

AGENDA ITEM

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**Appointment of
Governance in the
Public Interest Task
Force Pursuant to AB
2764, Amendment 2**

DATE: September 26, 2010

TO: Board of Governors

FROM: William N. Hebert

SUBJECT: **Appointment of Governance in the Public Interest Task Force**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amendment 2 of AB 2764, The State Bar's 2011 fee bill, creates a *Governance in the Public Interest Task Force* in the State Bar. Board policy states that the president, with the approval of the board, may appoint special committees to handle special assignments. The president is authorized to make committee chair and member assignments to these special committees.

BACKGROUND

AB 2764 authorizes the State Bar of California to collect membership dues in 2011. Amendment 2 of this bill creates a *Governance in the Public Interest Task Force* in the State Bar to submit a report to the Supreme Court, the Governor, and the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees, with recommendations for enhancing public protection.

Pursuant to board policy, the president, with approval from the board, is authorized to appoint special committees and to make the committee chair and committee member assignments to these committees.

DISCUSSION

AB 2764, Amendment 2, states the charge of the Governance in the Public Interest Task Force as follows:

- The composition of the task force is to be “11 members appointed by the President of the State Bar” - seven attorney members of the board and three public members of the board.
- On or before May 15, 2011, and every three years thereafter, the task force is required “to submit a report to the Supreme Court, the Governor, and the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees containing recommendations for enhancing the protection of the public and ensuring that protection of the public is the highest priority in the licensing, regulation, and discipline of attorneys.”
- The task force’s report “is to be reviewed by the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees in their regular consideration of the annual bar dues bill. In addition, if the task force does not reach a consensus on all recommendations, the bill would provide that the dissenting members may prepare and submit a dissenting report.”¹

FISCAL / PERSONNEL IMPACT:

None.

RULE AMENDMENTS:

None.

BOARD BOOK/ ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL IMPACT:

Amends TAB 9 to create a new Article 10 “Governance in the Public Interest Task Force”.

PROPOSED BOARD RESOLUTION:

The Board should adopt the following resolution to create the Governance in the Public Interest Task Force:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to AB 2764, Amendment 2, the Board hereby creates the Governance in the Public Interest Task Force; and it is

¹ Assembly Bill 2764, as amended August 20, 2010 (see Attachment 1)

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board affirms the appointment of the following to the newly created Governance in the Public Interest Task Force:

William N. Hebert, Chair
Loren Kieve - 1st year member
Luis J. Rodriguez - 1st year member
Lowell T. Carruth - 2nd year member
Wells B. Lyman - 2nd year member
Angela Joy Davis - 3rd year member
Jon Streeter - 3rd year member
Lawyer Member selected by T/F

Jeannine English – public member
Dennis Mangers – public member
Gwen Moore – public member

Ex officio Members of T/F:

Judy Johnson - Executive Director
James Towery - Chief Trial Counsel
Presiding Judge JoAnn Remke - State Bar Court
Gayle Murphy - Director of Admissions
Beth Jay - Principal Attorney to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court