



# The State Bar of California

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## Council on Access and Fairness Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Friday, June 2, 2023  
10:08 a.m.– 2:41 p.m.

**Time Meeting Commenced:** The Council on Access and Fairness meeting commenced in open session at 10:08 a.m. The committee moved to break at 11:20 a.m. The committee returned to open session at 1:01 p.m.

**Time Meeting Adjourned:** 2:41 p.m.

**Chair:** Judge Kristin Rosi

**Committee Coordinator:** Elizabeth Hom

**Members Present:** Heather Anderson, Novella Coleman, Judge Michael Rhoads, Chalak Richards, Judge Kristin Rosi, Stephanie Chu Santoro

**Members Absent:** Ryan Harrison, Angelica Salceda, Sal Torres

**Liaisons Present:** Judge Judith Dulcich, Sarah Good, Lauren Oakley

**Liaisons Absent:** Pamela Enslen

## OPEN SESSION

### 1. Call to Order

The Council on Access and Fairness was called to order by Chair Rosi.

### 2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. Chair Rosi called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. Benjamin Kohn provided a public comment on the bar exam testing accommodation rules revision.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### 3.1 Open Session Minutes: February 24, 2023

**RESOLVED**, that the Council on Access and Fairness approves the February 24, 2023 meeting minutes.

*Moved by Rhoads, seconded by Anderson.*

*Ayes – (6) Anderson, Coleman, Rhoads, Richards, Santoro, Rosi*

*Noes – (0)*

*Abstain – (0)*

*Absent – (3) Harrison, Salceda, Torres*

*Motion carries.*

#### **4. Report from the Chair**

Chair Judge Rosi provided an oral report.

#### **5. Report from the Directors of the Office of Access & Inclusion**

Director Hom provided an update on the Law School Fellowship Program. LSTFC approved awards to fund 76 fellows at 37 organizations. Approximately \$760,000 will be disbursed to fund the program this summer. As a partner, the California ChangeLawyers will provide support, training and networking opportunities for the cohort and an additional \$150,000 to fund 15 additional fellows.

### **REGULAR CALENDAR**

#### **6. Regular Calendar**

##### **6.1** Update on the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the Bar Exam (Goal 2)

**Presenters:** Audrey Ching, Director, Office of Admissions  
Amy Nunez, Assistant Director, Office of Admissions

Presentation and discussion only.

##### **6.2** Presentation and Discussion on the Unaccredited Law School Rules Revision Process (Goal 2)

**Presenter:** Natalie Leonard, Principal Program Analyst, Office of Admissions

Presentation and discussion only.

##### **6.3** Presentation and Discussion on the Attorney Census (Goal 2)

This item was tabled until the December COAF meeting.

##### **6.4** Update and Discussion on the DEI Leadership Seal Program (Goal 2)

**Presenters:** Danielle MacRae, Lead Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

Presentation and discussion only.

**6.5** Update on Addressing Retention in the Legal Profession through Law School Loan Repayment (Goal 2)

**Presenters:** Elizabeth Hom, Program Director, Office of Access & Inclusion

Presentation only.

**6.6** Update on Early Pipeline to the Profession Outreach Materials Development (Goal 2)

**Presenters:** Elizabeth Hom, Program Director, Office of Access & Inclusion

Presentation and discussion only.

**6.7** Update on Licensee Resource Page, including Imposter Syndrome Resources (Goal 3)

**Presenters:** Alexa Montalvo, Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

Presentation and discussion only.

**6.8** Update on Proposed Amendments to Rule 9.7 of the California Rules of Court and the Rules of Professional Conduct Based on Recommendations by the California Civility Task Force (Goal 3)

**Presenters:** Catherine Ongiri, Managing Attorney, Office of Professional Competence

Presentation and discussion only.

**6.9** Update on Implicit Bias Online MCLE Module (Goal 3)

**Presenters:** Erica Carroll, Lead Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

Presentation only.

**6.10** Discussion of Additional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives

Discussion only.

**6.11** Review 2023 COAF Work Plan

There was no update.

## **7. Liaison Reports**

### **7.1 California Lawyers Association (CLA) Report on Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives**

There was no update.

### **7.2 California Leadership Access Workforce (LAW) Report on Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives**

There was no update.

### **7.3 Judicial Council of California Report on Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives**

**Presenter:** Judge Judith Dulcich, Judicial Council of California

Presentation only.

## **8. ADJOURN**