



The State Bar of California

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM O-500 AUGUST 2022 COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

DATE: August 19, 2022

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Tara Clark, Program Manager, Moral Character Determinations

SUBJECT: Approval of Report on 2021–2022 Moral Character Goals and Accomplishments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Below is the report on the goals and accomplishments for Moral Character Determinations for 2021–2022.

BACKGROUND

The report on the goals and accomplishments for Moral Character for 2021 to 2022 is listed below for the approval of the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE).

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

COMPLETED

During the Committee's December 2021 meeting, the Committee received training by Justice Eileen Moore and Dr. Kathleen West on the dynamics of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

2. CBE members to receive a presentation on State Bar Court cases relevant to moral character determinations.

COMPLETED

During the Committee's April 2022 meeting, the Committee received training by David Lane on State Bar Court cases relevant to moral character determinations.

3. CBE members to receive a presentation on the State Bar's Ethics School and Client Trust Account School.

COMPLETED

During the Committee's June 2022 meeting, the Committee received training by Joseph Carlucci on the State Bar's Ethics School and Client Trust Account School.

4. CBE members to review and approve the revised Admissions Rules relevant to Moral Character.

OCTOBER 2022

Because of time considerations, this review will occur at the October 2022 Committee meeting.

5. CBE members to receive a presentation on addressing bias in moral character determinations. (2017–2022 Strategic Plan, Goal 4)

DECEMBER 2022

Because of time considerations, this training will be presented at the December 2022 Committee meeting.

6. Receive additional trainings on topics relative to moral character determinations.

ONGOING

7. 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 2021–2022 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 2021–2022 Moral Character goals and accomplishments be approved.