



## BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

State Bar of Arizona  
4201 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

November 13, 2019  
4:00 p.m.  
Cholla Room, First Floor

### Minutes Approved December 11, 2019

#### MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

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

#### OTHER ATTENDEES:

State Bar Staff: Sarah Corpening, Membership Administration & Services Manager  
Deanna Commack, BLS Administrator

Minutes taken by Deanna Commack

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bradley Jardine, Chair  
Time: 4:00 p.m.

#### 2. Call to the Public

No members of the public were present.

#### 3. Review and Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the October 16, 2019 – General Session meeting were reviewed  
Motion for approval by: James Cross  
Seconded by: David Shein  
Motion: Passed

#### 4. Executive Session 4:04p.m.

Motion to move into Executive Session by: Robert Denison  
Second by: James Cross  
Motion: Passed

**5. Reconvene into Open Session: 4:06 p.m.**

Motion to reconvene into open session by: James Cross  
Second by: Robert Denison  
Motion: Passed

**Consideration of Advisory Commission recommendations for Initial Certification Specialists in the following areas:**

Estate and Trust Law Advisory Commission

Recommendation to certify Les Raatz as a specialist in Estate and Trust Law

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Estate and Trust Law Advisory commission:  
By: James Cross  
Second: Wendi Sorenson  
Motion Passed  
Recusals: None

**6. Advisory Commissions update on Peer Review Confidentiality**

Deanna Commack provided an update on the status of the draft of the Peer Review Confidentiality letter. It was sent to the State Bar of Arizona's General Counsel on November 5th to review and provide input. She anticipates they will want to advise on the process. The CEO will be forwarded the letter pending General Counsel's review and may brief the Board of Governors on proposal.

In addition, a proposed revision to the BLS standards may likely be forwarded along with the Peer Review Confidentiality memorandum. Deanna provided as an informative that the Supreme Court's November 20th agenda includes a discussion on the revision to BLS Standards, which was transmitted to the court in July.

**7. Request for New Areas of Specialization** Wendi Sorenson/Michael Goldberg  
(Section X – BLS Rules & Regulations)

Wendi Sorenson provided an update on the status of the Administrative Law Section's request for a new area of specialization, Administrative Law. Both Wendi and Michael Goldberg met with Administrative Law Section members and were satisfied with their proposal suggesting that they make minor changes to their draft and continue to move forward in seeking approval by the Supreme Court. Bradley Jardine requested that once changes are made, a draft be sent to BLS members for review to allow discussion during the December 11th meeting. An invitation will go out to the Administrative Law Section to attend to allow an opportunity for BLS members to ask questions and/or address additional concerns.

**8. Date of next meeting** – December 11, 2019

**9. Motion to adjourn:**

By: James Cross  
Second: Robert Denison  
**Meeting adjourned: 4:14 p.m.**