



# The State Bar of California

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## OPEN SESSION

## AGENDA ITEM

**50-5 JANUARY 2024**

## BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE III.A

**DATE:** January 18, 2024

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Approval of State Bar Member to the Judicial Council of California Information Technology Advisory Committee

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This agenda item presents the candidate recommended for appointment to the Judicial Council of California's Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) for the 2024–2025 committee year. ITAC serves as an advisory body to the Judicial Council, providing recommendations to the council for improving the administration of justice through the use of technology. Members are appointed to serve a three-year term; the State Bar is responsible for nominating one attorney member.

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## BACKGROUND

ITAC members should bring technology subject matter expertise and executive sponsorship capabilities to their roles. With this in mind, the State Bar solicited applications from attorneys with relevant background and experience and forwarded a set of recommended candidates to the Judicial Council for review.

## DISCUSSION

[Rule 10.53](#) provides that the ITAC must include representatives from the following categories:

1. Appellate justice;

2. Trial court judicial officer;
3. Trial court judicial administrator;
4. Appellate court judicial administrator;
5. Trial court information officer;
6. Member of the Senate (appointed by the Senate);
7. Member of the Assembly (appointed by the Assembly);
8. Representative of the executive branch (appointed by the Governor); and
9. Lawyer (appointed by the State Bar).

#### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW AND ALTERNATE MEMBER TO ITAC**

Following review of applications, ITAC leadership and State Bar staff recommend the appointment of Carrie Holmes to a three-year term. Holmes is a practicing legal services attorney for Paladin, a legal technology company looking to increase access to justice. Smita Rajmohan, head of legal for Autodesk and a current member of the Consulting Group for the Establishment of a Legal Specialization in Privacy, is provided as an alternate:

1. Carrie Holmes (attorney member) – Cucamonga, CA

#### **Proposed Alternate**

1. Smita Rajmohan (attorney member) – San Jose, CA

#### **COMMITTEE COMPOSITION DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN**

Staff recently conferred with the Judicial Council regarding the availability of detailed demographic data specifically for members of the Information Technology Advisory Committee and discovered that this information is not currently available. Recognizing the importance of diversity among the State Bar's volunteers, staff are taking proactive steps to address this gap. Going forward, staff will collaborate with the Judicial Council to collect comprehensive demographic data for all appointees to the Information Technology Advisory Committee.

#### **FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT**

None

#### **AMENDMENTS TO RULES**

None

#### **AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL**

None

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & IMPLEMENTATION STEPS**

Goal 4. Protect the Public by Engaging Partners.

- b.1. Create and sustain partnerships with other organizations, entities, and stakeholder groups.
- c.2. Increase the number and variety of stakeholders to include affinity bar associations and a broad range of organizations invested in the mission of the State Bar.
- c.3. Engage diverse voices in the development and evaluation of State Bar policy.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Carrie Holmes to serve on the Information Technology Advisory Committee for a three-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 18–19, 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 23–24, 2027, 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 Smita Rajmohan as alternate member, if a midterm vacancy is created.

**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 appointment of Carrie Holmes to serve on the Information Technology Advisory Committee for a three-year term, commencing at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 18–19, 2024, and expiring at the close of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 23–24, 2027, 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 Smita Rajmohan as alternate member, if a midterm vacancy is created.

## **ATTACHMENT LIST**

- A.** Judicial Council of California Information Technology Advisory Committee Roster of Current Member and Proposed Member/Alternate

**Judicial Council Information Technology Advisory Committee Roster  
of Current Members and Proposed Members**

First Name	Last Name	Attorney Member	Public Member	Term Expiration
Current Composition				
Don	Willenburg	✓		September 2023
Proposed New Member				
Carrie	Holmes	✓		September 2027
Proposed Alternate Member				
Smita	Rajmohan	✓		--

-- Denotes not applicable unless a vacancy is created due to a midterm resignation, at which point an alternate would be selected to fill that vacancy.