



# The State Bar of California

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A.4. October Meeting Mins  
12-01-23 Meeting  
Open Session

## Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Friday, October 20, 2023  
10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**Time Meeting Commenced:** The Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct meeting commenced in open session at 10:03 a.m.

**Time Meeting Adjourned:** 4:30 p.m.

**Chair:** Brandon Krueger

**Committee Coordinator:** Erika Doherty

**Members Present:** Elizabeth Bradley, Raquel Brigham Brown, Cassidy Chivers, Brandon Krueger, Joel Mark, Eleanor Mercado, Dan O’Rielly, Vikita Poindexter, Deepika Ravi

**Members Absent:** Mary Grace Guzman, Hunter Starr, William Munoz

### OPEN SESSION

#### A. Remarks From the Chair

1. Call to Order  
The Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct was called to order by Chair Krueger.
2. Roll Call  
Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.
3. Call for Public Comment  
Chair Krueger called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item.

*There were no public comments.*

4. Approval of Open Session Minutes: September 15, 2023

*Moved by O’Reilly, seconded by Poindexter.*

*Ayes – (5)*

Noes – (0)  
Abstain – (1)  
Absent – (7)

*Motion carries.*

5. Report of the Chair  
Chair Krueger provided an oral report.
6. Report of the Committee Coordinator  
Ms. Doherty provided an oral report.

**B. Special Projects**

1. Presentation and discussion on Board's Request to Explore Use and Regulation of Artificial Intelligence

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct authorizes the working group, with assistance from staff, to complete and finalize the memo, executive summary, and practical guidance to be submitted to the Board of Trustees in accordance with the discussion.

- *Moved by Mercado, seconded by O'Rielly.*

Ayes – (7) Brown, Chivers, Mercado, O'Rielly, Poindexter, Ravi, Krueger  
Noes – (0)  
Abstain – (0)  
Absent – (5) Bradley, Guzman, Mark, Munoz, Starr

*Motion carries.*

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**C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Draft Opinions Previously Circulated for Public Comment**

1. 20-0002 [Succession Planning]

*This item was carried over.*

2. 20-0001 [Expert Witness and Handling of Retainers and Fees]

*This item was withdrawn.*

3. 20-0005 [Conversion Clauses in Contingency Fee Agreements]

*This item was withdrawn.*

**D. Discussion and Possible Approval of Draft Opinions Not Yet Circulated for Public Comment**

1. 20-0003 [re Flat Fees and Termination]

*This item was carried over.*

**E. Discussion and Possible Approval of Draft Advisories Not Yet Circulated for Public Comment**

1. 2022-0XA (formerly 1993-02 [re Standard of Review in Fee Disputes Where There Is a Written Fee Agreement])

*This item was withdrawn.*

**ADJOURN**