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BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE III.A

DATE: November 17, 2022

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

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SUBJECT: Annual Recommendation for Reappointment of Fee Arbitrators, Presiding Arbitrator, and Assistant Presiding Arbitrators

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Bar's Mandatory Fee Arbitration (MFA) program maintains a roster of volunteer fee arbitrators throughout the state to hear fee dispute matters administered by the State Bar. There are approximately 400 lawyer and nonlawyer arbitrators on the State Bar's panel. The Board of Trustees appoints the arbitrators to one-year terms of service, which are renewable by the Board.

This agenda item requests the Board's approval of the reappointment of the current roster of arbitrators and the MFA program's current presiding arbitrator and assistant presiding arbitrators.

BACKGROUND

The State Bar's MFA program maintains a roster of volunteer attorney and lay arbitrators to hear attorney-client fee disputes. Although most fee arbitration cases are conducted by approved local bar associations, the State Bar's MFA program accepts fee arbitration requests in three instances: (1) when there is no local bar program; (2) when the local program lacks jurisdiction to hear the fee dispute; or (3) when a party asserts and it is determined that the party cannot obtain a fair hearing through the local bar association. The State Bar's fee arbitrators generally hold hearings in the county where substantial legal services were

rendered. Therefore, the program must maintain a roster of qualified volunteer fee arbitrators for possible assignment of fee arbitration matters in every county throughout the state.

In addition to fee arbitrators, this program also has three volunteer positions held by MFA subject matter experts who advise and collaborate with staff on various program functions: the presiding arbitrator and two assistant presiding arbitrators.

DISCUSSION

REAPPOINTMENT OF CURRENT FEE ARBITRATORS

The MFA program's roster currently consists of approximately 400 attorney and lay arbitrators from counties throughout the state. The Board of Trustees appoints these volunteer fee arbitrators to serve for one-year terms subject to annual reappointment. Staff has reviewed the list of current volunteer arbitrators, set forth in Attachment A, to remove the names of lawyer arbitrators who are not currently active California licensees in good standing. In addition, staff has ensured that the list of current lawyer arbitrators do not have any public record of discipline. All arbitrators must meet the Guidelines & Minimum Qualifications for Arbitrators for the State Bar Fee Arbitration Program¹ to be eligible for renewal. Following review, staff recommends the arbitrators listed in Attachment A for reappointment to the program, each for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023.

REAPPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING ARBITRATOR AND ASSISTANT PRESIDING ARBITRATORS

Presiding Arbitrator

The State Bar's presiding arbitrator supervises the State Bar's fee arbitrators, provides guidance to staff on legal issues affecting cases, authors decisions on issues that arise in the MFA program, and represents the State Bar before the State Bar Court in assisting clients with the enforcement of unpaid fee arbitration awards and judgments owed to them by their former attorneys. The presiding arbitrator is appointed to a one-year term of service that is renewable by the Board.

Clark Stone

Staff recommends the reappointment of current presiding arbitrator Clark Stone for the 2023 calendar year. During the November 2021 meeting, the Board of Trustees appointed Mr. Stone to presiding arbitrator for 2022. Mr. Stone informed staff that he is interested in continuing to serve as presiding arbitrator for 2023. Mr. Stone previously served as one of the State Bar's assistant presiding arbitrators from 2017 until his elevation to presiding arbitrator. He was a member of the Committee on Mandatory Fee Arbitration from 2015 to 2019 and has served as an arbitrator for the State Bar program since 2005 and with the Santa Clara County Bar Association program since 2001.

¹ A copy of the Guidelines & Minimum Qualifications of Arbitrators for the State Bar Fee Arbitration Program is provided as Attachment B.

Assistant Presiding Arbitrators

The State Bar's two assistant presiding arbitrators hear fee arbitrations involving less than \$1,000 in dispute and issue decisions on fee waiver requests for the program. In addition, the presiding arbitrator may request that an assistant presiding arbitrator step in as their designee when the presiding arbitrator is unavailable or unable to decide a matter due to a conflict. The MFA program strives to appoint one assistant presiding arbitrator from Northern California and the other from Southern California to ensure availability throughout the state.

The program's current assistant presiding arbitrators are Summer Nastich and Lee Straus. Both Ms. Nastich and Mr. Straus expressed to staff their continued interest in serving as assistant presiding arbitrators.

Summer Nastich

In November 2021, the Board of Trustees appointed State Bar fee arbitrator Summer Nastich to serve as one of the State Bar's assistant presiding arbitrators for 2022. Ms. Nastich has served as a State Bar fee arbitrator since May 2014, and she has handled numerous fee disputes throughout Northern California, primarily in the East Bay area and as far north as Humboldt County, all as panel chair.

Lee Straus

Lee Straus has served as assistant presiding arbitrator since 2017. Mr. Straus currently provides legal services to production companies, producers, and talent in the television industry. In addition, he also volunteers as a judge pro tem for the Los Angeles County Superior Court. He has served as an arbitrator for the Los Angeles County Bar Association fee arbitration program for the past 23 years and currently is deputy chair for the program. He has also served on its executive committee for the past 10 years. Both Ms. Nastich and Mr. Straus are dedicated fee arbitrators who strengthen the State Bar program with their extensive knowledge of mandatory fee arbitration matters. Thus, staff recommends the reappointment of Ms. Nastich and Mr. Straus as the program's two assistant presiding arbitrators, each for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

None

AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL

None

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

None – core business operations

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of fee arbitrators whose names appear on the list attached here as Attachment A to the State Bar MFA program, each for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Clark Stone as the State Bar's presiding arbitrator, effective January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Summer Nastich and Lee Straus as the State Bar's assistant presiding arbitrators, each for a term effective January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the reappointment of the fee arbitrators whose names appear on the list, attached here as Attachment A, to the State Bar MFA program, each for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the reappointment of Clark Stone as the State Bar's presiding arbitrator, effective January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Board Executive Committee, approve the reappointment of Summer Nastich and Lee Straus as the State Bar's assistant presiding arbitrators, each for a term effective January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS LIST

- A.** Current Arbitrators for Reappointment to the State Bar Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program for 2023

B. Guidelines & Minimum Qualifications of Arbitrators for the State Bar Fee Arbitration Program

**CURRENT ARBITRATORS FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE
STATE BAR MANDATORY FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM FOR 2023**

BAR NO.	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	CITY
135878	Abrams	Gregory	Mark	San Francisco
78706	Adams	Mark	Stephen	Stockton
N/A	Adler	Hans	J.	Mill Valley
N/A	Alexander	Damon		San Bernardino
209101	Andelman	Ethan	Buckold	Berkeley
167030	Azizi	Soheila	Sadighi	Rancho Cucamonga
92087	Bach	James	A.	San Francisco
104194	Bacon	Kenneth	Eric	Sacramento
258295	Bailey	Allan	Michael	Porterville
60488	Bainer	Roland	C.	Corona
224164	Bajracharya	Oliver	Swatantra	Glendale
83225	Bartelmie	Stanley	Lamont	San Jose
53126	Baumann	Helen	Brennan	Redwood City
111010	Becker	David	Charles	Placerville
96325	Bender	Martin	Raymond	Murrieta
216809	Berenson	Steven	Keith	San Marcos
134621	Berg	Eric		Santa Barbara
102973	Berger	Harvey	Charles	San Diego
155091	Berry	Mark	Emmett	Stockton
60580	Bialack	Edward	Marc	Woodland Hills
188112	Blackler	Mia	S.	San Francisco
115450	Blank	Christopher	Lane	Newport Beach
104233	Bluhm	David	Marc	Oakland
139364	Bolden	Stephanie	Renee	Oakland
36641	Bosso	Robert	Edward	Santa Cruz
N/A	Brown-Lee	Lynn		Rialto
N/A	Budak	Mark	Daniel	San Francisco
178400	Burton	Mark	Etheredge	San Francisco
208894	Camarena	Carolyn		Elk Grove
242368	Campbell	Jennifer	Therese	Sacramento
154457	Carr	Frederick	James	San Rafael
251030	Caves	Michael	Arthur	Bakersfield
228137	Cha	Jean Hee		Orange
101449	Chamberlain	Suzanne	Viau	Newport Beach
47567	Chandler	James	Morgan	Grass Valley
60811	Clayton	William	Bernard	San Jose
171004	Clemmons	Penny		Santa Barbara
81694	Clowney	Frank	Sherman	San Diego
254346	Cochran	Keith	Michael	San Diego
N/A	Coffin	Dana		San Bruno
269337	Cohan	Katherine	Rebecca	Beverly Hills
156131	Cole	James	Bradley	Ventura
122776	Cook	Larry	Edward	Walnut Creek
128131	Copple	Pamela	Worth	Newport Beach
157474	Cowan	Jeffrey	Wrubel	Beverly Hills
85490	Curl	Cathleen	Mary	Millbrae

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BAR NO.	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	CITY
125823	Daly	Michael	Mark	San Diego
188759	Dammeier	Dieter	C.	Rancho Cucamonga
N/A	Dandridge	Raymand		Vacaville
79017	Dankman	Linda		Sacramento
N/A	Davis	Louis	B.	Corona
242220	Delahanty	Colleen	Van Egmond	Modesto
190083	DeLangis	Mark	Keith	San Rafael
110384	Deming	Judith	Eileen	Orange
191953	Dench	Donald	Shawn	Rancho Cucamonga
99599	Deremigio	Thomas	Egan	Santa Clara
128089	Diamond	Jacqueline	Barrie	Beverly Hills
200566	Dornblaser	David	Webster	Saratoga
N/A	Dorsett	Daniel		Martinez
N/A	Dos Ramos	Anna		Petaluma
74334	Dresben	Fred	Charles	Sherman Oaks
N/A	Dresnick	David		Murrieta
47710	Dubow	Paul	Jay	Walnut Creek
95505	Duesdieker	George	Steven	Menlo Park
239497	Duval	Michelle	Therese	San Francisco
N/A	Easton	Bette		Santa Barbara
90897	Eley	Christopher	Kurtz	Stockton
46686	Elias	Charles	Alden	San Pedro
65728	Esensten	Robert	Lawrence	Los Angeles
115598	Feeley	John	Edward	Newport Beach
149944	Feher	Thomas	P.	Bakersfield
93755	Felver	Lloyd	William	Tustin
N/A	Fernandez	Eldonna		Irvine
56990	Field	Douglas	Lasley	Ripon
N/A	Fink	Richard		San Francisco
98161	Fish	Michael	Jeffrey	Santa Rosa
40794	Fisher	George	Clark	Menlo Park
65796	Fisher	Roland	James	Rohnert Park
129979	Fitzpatrick	John	J.	Moraga
225624	Fong	Vivian	Yuen	San Leandro
195609	Forester	Alan		Santa Monica
206985	Forrest	Emma	Lynn	Rocklin
57045	Fredenburg	John	McDonald	Sacramento
31690	Fredrickson	Dennis		Rancho Santa Fe
212083	Freeman	Nanci		Los Angeles
264808	Freeman	Michael	Colby	San Francisco
118288	Fried	Clifford	Edward	Oakland
N/A	Friedman	Marilyn		Oakland
N/A	Fuller	Edward		Santa Barbara
N/A	Gagyor	Melinda		Los Angeles
165829	Garland	Robert	Michael	San Diego
N/A	Garrett	Isaac		Santa Barbara

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110498	Geddes	Roger	A.	Coronado
55000	Gengler	Robert	Michael	Yuba City
143334	Germain	Daniel	Lawrence	Encino
70941	Gershman	Stephen	Allen	Encino
150591	Gersten	William	Jay	San Diego
37927	Gerstl	Hugo	Nathan	Carmel
61257	Giannini	Peter		Los Angeles
140819	Glass	Daniel	Scott	Sacramento
N/A	Gold	Carol	Sapin	Marina del Rey
N/A	Goldfield	Eva-Lynn		Agoura Hills
149243	Golding	Jonathan	Frederick	Playa del Rey
175482	Goldman	Andrea	Barr	Berkeley
225293	Goldstein	Jonathan	Allan	Indio
95147	Gonsalves	Matthew	Joseph	San Leandro
88475	Gordon	Shelley	Ann	Oakland
152367	Gorton	Jacquelyne	Gail	San Rafael
135027	Grabel	Morton	Joel	Temecula
41374	Grebow	Arthur	Jeffrey	Encino
89796	Green	Norman	Harry	Glendale
179936	Greer	Christine	Ann	Canyon Lake
182676	Grice Conner	Alana	Nicole	Oakland
85987	Grier	John	Cummings	San Diego
216640	Griffith	Lisa	Michelle	West Yellowstone, MT
131969	Gronowski	Katy	M.	Walnut Creek
198205	Groven	Sandra	Ann	Downieville
107450	Guichard	Matthew	Plant	Walnut Creek
59452	Gyorkos	John	William	San Juan Capistrano
225215	Hackney	Edward	Theodore	San Marcos
123120	Haddad	Matthew		Marina del Rey
N/A	Haft	Roberta	Lynn	Beverly Hills
176715	Halpern	Joni		San Diego
182866	Hamilton	Kelly	Jean	Redding
131747	Hannink	James	T.	La Jolla
174228	Hansen	Stephen	J.	Norco
58897	Hargarten	James	Phillip	San Francisco
160026	Harrington	Michael	John	Palm Desert
66129	Harris	John	Martin	Stockton
111073	Harris	Leon	Rosseau	Bakersfield
N/A	Harris	E.J.	Tim	Saratoga
132335	Haselton	Joseph	Gerard	Soquel
61461	Healey	Carol	Lee	Emeryville
164815	Healy	Thomas	Richard	Vallejo
220907	Heare Amodio	Mary	Margaret	Lakeport
68996	Heiting	James	Otto	Riverside
294540	Hellstrom	Charles	Richard	Sacramento
61519	Hoefflin	Richard	Michael	Westlake Village

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N/A	Hoffmeier	Julayne		Elk Grove
N/A	Hoh	Ronald		Sacramento
108401	Holben	Donald	R.	San Diego
133726	Hornstein	Val	Dawson	San Francisco
N/A	Howdeshell	Renee		Los Angeles
210313	Husen	James	Charles	Riverside
66272	Ide	Vivien	Cienfuegos	Fullerton
N/A	Isi	Tora	D.	San Rafael
41408	Jacobson	Lawrence	Howard	Beverly Hills
144181	Jargiello	David	Mark	Palo Alto
215757	Jasmine	Jason	H.	Sacramento
90559	Jones	Mary	Stancene	Malibu
42897	Jorgensen	Norman	Eric	San Mateo
80237	Kalisch	Mark		Beverly Hills
50859	Kaplan	Frank	M.	Calabasas
N/A	Kassouf	Janet	Karen	Hayward
79864	Kaufman	Elizabeth	Chabelski	Northridge
164166	Kempen	Bernie	Johannes	Castro Valley
61699	Kendrick	John	J.	Irvine
141925	Kennard	Karen	Leanne	San Francisco
N/A	Kennedy	Irene	Lynch	Laguna Niguel
63673	Keough	Nancy	Wadley	Pacific Grove
171328	Kermani	Samira		Beverly Hills
N/A	Kiers	J. Peter		Greenbrae
113606	Kim	Ryul		Irvine
208184	Kim	Thomas	Tae	Santa Clara
231069	Kim	Angie	Hae-Yoon	Beverly Hills
N/A	Kimery	Jerry		Highland
N/A	Kinnaird	Helen		San Diego
125835	Knego	Thomas	Charles	Trabuco Canyon
N/A	Koondel	Robert		Encino
N/A	Krasnow	Bernard		Los Angeles
57525	Kraushaar	Nicholas	Newton	La Quinta
84625	Kremer	Matthew	Markus	San Diego
211877	Kroll	Panda	Lynn	Camarillo
278999	Kuhn	Steven	H.	Oakland
94461	Kulik	Annette	R.	Woodland Hills
147830	Lai	Edward	Mang-Tun	Oakland
175412	Lamothe	Rae		Playa del Rey
128728	Landau	Karen	Lee	Moraga
220855	Lang	Craig	Curtis	Van Nuys
124812	Langford	Carol		Benicia
196838	Lapidus	Ryan	David	Beverly Hills
N/A	Lebental	Carole		Rancho Palos Verdes
39228	LeClerc	Raoul	J.	Oroville
210082	LeKander	Miranda	Lea	Sacramento

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43504	Lenske	Stephen	Allan	Canoga Park
246020	Leoni	Teresa	Rose	Walnut Creek
49594	L'Estrange	John	Harrison	San Diego
77174	Levine	Stephen	Paul	Redlands
85071	Levine	David	Stefan	Oakland
104632	Levine	B.	Scott	San Francisco
255790	Levy	Julie	Samantha	Santa Rosa
N/A	Levy	Susan		Oakland
33510	Lewin	Henry		Los Angeles
144135	Lidl	Erich	Joseph	San Diego
177348	Lin	Wen-Ching		Sunnyvale
95131	Lincoln	Thomas	James	San Diego
N/A	Lloyd	Kimball		Alamo
88773	Logan	Richard	Griffith	Walnut Creek
91357	Long	Cynthia	K.	San Francisco
158852	Lowe	Jeffrey	Allan	Beverly Hills
124723	Lowhurst	Daven	Gerald	Berkeley
34430	Lubarsky	Bruce	Marshal	San Mateo
N/A	Lucas	Mary Lou		Walnut Creek
79124	Lueders	Scott	William	Novato
N/A	Lukacs	Linda	A.	San Diego
246585	Lunde	Michelle	MacEachern	Willows
N/A	MacDougall	Maria		La Quinta
N/A	Madwin	Paul	M.	Playa Vista
244327	Main	Rebekah	Ryan	Rancho Cucamonga
45586	Malovos	Kenneth	Mark	Sacramento
54049	Mark	Joel		Palm Desert
66716	Marshall	Thomas	Leon	San Diego
158480	Martin	Shaun	Patrick	San Diego
198876	Martinez	Diana	Lucia	Chino
199105	Mayhew	Kimberly	Lynn	Fresno
265974	Mayr	Charles	Anthony	Upland
172553	Mazzei	Michael	J.	Crescent City
119376	McCutchan	B.	Edward	Healdsburg
52591	McDougall	John	Ralph	Berkeley
93288	McGee	James	Francis	Newport Beach
125408	McKinley	John	Howard	Stockton
166972	Medeiros	Joan	Mary	Carmichael
N/A	Mehta	Vinod	B.	San Jose
167723	Middlebrook	Richard	Orville	Bakersfield
163522	Migliaccio	Nicola		Long Beach
196718	Millen	Mark	Paul	Los Gatos
66863	Miller	David	Daniel	San Diego
95534	Miller	Scott	Harrison	San Francisco
211848	Miller	Janet	Meri	Campbell
94175	Monitz	Ronald	Myron	Westlake Village

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BAR NO.	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	CITY
48365	Morris	James	Michael	Stockton
72020	Morris	Jackson	Andrew	Belmont
N/A	Morris	Katherine	Jane	San Diego
136729	Morrow	Wayne	L.	Palos Verdes Peninsula
164193	Moses	Carol	Ann	Fresno
133632	Mounteer	Carlyle	Albert	Pacific Grove
191649	Munoz	William	Angelo	Sacramento
82482	Murphy	William	Francis	San Francisco
127712	Myles	Elliott	Andrew	Oakland
229985	Nastich	Summer	Lea	Berkeley
34755	Nayfach	Norman	Straus	San Rafael
100004	Nellessen	Robert	Alan	Santa Rosa
142606	Nerland	Gregory	Sterling	Walnut Creek
89975	Newman	Brian	Allen	Torrance
91561	Nichols	Steve	Wilcox	Bakersfield
106112	Niederberg	Richard	David	Studio City
32255	Norman	Richard	Montgomery	Ventura
241007	Notaro	Michael	Ralph	Alameda
77603	Noya	Ronald	William	San Diego
83870	Nuris	Thomas	Arthur	Daly City
276714	Nwankwo	Emeka	Udochukwu	Los Angeles
166318	Offenbacher	Kimberly	Kaye	Oxnard
189548	Ogburn	Grace	Rosales	Santa Ana
109124	Olsen	Christopher	John	Thousand Oaks
N/A	O'Neil	Mary		Fullerton
N/A	Orgel	Norman		San Diego
77659	Osborn	Patrick	Jay	Bakersfield
185526	Oved	Shai	Shaul	Canoga Park
82599	Owens	James	Michael	Long Beach
90083	Pallack	David	Scott	Pacoima
77687	Pancer	Stefan	Robert	Redlands
51300	Paras	Helen		Sacramento
226257	Park	Ji	Y.	Beverly Hills
72192	Parker	David	Bruce	Los Angeles
129638	Parranto	Julia	Jeanne	Santa Rosa
103780	Pearlman	Barry	Scott	Encino
80517	Pechner	Freda	Donna	Garden Valley
131683	Perkins	David	Alexander	San Diego
135475	Peskoe	Anne	Terri	San Francisco
261863	Peters	Dorian	A.	San Francisco
58007	Peterson	Richard	Thomas	Irvine
N/A	Petrovsky	Ladislav	P.	Agoura
72250	Phillips	Gary	Scott	Beverly Hills
105253	Pickering	Jerrald	Keith	Redding
N/A	Pillai	Pradeep	Kumar	Milpitas
77774	Pistone	Thomas	Anthony	Newport Beach

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BAR NO.	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	CITY
87592	Plaskett	Gregory	Charles	Benicia
69283	Plastiras	Basil	Nicholas	San Rafael
75407	Pokorny	James	Frank	La Jolla
107091	Potter	Dirk	Deverne	Chico
N/A	Prahm	Ole		Rancho Santa Fe
N/A	Preminger	Patrick		Alameda
96613	Ragland	Carroll	A.	Oroville
69305	Rand	Michael	Jay	Encino
31540	Reese	Thomas	D.	Palo Alto
116118	Reich	Jonathan	Ian	Los Angeles
32998	Rhoades	Rufus	VonThulen	Pasadena
182617	Ribons	Michael	Paul	Woodland Hills
95915	Richmond	Charles	David	Del Mar
N/A	Rishwain	Jeff		Santa Barbara
126237	Rivard	Catherine	Leigh	Tucson, AZ
152227	Rodriguez	Leigh		Monterey
N/A	Rosenbaum	Brent		Ventura
114569	Rossi	Bret	Rudell	Sacramento
45860	Rothschild	Toby	James	Westminister
180198	Rover	Michael	Bernard	Palm Desert
45862	Royce	Gene	Emery	San Diego
229947	Rubalcava	Michelle		Sacramento
162374	Rubin	Renee	Marsha	Los Angeles
153324	Runyon	Judith	Ann	Riverside
92425	Sack	Dana		Oakland
87677	Sagatelyan	Levon		Millbrae
92897	Saling	Daniel	Ray	Dana Point
83782	Sall	Robert	Kevin	Laguna Beach
110994	Saul-Olson	Randi	Susan	Visalia
90124	Saydah	Michael	Ferris	San Diego
72559	Schratz	James	Patrick	Sonoma
117545	Schreiber	Mark	Peyton	San Francisco
87025	Schwartz	Allan	Jay	San Francisco
148888	Schwarzkopf	Ronald	Craig	Sacramento
67465	Scott	Robert	Earl	Riverside
67466	Scott	Robert	Kennedy	La Quinta
141722	Seebach	Alice	Adele	Glendale
N/A	Seff	Zachery		Los Angeles
168224	Seigel	Jonathan		San Rafael
N/A	Selditz	William		Encino
82796	Shabel	Scott	Lee	Los Angeles
48652	Shaby	John	Paul	Culver City
227194	Shapiro	Lara	Ruth	Marina del Rey
187533	Shelton	Peter	Alan	Berkeley
68494	Silberberg	Henry	J.	Los Angeles
211708	Silberman	David	Abraham	Redwood City

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BAR NO.	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	CITY
N/A	Sims	Alan	R.	Redlands
N/A	Slama	Milan		Winnetka
87746	Slater	Doris	Brigitte	Pleasanton
48701	Smith	Ronald	Stephen	Los Angeles
127237	Smolowitz	Sindee	Meryle	Long Beach
43991	Sorem	Richard	Larry	Susanville
175629	Sparler	Chanler	MacLean	Greenbrae
112108	Speare	Allen	Charles	San Jose
78293	Staight	Lisa		Irvine
72792	Star	Robert	Rocky	Encino
151372	Steinberg	S.	Keven	Encino
148918	Stevens	Clifford	Wade	Stockton
62906	Stevenson	Ivan	Kelly	Palos Verdes Peninsula
202123	Stone	Clark	Scott	San Jose
110035	Stryker	Dennis	James	San Diego
230589	Sullivan	Kevin	Samuel	San Francisco
131191	Swan	Barry	Richard	Riverside
101978	Sylvester	Jon	Howard	Oakland
187197	Szepesi	Judith	A.	San Jose
258096	Szucsko	Terry	A.	San Francisco
83045	Tady	Brandon	Keith	Chatsworth
35226	Tanenbaum	Jay	J.	Encino
N/A	Tanimoto	Geri		San Leandro
249700	Tarazizadeh	Mahshid		El Segundo
54684	Theep	Raymond	Toufic	San Diego
83999	Thelen	Dennis	Raymond	Bakersfield
51096	Thomas	Joan	Mann	San Rafael
93022	Thompson	Robert	Embers	Oakland
63008	Thorman	Michael	Phillip	Pleasanton
211015	Topf	Ian	Spencer	San Diego
233905	Torri	Joseph		Riverside
N/A	Torsney, Sr.	Brian	B.	Palm Desert
88190	Townsend	Russell	Henry	Sonoma
177172	Toyen	Sanford	Allen	Poway
136193	Tsu	Jeffrey	C.	Burlingame
101464	Tundis	Mark	John	Upland
N/A	Tzur	Barbara		Goleta
104988	Unsworth	Douglas	Aeldred	San Leandro
126452	Velasco	Valeria	Consuelo	Playa del Rey
67892	Vencill	William	Conrad	Lafayette
178694	Vo	Chinh	Trung	Oakland
69500	Vorsatz	Paul	Frederick	Belmont
258214	Wagner	Mark	Harrison	Santa Monica
105310	Walsh	Lorraine	Marie	Walnut Creek
82838	Warren	David	Paul	Pismo Beach
137075	Wasson	David	Bradley	Tustin

**CURRENT ARBITRATORS FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE
STATE BAR MANDATORY FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM FOR 2023**

BAR NO.	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	CITY
N/A	Watson	Stephen	W.	Carmichael
51772	Webb	Stephen	Phillip	Templeton
148147	Weiss	David	Evan	San Francisco
121154	Wessels	Kai	Henrich	San Jose
189646	Whatley	Anne	Margaret	Martinez
42584	Wheatley	Robert	Mack	Folsom
51811	White	Michael	Howard	Claremont
82952	Whitney	Marshall	Craig	Fresno
86747	Wicke	Thomas	James	Woodland Hills
152064	Wilkinson	Troy	Michael	Chico
63200	Williams	Garry	Wayne	Canoga Park
95594	Williams	Michael	Edward	Encinitas
N/A	Williams	Charlie		Sunland
213484	Windsor	Jeffrey	Ray	San Mateo
128394	Winter	Joseph		Pasadena
51846	Wold	W.	Bruce	Novato
68057	Wolf	Lawrence	Irwin	Los Angeles
114076	Wolfe	Andrew	McCreery	San Rafael
184011	Woodward	Adrian	T.	Long Beach
95654	Wunderli	Russ	John	Roseville
169441	Yanuck	Jeffrey	Scott	Sherman Oaks
172016	Young	Jeffrey	Stephen	Santa Barbara
49031	Yzurdiaga	John		Playa del Rey
68408	Zeff	Timothy	Leonard	Sacramento
44698	Zugsmith	George	S.	San Pedro



GUIDELINES AND MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OF ARBITRATORS FOR THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA FEE ARBITRATION PROGRAM

*(Adopted by the State Bar Committee on Mandatory Fee Arbitration 2001;
revised May 12, 2006; revised January 12, 2007; revised May 3, 2019.)*

I. ARBITRATOR APPOINTMENTS SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Appointments Selection Committee shall consist of the Presiding Arbitrator and at least one staff member from the State Bar's Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program. Recommendations for appointments of arbitrators are submitted to the appropriate State Bar Board Committee, which in turn forwards its recommendations to the full Board of Trustees for appointment.

II. GUIDELINES FOR MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OF ARBITRATORS

- A. The following guidelines are intended to set forth the minimum qualifications for lawyer and nonlawyer arbitrator appointments as well as the retention of appointees on the arbitrator panel. Any information provided by the applicant on their application form will be evaluated and could be used as grounds for exclusion from appointment. An applicant's failure to show, upon request of the Appointments Selection Committee, that they affirmatively meet these minimum qualifications may result in the rejection of an applicant or removal of an arbitrator from the Fee Arbitration Program.
- B. In addition, the Appointments Selection Committee may consider, within its sole discretion, any additional factors it may deem relevant in connection with any decision to accept or exclude any applicant.

III. APPOINTMENT TO THE MANDATORY FEE ARBITRATION PANEL

A. Requirements of all State Bar Fee Arbitrators

Prior to assignment to a panel, arbitrators are required to attend at least one comprehensive training program for arbitrators on attorney fee arbitration through a local bar association or the State Bar of California.

B. Lawyer Arbitrators

To be qualified for appointment as a lawyer arbitrator, an applicant must:

- 1. be, and have been for at least five years, an active licensee in good standing with the State Bar of California; or

2. be a retired judge who is an active licensee of the State Bar of California; and
3. not have a pending professional disciplinary matter filed with the State Bar Court, any federal court or agency, or other state bar discipline authority. Conviction of a crime for any felony or misdemeanor required to be reported under Business and Professions Code section 6068(o)(5) may constitute grounds for rejection of the applicant. The imposition of any public discipline by the State Bar Court, or a federal court or agency or other state bar discipline authority authorized to impose comparable professional discipline against attorneys may also constitute grounds for rejection of an application.

C. Nonlawyer Arbitrators

To be qualified for appointment as a nonlawyer arbitrator an applicant must:

1. provide sufficient information to the Appointments Selection Committee to its satisfaction concerning their business, professional or volunteer experience, education, or other relevant qualifications to serve as an arbitrator; and
2. have never been an active or inactive licensee of the bar of any state or the District of Columbia; and
3. have never worked regularly for a public or private law office or practice, court of law or attended law school for any period of time; and
4. have never worked as a paralegal, law firm staff, or law clerk.
5. have never been convicted of a felony, or a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or other moral turpitude, or an attempt or a conspiracy or solicitation of another to commit a felony or a misdemeanor of any type.

IV. ONGOING REQUIREMENTS

- A. During the term of service, all lawyer arbitrators are required to report to the Fee Arbitration Program the existence of any professional disciplinary complaint filed with the State Bar Court or imposition of public professional discipline by the State Bar of California or by any federal court or agency authorized to impose comparable professional discipline against attorneys.
- B. During the term of service, all lawyer arbitrators are required to report to the Fee Arbitration Program the existence of any criminal conviction of a felony or misdemeanor required to be reported under Business and Professions Code section 6068(o)(5).
- C. During the term of service, all non-attorney arbitrators are required to report to the Fee Arbitration Program the existence of any criminal conviction of a felony, or a

misdemeanor involving dishonesty or other moral turpitude, or an attempt or a conspiracy or solicitation of another to commit a felony or a misdemeanor of any type.

- D. Once appointed, all arbitrators shall attend a comprehensive training at least once every five years.