THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR 2011 – 2012 APPOINTMENTS

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 (see the Filing Instructions at the end).If you are not appointed to a committee of your choice, your application may be circulated to other committees if you so authorize. Review the requirements for each committee (e.g., lawyer applicants to the JNE Commission must be active State Bar members; applicants to a section executive committee must be members of that section). All correspondence regarding your application will be mailed to your State Bar public address of record. All applicants will be notified by letter of the decision on their applications no later than 9/18/11. Terms for most committees begin at the close of the 2011 State Bar Annual Meeting (9/18/2011); ABA terms begin at the close of the 2011 ABA Annual Meeting (8/9/2011); Judicial Council terms begin 9/15/2011; and the 2012 JNE Commission terms begin 2/1/2012.

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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 or articles with your application. Follow filing instructions found at the last page. Your application is confidential.

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 Web site. 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 you are applying to. Your order of 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)

- ☐ Board of Governors member *(name)*:_____
- ☐ Committee chair
- ☐ Colleague
- ☐ Local Bar Association
- ☐ State Bar publication or Web site
- ☐ Other *(specify)*: _____

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

- ☐ Private practice
- ☐ Publicly employed lawyer
- ☐ Corporate Law department
- ☐ Law teaching
- ☐ Quasi-judicial officer
- ☐ Non-governmental legal services organization
- ☐ Non-profit organization
- ☐ Retired justice or judge
- ☐ Retired lawyer
- ☐ Other *(specify)*: _____

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

- ☐ Sole practitioner
- ☐ 2-10 lawyer office
- ☐ 11-35 lawyer office
- ☐ 36-100 lawyer office
- ☐ 101+ lawyer office
- ☐ 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 (if any):

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.

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's Board of Governors 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 residence and work, practice area, size of law practice, length of time practicing, volunteer work, specific accomplishments, educational background, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, and disability. The State Bar provides equal access to all applicants and does not discriminate against persons on the basis of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS) or mental disability, medical condition (cancer), age (over 40), marital status, denial of family care leave, political affiliation, sexual orientation, disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran status.

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:

Ethnicity:

Age:

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

Other Diversity Factor(s):

◗ **SIGNATURE:** All applicants must sign and date their applications.

Signature: _____ *Date:*_____

APPLICATION FILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 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, and staple as one document:
  1) 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)

  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.

  ABA House of Delegates: In your statement of interest for the ABA House of Delegates, please describe your ABA activities and the contributions you have made to the organization in the past two years. ABA terms begin at the close of the ABA Annual Meeting in 2011 (Aug. 9, 2011).

  Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE Commission): Lawyer applicants must be State Bar members in good standing and in active practice. In your statement of interest for the JNE Commission, 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 attend a mandatory Orientation meeting scheduled Friday-Saturday in January or February 2012, A letter of recommendation, especially from an employer, is helpful. JNE terms begin February 1, 2012.

- **Copies:** For **each** committee's application, make **two** (2) one-sided copies of the form and attachments. Submit the **three (3) sets (original + 2 copies)** of each application by the deadline.

- **Deadlines:** Unless otherwise published at the State Bar's Web site, the 2011 application deadlines for the following entities are:

February 1, 2011:	ABA House of Delegates and the State Bar Standing, Section Executive and Special Committees
June 15, 2011:	Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE)
July 25, 2011:	Judicial Council

On occasion, the application deadline may be extended for certain entities. Applicants may contact the Appointment Office (415.538.2318) for information on entities that have extended their deadlines.

- **Mail or deliver each original and copies to:**

  Appointments Office
  The State Bar of California
  180 Howard Street
  San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

We will accept your application form by fax on the day of the deadline if the original and two copies are mailed and postmarked by the deadline (see above). The fax number is 415.538.2255.