



# The State Bar of California

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A.4. March Minutes  
05-10-24 Meeting  
Open Session

## Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Friday, March 1, 2024  
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:** 1:42 p.m.

**Chair:** Brandon Krueger

**Committee Coordinator:** Erika Doherty

**Members Present:** Sarah Banola, Elizabeth Bradley, Raquel Brigham Brown, Cassidy Chivers, Brandon Krueger, Joel Mark, Eleanor Mercado, William Munoz, Daniel O’Rielly, Deepika Ravi

**Members Absent:** Mary Grace Guzman, Vikita Poindexter, Hunter Starr

### 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.
  - a. Laurie Taylor spoke to her written public comment regarding the abortion access agenda item.
  - b. Steven spoke to issues he had with the State Bar complaint process.
4. Approval of Open Session Minutes: January 12, 2024

*Moved by Mark, seconded by Chivers.*

*Ayes – (7) Brown, Bradley, Chivers, Mark, Mercado, Munoz, Krueger*  
*Noes – (0)*  
*Abstain – (2) O’Rielly, Ravi*  
*Absent – (3) Guzman, Poindexter, Starr*

*Motion carries.*

5. Report of the Chair  
No chair’s report for this meeting
6. Report of the Committee Coordinator  
Ms. Doherty provided an oral report.

**E. Special Projects**

1. Ethics Symposium Planning

*No recommendation. Discussion only.*

**B. Draft Opinions Previously Circulated for Public Comment**

1. 20-0001 [re Lawyer as Expert Witness]

*No recommendation. Discussion only. A working group consisting of Bradley, Mercado Munoz, and O’Rielly was created to consider issue #1 of the agenda item. A working group consisting of O’Rielly was created to consider issue #2 of the agenda item. Working groups will present their findings at the May meeting.*

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

1. 20-0003 [Flat Fees and Termination]

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct approves the working group and staff make non-substantive changes to the draft opinion for a 90-day public comment circulation.

*Moved by Krueger, seconded by Mercado.*

*Ayes – (8) Brown, Bradley, Chivers, Mark, Mercado, Munoz, Ravi, Krueger*  
*Noes – (0)*  
*Abstain – (0)*

*Absent – (4) Guzman, O’Rielly, Poindexter, Starr*

*Motion carries.*

**D. New Topics**

1. Consideration of ABA Model Rule 1.16

*No recommendation. Discussion only. Working group will create an outline and present their findings at the May meeting.*

2. Consideration of Lawyer Assistance with Abortion Access Opinion Request

*No recommendation. Discussion only. A working group consisting of Chivers, Krueger and Mercado was created. The working group will create an issues outline and present their findings at the May meeting.*

**ADJOURN**