



THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR 2015 – 2016 APPOINTMENTS

Your application is confidential. You may apply to up to three committees, but can only be appointed to one. A separate application must be submitted for each committee to which you apply. If you are not appointed to a committee of your choice, your application may be circulated to other committees if you so authorize. You can find each committee's requirements at the State Bar's website (www.calbar.ca.gov; see Committees and Commissions page). Requirements also available from the State Bar's Appointments Office and the committee's staff administrator. You will be notified by letter of the decision on your application no later than 10/11/15. The notification letter will be mailed to your State Bar address of record. Terms for most committees begin at the close of the 2015 State Bar Annual Meeting (10/11/15). Terms for the American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates begin at the close of the 2015 ABA Annual Meeting (8/4/2015); the Judicial Council terms begin 9/15/2015; and terms for the 2016 Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) Commission begin 2/1/2016.

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Instructions: Type or print clearly with dark ink. If the space provided is not sufficient for your response, you may attach a separate page. Date and sign the application. Attach: 1) a statement of interest indicating why you wish to serve on the committee and what you can contribute, 2) a resume or biography, and 3) any letters of recommendation (maximum three). Do not submit copies of books, articles or certificates with your application. **Follow filing instructions found at the last page.**

PART ONE

NAME: _____

STATE BAR NUMBER: _____

CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE NOT ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA:

Applicants who are not lawyers and/or who are not admitted to practice law in California may apply for some positions as a public member. Some committees require public members to be non-lawyers. Please review the committee descriptions to verify which committees seek applications from public members and the requirements. If appointed, your address information may be published at the State Bar website. If you do not wish your e-mail address to be public, check the "Private" box at the e-mail address line below.

NAME OF COMMITTEE TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING: _____

COMMITTEE PREFERENCES: You may apply to three committees but must list them in your order of preference. If you are applying to two or three committees, list your preferences below; you must submit a separate application for each committee. Preferences must be the same on each application.

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

If you are not selected for one of these committees and would you like to be considered for a position on another State Bar committee, please check here:

NAME OF EMPLOYER / FIRM / AGENCY: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: STREET ADDRESS/ CITY / ZIP CODE: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: () _____

FAX NUMBER: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

My e-mail is public: My e-mail is private:

How did you learn of this vacancy? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Trustees member (name): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Local bar association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee chair | <input type="checkbox"/> State Bar publication or website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colleague | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |

Which one of the following best describes your occupation? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Private practice | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental legal services organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly employed lawyer | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate law department | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired justice or judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired lawyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quasi-judicial officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |

What is the size of your office? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sole practitioner | <input type="checkbox"/> 36-100 lawyer office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-10 lawyer office | <input type="checkbox"/> 101+ lawyer office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-35 lawyer office | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |

DATE ADMITTED TO THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA (month and year):

I am currently (check one): Active Inactive

List other jurisdictions to which you have been admitted to practice:

LENGTH OF TIME IN PRACTICE:

If not a lawyer, list length of time in profession:

FIELDS IN WHICH YOU PRACTICE:

FIELDS IN WHICH YOU ARE CERTIFIED AS A SPECIALIST:

VOLUNTEER SERVICE. List, or attach as a separate page, prior volunteer service with the State Bar, local or specialty bar associations, community or other organizations. Please focus on those activities that prepare you for a position on the committees to which you are applying:

STATE BAR SECTIONS. List the State Bar sections of which you are a member (*all applicants to a section's executive committee must be members of that section*):

DISCIPLINE RECORD. List any formal disciplinary charges filed against you, including disposition of such charges and any public record of discipline. You may attach a separate sheet if needed.

PART TWO

The State Bar of California values diversity and broad-based representation in its appointments. The legal community is diverse and it serves an even more heterogeneous population. The recruitment and selection of applicants with diverse backgrounds, experiences, outlooks, and ideas will bring qualities essential to the governance of the legal profession and to the services the State Bar provides to its diverse members and to the public. It is therefore the policy of the State Bar to encourage the participation of all State Bar members in order to obtain broad representation on each entity. To the extent available, the State Bar will consider factors which encourage breadth and depth of perspective including, but not limited to, the following: geographic location of work and residence, practice area, size of law practice, length of time practicing, volunteer work, educational background, specific accomplishments, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, and disability. The State Bar provides equal access to all applicants and complies with all applicable anti-discrimination laws in its appointment process.

Please complete the following portion of the Appointment Application to let us know how you can contribute to the diversity and broad composition of the State Bar's committees and commissions. You may attach a separate sheet if needed.

What unique characteristics, perceptions, experiences, personal talents, or qualifications would you bring to the committee?

Please describe the communication skills and leadership abilities that you possess that will lend to the activities of the committee:

Please describe any hardship or disadvantage you have had to overcome and how this experience will contribute to your service with the State Bar:

Is there any additional information about yourself that you would like to share with us?

Applicants are requested, but not required, to provide the following information. If you wish to self-identity as a member of a community or to describe your background, please complete the following:

Gender:

Sexual Orientation (e.g., do you self-identify as a member of the gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender community):

Ethnicity:

Age:

Other Diversity Factor(s):

SIGNATURE: Sign and date your application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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APPLICATION FILING INSTRUCTIONS

- You may apply to a maximum of three committees. If you are applying to two or three committees, you must submit a **separate application for each committee**. For **each** committee application, print an original copy. Sign and date the original.
- Attach your statement, resume and letters of recommendation in the order below:
 - 1) Committee application form
 - 2) Statement of interest (e.g., why you want to serve on the committee)
 - 3) Resume or biography
 - 4) Letters of recommendation (no more than three)
- **Copies:** For **each** committee's application, make one (1) single-sided copy of the form and attachments. Submit the two (2) sets (original and copy) of each application by the committee's deadline.
- **Resume/Biography:** Your resume or biography may include any of the following: business, occupational or professional licenses; legal and general educational background; academic, professional or civic honors; articles or publications authored (*do not attach copies*); accomplishments of note; proven commitment to volunteer work/capacity to make expected time commitment; national, state and/or local bar committee service, professional and/or community association memberships, personal and/or organizational references.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Letters are helpful but not required. You may submit a maximum of three (3) letters of recommendation. It is preferred that letters of recommendation be attached to the application, but they may be submitted separately. All letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Appointments Office in the State Bar's San Francisco office. If more than three letters of recommendation are submitted, only the first three will be included in the application.
- **American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates:** In your statement of interest, please describe your ABA activities and the contributions you have made to the organization in the past two years.
- **2016 Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE Commission):** Lawyer applicants must be State Bar members in good standing and in active practice. Public member applicants must not be admitted to the practice of law. In your statement of interest, please describe why you are interested in the commission, any experience you have with interviewing professional applicants, and your ability to make the time commitment and **to attend a mandatory Orientation meeting to be held Jan. 29-30, 2016 (Friday and Saturday)**. A letter of recommendation, especially from an employer, is helpful.
- **DEADLINES:** Unless otherwise published at the State Bar's website, the 2015 application deadlines for the following entities are:
 - Feb. 2, 2015:** ABA House of Delegates, Judicial Council, and the State Bar Standing, Section Executive and Special Committees
 - June 1, 2015:** 2016 JNE Commission, Review Committee of the JNE CommissionApplications for committees with immediate vacancies may have different deadlines. Please check the State Bar's website (Committees and Commissions page) for deadlines for committees with immediate vacancies. On occasion, the application deadline may be extended for certain committees. Deadline extensions are posted at the website; applicants also may contact the Appointment Office for information on extended deadlines.
- **MAIL OR DELIVER EACH COMMITTEE APPLICATION (original and copy) to:**
 - Appointments Office
 - The State Bar of California
 - 180 Howard Street
 - San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

Applications must be received by the deadline noted above. We will accept your application by fax on the day of the deadline **if** the original and copy are mailed and postmarked by the deadline. The Appointments Office fax number is (415) 538-2305.