



The State Bar of California

SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

2024 STATE BAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS FACT SHEET

The [State Bar of California's Board of Trustees](#) develops the guiding policies and principles underpinning its regulatory mission. Public protection is the highest priority of the Board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions.

Role of Trustees

All members of the Board are public officials, acting under oath, and the Board constitutes the highest decision-making body of the State Bar. The Board establishes and monitors policies that fulfill the mission, goals, and objectives of the State Bar within parameters set by the State Bar Act, the Supreme Court, and other appropriate provisions of law, as well as by the Board itself. The Board is responsible for adopting, evaluating, and modifying a long-range strategic plan that expresses the vision, mission, goals, and objectives of the State Bar. The Board also oversees the performance of the executive director, chief trial counsel, conflict counsel, and general counsel.

- **Meetings:** The Board convenes roughly six times annually, in addition to committee meetings, to deliberate on organizational, policy, and professional matters. The State Bar is subject to open meeting rules under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act ([Govt. Code Sections 11120, et seq.](#)). Meetings are currently held in person in Los Angeles, or via remote/hybrid videoconferencing.
- **Committee/liason assignments:** The Board chair assigns Trustees to serve on Board standing committees (currently Audit, Executive, Finance, with the full Board also sitting as the Regulation and Discipline Committee) and to serve as liaisons to subentities and State Bar functional areas of operation.

Role of the Trustees Nominating Committee

The Supreme Court appoints 5 attorney members of the 13-member Board of Trustees. Pursuant to [Rule 9.90 of the California Rules of Court](#), the Supreme Court created the Trustees Nominating Committee (TNC) to solicit, receive, screen, and evaluate all applications for appointment and to provide recommendations for the Court's appointment or reappointment to the State Bar Board of Trustees.

Appointment Details

In 2024, the TNC seeks attorney candidates for appointment to the State Bar Board of Trustees. Attorneys appointed by the Supreme Court serve for a four-year term and can be reappointed for one additional term only.

- **Selection criteria:** Candidates must be active licensees of the State Bar of California and maintain their principal office for the practice of law in California. The Supreme Court seeks to provide for the appointment of Trustees who bring to the Board a variety of experiences. Pursuant to the Rule of Court, TNC considers the following characteristics:
 - Legal services attorneys, solo practitioners, attorneys with small firms, and attorneys with governmental entities;
 - Historically underrepresented groups, such as those underrepresented because of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation;
 - Legal academics;
 - Geographic distribution;
 - Years of practice;
 - Attorneys who are in their first five years of practice;

For all candidates, TNC also factors into its consideration:

- Participation in voluntary local or state bar activities;
 - Participation in activities to benefit the public; and
 - Other factors demonstrating a background that will help inform the work of the Board.
- **Application requirements:** Applicants should complete the [online application](#) and be prepared to upload the following attachments:
 - A resume or biography (maximum of five pages)
 - Five references and their full contact information
 - Up to two letters of recommendation (helpful but not required)
 - **Deadline:** [Online applications must be received by Friday, April 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.](#) Early applications are highly encouraged.
 - **Review and rating of applicants for appointment:** A check of personal and professional references and background investigation are required for candidates moving forward in the selection process. Candidates selected to be interviewed will also be required to disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest for the committee's confidential review.

More information:

- [Rules of the State Bar of California - Title 6. Governance](#)
- [Board of Trustees Policy Manual](#)
- [Five-Year Strategic Plan](#)
- [Transparency & Accountability](#)

For questions, please email tnccae@calbar.ca.gov or call 213-765-1388.