



BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

State Bar of Arizona
4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 100
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

May 13, 2020
4:00 p.m.
via GoToMeeting

MINUTES Approved 6/10/2020

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

P = Present; T = Present Telephonically; A = Absent

Bradley Jardine - T	Michael Goldberg - T
M. Maureen Anders - T	Abe Lai - T
James Anderson - T	Bridget O'Brien Swartz - T
Troy Bales - T	Elizabeth Ortiz - T
James Cross - T	David Shein - A
Robert Denison - T	Wendi Sorensen - T
Monica Donaldson Stewart - T	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

State Bar Staff: Sarah Corpening, Connie Hay

Minutes taken by: Connie Hay

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by: Bradley Jardine
4:04 p.m.

2. Call to the Public

No public attendees were present.

3. Review and Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the March 11, 2020 General Session meeting were discussed.

Motion for approval by: Jim Anderson
Second by: Wendi Sorensen
Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

The minutes of the March 11, 2020 Executive Session meeting were discussed.

Motion for approval of the Executive Session minutes by: Wendi Sorensen
Second by: Bob Denison
Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

4. Status Updates

a) Administrative Law (AL). Connie Hay reporting. The new specialty of Administrative Law was approved by the Court on April 13, 2020. AL specialist application and web pages have been created. SBA will begin accepting AL specialist applications for the 2020-2021 cycle. Still needing to be done: AL Advisory Commission needs to be appointed. Advertising is posted on the Bar's website and has been sent to the Admin Law section. And specialization exam will need to be created by the AL.

b) BLS Positions. Connie Hay reporting.

i. Two individuals have inquired about serving on both BLS and an Advisory Commission. The BLS Rules & Regulations do not address this, but since the BLS is the overarching body, reviewing and approving the recommendations of the Advisory Commission, the group agrees that it would awkward if not a conflict to serve on both.

ii. We have not received applications for the Public Member BLS positions that will be open in June. Please let Connie know if you know of colleagues who could serve.

iii. The position of BLS Chair is opening in July. Wendi Sorensen is interested in serving and will apply for that appointment. If anyone else is interested advise Connie ASAP.

c) Specialization Marketing. Sarah Corpening and Connie Hay reporting. Connie Hay gave the backdrop on the issue of firms using "DUI Specialist" and "Board Certified in DUI", and the broader question of the Task Force recommendation to allow the general use of Specialist or Specialize. Although currently only a recommendation, a Rule change petition could be forthcoming. BLS options could include: Wait for a Rule Change Petition to be received, prepare for a potential Rule Change Petition, or create a Rule Change Petition. Further discussion to take place at the next meeting.

The question of advertising the criminal law subspecialty of DUI was discussed. It was suggested that the Criminal Law Advisory Commission be asked for their opinion and recommendation. Additionally, one fundamental question is that if someone goes to some lengths and trouble to get a level of certification, should they be able to say so, but be required to mention the accrediting entity in order to not mislead the public.

Motion to refer the question of DUI subspecialty advertising to the Criminal Law Advisory Commission for recommendations, by: Jim Cross

Second by: Wendi Sorensen

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

Action item: Staff will contact the Criminal Law Advisory Commission Chair

Connie Hay presented some ideas designed to help inform the public about the Legal Specialization program. In general, the Board agreed that a Mark or Seal could be beneficial, and stated it should read: "Certified Specialist in [practice area] Law". The idea of allowing Certified Specialists to use the post nominal designation of "C.S." was presented. The Board does not see value in this, and it was withdrawn. The new Legal Specialization public facing web page was presented. The Boards' input is requested, please email Connie with any suggestions.

Action Item: Connie Hay to revise Seal

5. Executive Session

Motion to move into Executive Session by: Wendi Sorensen

Second by: Jim Cross

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

Convene into Executive Session

4:47 p.m.

Motion to move into General Session by: Maureen Anders

Second by: Jim Cross

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

Reconvene into General Session

4:48 p.m.

6. Specialization Recertification Applications

a) Family Law Advisory Commission recommended for recertification:

1. David L. Rose

Chair call for Discussion: None

Recusals: None

Motion to accept the recommendation of Family Law Advisory Commission to recertify David L. Rose, by: Jim Cross

Second by: Bob Denison

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous to recertify David L. Rose in Family Law; Motion passes

7. Date of next meeting:

June 10, 2020 – 4 p.m.

8. Meeting adjourned

4:49 p.m.