



**THE STATE BAR
OF CALIFORNIA**

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Dear Candidate:

Enclosed please find the materials for use in the forthcoming State Bar Board of Governors 2008 election. These materials include: (1) the Nominating Petition and instructions for filing the petition; (2) article II of the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar (Nomination and Election of Governors); (3) the Election Schedule; (4) Agreement for Use of State Bar Membership, Eligibility and Voting Lists; (5) Hold Harmless Agreement; (6) District Membership, Eligibility List and Voting List Charges.

In addition, to help you better understand the work of the Board of Governors and the seat you are running for, we have enclosed material outlining the responsibilities of a Board member, *State Bar of California Board of Governors Member Responsibilities*.

Only the official petition form, as prepared by the Secretary of the State Bar, will be accepted. The official petition and all related documents are available through regular mail or can be downloaded by going to the link provided on the State Bar's main web page (http://www.calbar.ca.gov/state/calbar/calbar_home.jsp). Completed petitions must be filed and received at the San Francisco office of the State Bar by 5:00 p.m. on April 1. Petitions may be filed electronically in PDF format only. Candidates who file an electronic copy of a nominating petition must keep the original nominating petition for four years following commencement of the term of office for which the petition is filed. Upon request by the State Bar, candidates must promptly forward the original nominating petition to the San Francisco office of the State Bar.

With the ballots that will be mailed to voters, the State Bar includes information about each candidate from his or her official membership record. A candidate may add to this information by submitting an optional 250-word candidate statement.

The contents of the candidate statement are outlined in article II, section 9 of the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar. Under the category of "Other Activities", a candidate may include his or her ideas, platform, views about the State Bar, and any other information that the candidate believes qualifies him or her for office. Because the candidate statement is mailed with the ballot materials to voting members, the statement is limited by rule to 250 words. Candidates, however, may submit a separate expanded candidate statement up to 500 words for posting on the State Bar's election web page. Please submit your candidate statement(s) in both hard copy and electronic format (either by e-mail or on disk). Your completed nominating petition, optional candidate statement(s) and head and shoulders photograph of yourself, for use on the web page, must be filed with the State Bar no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2008.

Your attention is directed to the third paragraph of article II, section 4 of the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar, which provides that, once nominated, a candidate may not withdraw acceptance of nomination after 5:00 p.m. on April 11.

Candidates wishing to conduct a mail campaign may purchase a State Bar district membership list for the district in which you plan to run. To obtain the list, a candidate must submit a fully executed "*Agreement for Use of State Bar Membership, Eligibility and Voting Lists*" and "*Hold Harmless Agreement*", along with full payment of the production fee. Please refer to the enclosed fee schedule, which also contains the dates when the various lists will be available for purchase.

You may reach me at (415) 538-2274 or e-mail Billie.Sivanov@calbar.ca.gov should you have any questions concerning the election process or State Bar policy.

Very truly yours,

Biljana Sivanov
State Bar District Elections

cc: Judy Johnson

Enclosures:

- Nominating Petition and instructions for filing the petition
- Rules and Regulations of the State Bar article II
(Nomination and Election of Governors, Amended November 17, 2006)
- Election Schedule
- Agreement for Use of State Bar Membership, Eligibility and Voting Lists
- Hold Harmless Agreement
- District Membership, Eligibility List or Voting List Fees
- State Bar of California Board of Governors Member Responsibilities
(Adopted September 19, 2002)