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DATE: March 9, 2009

TO: Members of the Legal Profession and Public in California

FROM: The State Bar of California

SUBJECT: Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Consideration Being Given by the State Bar Board of Governors to the Reappointment of the State Bar's Chief Trial Counsel.

This is notice to all interested parties that the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California is considering the request of incumbent Chief Trial Counsel Scott Drexel to be reappointment to another four year term, 2009 - 2013.

The State Bar of California is an agency in the judicial branch of state government embodied in California's constitution, charged with the responsibility to regulate the legal profession. Among other things, it administers the California Bar Examination as well as the attorney complaint and disciplinary system.

The State Bar discipline system's enforcement division investigates complaints against California attorneys for professional misconduct and prosecutes cases of professional misconduct seeking appropriate discipline. The chief enforcement officer of the State Bar of California is its Chief Trial Counsel. Pursuant to statute, the Chief Trial Counsel is appointed by the Board of Governor's for a four year statutory term subject to confirmation by California's State Senate.

The incumbent Chief Trial Counsel, Scott Drexel, has served a four year term that will expire in 2009. He has communicated his desire to be reappointed to a second four year term running from 2009 – 2013. As the Chief Trial Counsel serves the public interest, it is appropriate for the Board of Governors, as the appointing body, to seek input and comment from members of the public, the legal profession and others regarding the consideration being given to Mr. Drexel's request for reappointment.

Comments must be submitted by April 15, 2009 and addressed to:

**Chief Trial Counsel Reappointment Process
c/o The State Bar of California
Office of Human Resources
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105**

E-mail communications can be sent to stephen.schwichow@calbar.ca.gov.

The Board of Governors Committee on Regulation Admissions and Discipline (RAD) has oversight responsibility for the State Bar's discipline system. The RAD Committee will evaluate all materials before it and will make a recommendation to the Board of Governors on reappointment at the Board's May, 2009 meeting.

The statutory authorities governing the Chief Trial Counsel are set forth at Business and Professions Code Section 6079.5.