

Board Committee on Operations
Referral List
For BOG Ops November 19, 2010 meeting

Category I – Change in Date Only

None

Category II – Possible Committee Reassignments

None

Category III – New Matters Requiring Assignment to the Appropriate Board Committee

Nov 19 # 1

Status Report/Potential Action on Real Property Initiatives

A status report and any potential action that may be required will be presented.

Responsible Staff: Steve Mazer, Robert Hawley

Recommendation: Planning – Jan

BOG - TBD

Nov 19 # 2

Administrative Changes to Admissions Rules

In 2007, the Admissions Rules were revised to conform to the new organizational structure of the Rules of the State Bar. Over time and through use of the new rules, there have been several rules that require revision to ensure clarity and other areas have been identified where additional language should be added to the rules to appropriately advise applicants what the process is.

Responsible Staff: Gayle Murphy

Recommendation: RAD - Jan/May

BOG-May

Nov 19 # 3

Rules of Professional Conduct Proposed New and Amended, Reconsideration of Proposed Rule 7.5(c) re Restriction on the Name of a Public Officer in a Law Firm Name (Difuntorum)

This RAD item is new and follows the Board's completion of its work to adopt new and amended rules recommended by the Rules Revision Commission. Following the Board's action to adopt the rules, staff received an inquiry from Legislative staff which has prompted a staff recommendation that the Board reconsider the adoption of proposed Rule 7.5(c) [re restriction on the name of a public officer appearing in a law firm name]. The staff recommendation is to reconsider the rule and to reject the prior Commission recommendation that the Rule 7.5(c) be adopted. This action would effectively withdraw proposed Rule 7.5(c) from the set of Board adopted rules that are on course to be submitted to the Supreme Court for approval. This action would be taken back-to-back by RAD and the Board in January 2011.

Responsible Staff: Randall Difuntorum

Recommendation: RAD - Jan

BOG - Jan

Nov 19 # 4

Los Angeles County Bar Association Fee Arbitration Rule Changes

Request for approval of several revisions to the rules of procedure for fee arbitrations by the L.A. County Bar Association.

Responsible Staff: Jill Sperber

Recommendation: RAD- Jan

BOG: N/A

Nov 19 # 5

Future of LAP

The Chair of Member Oversight has expressed interest in taking a fresh look at, and evaluation of, this program.

Responsible Staff: Starr Babcock

Recommendation: MOC - Jan/TBD

BOG: TBD

Nov 19 # 6

State Bar Annual Meeting

The Chair of MOC has asked that the Board Committee explore and evaluate the necessity of the State Bar holding an Annual Meeting.

Responsible Staff: Pam Wilson

Recommendation: MOC – Jan/TBD

BOG - TBD

Nov 19 # 7

Elkins Family Law Subcommittee Report

The Elkins Family Law Subcommittee of the Board Stakeholder Relations Committee will report on family law developments and implementation of the Elkins Family Law Report, including specific recommendations for the State Bar.

Responsible Staff: Mary Lavery Flynn

Recommendation: Stakeholders – Jan/As needed

BOG - As needed

Nov 19 # 8

Recommendations re US News and World Report -- Law School Rankings

The Council on Access & Fairness will present proposed comments to US News & World Report re modifications to the methodology and criteria used for ranking of law schools and will request authorization from Stakeholders and the full Board to forward the comments and participate in ongoing dialogue with US News & World Report.

Responsible Staff: Patricia Lee

Recommendation: Stakeholders – Jan

BOG - Jan

Nov 19 # 9

COAF Status Reports on Pre Law Advisors, Bar Exam Prep and Law School Focus Groups

The Council on Access & Fairness has conducted focus groups to address challenges along the diversity pipeline in the College/Law School segment of the pipeline. Three informational reports will be presented summarizing the discussions and suggestions for follow up including Pre Law Advisors, Bar Exam

Preparation, and Law School Admissions/Academic Support. The summaries are being shared internally with key State Bar entities and the internal discussion should be completed prior to the January Board meetings.

Responsible Staff: Patricia Lee

Recommendation: Stakeholders – Jan/As needed **BOG – As needed**

Nov 19 # 10

California Law Academy Strategic Task Force Status Report

The State Bar of California has been asked to partner with the California Department of Education (CDE) to promote the creation of Law Academies in California. The input from the legal profession is being coordinated through the California Law Academy Strategic Task Force (CLAS). This will be a status report on the partnership between the State Bar and CDE and the work of the Task Force.

Responsible Staff – Patricia Lee

Recommendation: Stakeholders – Jan/As needed **BOG – As needed**