
Mack	Jenkins, Sr.		✓	April 2025
David	Lieberman		✓	April 2024
Melissa	Mandel	✓		April 2025

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Meghan	McMeel	✓		April 2023
Sandra	Mori	✓		April 2024
Agustin	Orozco	✓		April 2023
Lorena	Peñaloza	✓		April 2025
Thomas	Pierce	✓		April 2023
Judith	Reif	✓		April 2023
Francesca	Serrano	✓		April 2024
David	Sutton	✓		April 2025
Ryan	Tacorda	✓		April 2025
Hon. Randa	Trapp	✓		April 2025
Corey	Weber	✓		April 2025
Jamie	Wrage	✓		April 2023
Donald	Yoo	✓		April 2023
Michael	Yraceburn	✓		April 2024
Proposed New Officers				
Justin (Chair)	Palmer	✓		April 2024
Chhaya (Vice-Chair)	Malik	✓		April 2024
Proposed New Members				
Kristin	Ault	✓		April 2026
Joseph	Goldstein-Breyer	✓		April 2026
Caroline	Hahn	✓		April 2026
Stephen	Hamilton	✓		April 2026
Jeanine	Kraybill		✓	April 2025
Hon. James	Lambden	✓		April 2026
Roger	Lim	✓		April 2026
Esteban	Mendoza	✓		April 2026
Antoinette	Morris	✓		April 2026

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Kevin	Nichols		✓	April 2026
Cuautemoc	Ortega	✓		April 2026
Jehan	Pernas	✓		April 2026
Michele	Pincus	✓		April 2026
Linda	Soles		✓	April 2026
Proposed 2023 Alternates				
Theresa	Hurley		✓	--
Tara	Amin	✓		--
Kim	Tran	✓		--
Sara	Haji	✓		--
Erin	Petrig	✓		--
Abbas	Hadjian	✓		--
Khalil	Ferguson		✓	--
Carly	Bittman	✓		--
Dale	Kiken	✓		--
Michael	Friedman	✓		--

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**Review Committee of the Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation Roster of
Current Members and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Jody	Nuñez	✓		September 2022
Angelique	Bonanno	✓		September 2022
Mark	Broughton	✓		September 2022
José	Cisneros		✓	September 2022
David	George	✓		September 2022
Proposed New Members				
Tobi	Inlender		✓	September 2026
Maureen	Onyeagbako	✓		September 2026
Proposed Alternates				
Elizabeth	D’Orazio	✓		--
James	Crosby	✓		--
Reema	El-Amamy	✓		--
Justice James	Hastings	✓		--

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**Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct Roster of Current Members
and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Justin	Fields	✓		September 2023
Vice-Chair, Sarah	Banola	✓		September 2023
Special Advisor, Dena	Roche	✓		September 2022
Ken	Bacon	✓		September 2023
Elizabeth	Bradley	✓		September 2025
Cassidy	Chivers	✓		September 2025
Tobi	Inlender		✓	September 2022
Brandon	Krueger	✓		September 2023
Joel	Mark	✓		September 2024
Elanor	Mercado		✓	September 2025
William	Munoz	✓		September 2025
Kyla	Rowe	✓		September 2024
Hunter	Starr	✓		September 2024
Proposed New Officers				
Sarah (Chair)	Banola	✓		September 2023
Brandon (Vice-Chair)	Krueger	✓		September 2023
Justin (Special Advisor)	Fields	✓		September 2023
Proposed New Members				
Raquel	Brown		✓	September 2026
Daniel	O’Rielly	✓		September 2026
Proposed Alternates				
Vikita	Poindexter		✓	--
Marcia	Gray		✓	--

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Tigran	Topadzhikyan		✓	--
Kimberly	Pierce		✓	--
Justin	Denlinger	✓		--
Mary	Guzman	✓		--
Anthony	Khoury	✓		--
James	Banks	✓		--

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**California Board of Legal Specialization Roster of Current Members
and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Mark	Lester	✓		September 2022
Vice-Chair, Natalie	Vance	✓		September 2023
Norma	Acosta	✓		September 2023
Jeffrey	Hammerschmidt	✓		September 2023
Michael	Lee	✓		September 2025
Avi	Levy	✓		September 2023
Jake	Yoon		✓	September 2024
Proposed New Officers				
Natalie (Chair)	Vance	✓		September 2023
Jeffrey (Vice-Chair)	Hammerschmidt	✓		September 2023
Proposed New Members				
Rosas	Alano	✓		September 2026

Client Security Fund Commission Roster of Current Members and Proposed Members

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Jordan	Wright		✓	September 2022
Vice-Chair, Melanie	O'Day	✓		September 2024
Joseph	Dimino		✓	September 2024
Fenglan	Liu	✓		September 2025
Kristen	Pofahl	✓		September 2025
Proposed New Officers				
Melanie (Chair)	O'Day	✓		September 2023
Fenglan (Vice-Chair)	Liu	✓		September 2023
Proposed New Members				
Monica	Cooper		✓	September 2026
Proposed Alternates				
Raquel	Brown		✓	--
Dr. Venetta	Campbell		✓	--

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Council on Access and Fairness Roster of Current Members and Proposed Members

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Chair, Ryan	Harrison	✓		September 2023
Vice-Chair, Judge Kristin	Rosi	✓		September 2023
Heather	Anderson-Haynes	✓		September 2023
Novella	Coleman	✓		September 2024
Sarah	Good	✓		September 2024
Michael	Rhoads	✓		September 2024
Chalak	Richards		✓	September 2024
Angelica	Salceda	✓		September 2025
Stephanie	Santoro	✓		September 2024
Gonzalo	Torres	✓		September 2023
Proposed New Officers				
Judge Kristin (Chair)	Rosi	✓		September 2022
Michael (Vice-Chair)	Rhoads	✓		September 2022

Legal Services Trust Fund Commission of Current Members and Proposed Members

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Cochair, Richard	Reinis	✓		September 2022
Cochair, Kim	Savage	✓		September 2022
Co-vice-chair, Christian	Schreiber	✓		September 2023
Co-vice-chair, Christina	Vanarelli	✓		September 2022
Banafsheh	Akhlaghi	✓		September 2023
Amin	Al-Sarraf	✓		September 2024
Jeffrey	Ball		✓	September 2024
Pamela	Bennett		✓	September 2022
Catherine	Blakemore	✓		September 2022
Will	Boschelli		✓	September 2023
Erica	Connolly	✓		September 2022
Louise	Fightmaster	✓		September 2024
Corey	Friedman	✓		September 2022
Jason	Galkin	✓		September 2024
J. Eric	Isken	✓		September 2024
Hon. Lisa	Jaskol	✓		September 2022
Clifford	Klein	✓		September 2026
Diana	Kruze	✓		September 2024
Daniel	Lee	✓		September 2024
Tammy	Mahoney		✓	September 2024
James	Meeker		✓	September 2023
Hon. William	Murray, Jr.	✓		September 2023
Hon. Brad	Seligman	✓		September 2024
Proposed New Member				
Erica	Connolly	✓		September 2026

