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TO: Members Board Committee on Stakeholder Relations

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RE: Council on Access & Fairness Items

**BACKGROUND:**

The State Bar Council on Access & Fairness (COAF) is charged with:

- Identifying and encouraging attorneys from diverse backgrounds to become active participants in the administration and governance of the State Bar and make specific recommendations to the Board of Governors for increasing that participation, and
- Studying and reporting on the status of attorneys from diverse backgrounds in the legal profession and in State Bar activities.

To accomplish these goals, COAF engages in ongoing outreach and dialogue with key stakeholders to identify major issues and challenges and proposed responses to those issues. The following items have been part of the ongoing work plan of the COAF and are being presented as informational items for the Committee. Separate reports are attached, as noted:

- State Bar Statement of Diversity Principles – Promotion and Outreach (See Attachment)
- Updates re: 2011 Initiatives (See Attachment)
- 2011 Judicial Summit – Status Report (oral report)
- Bar Exam Focus Group Report (See Attachment)
- Law School Focus Groups Report (See Attachment)