



BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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

September 9, 2020
4:00 p.m.
via Zoom on-line meeting

MINUTES

Approved October 14, 2020

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Wendi Sorensen - P

M. Maureen Anders - A

James Anderson - P

James Cross - P

Robert Denison – P

Michael Goldberg – P

Georgette Hasiotis - A

Abe Lai - P

Phoebe Moffatt – P

Blake Moscatello - A

Jeffrey Neff - P

Elizabeth Ortiz - P

OTHER ATTENDEES:

State Bar Staff: Sarah Corpening, Connie Hay

Minutes taken by: Connie Hay

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by: Wendi Sorensen

4:02 p.m.

2. Board Introductions

New and returning members introduced themselves

3. Call to the Public

Attorney Michael Gerity is present. As a civil litigator, Mr. Gerity believes there is a gap in certification for those who practice in Civil court and believes the Board should take another look at accrediting the NBTA in Civil Trial Advocacy.

4. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the June 10, 2020 General Session meeting were reviewed

Motion for approval by: Jim Cross

Second by: Bob Denison

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

5. Executive Session

Motion to move into Executive Session by: Jeff Neff

Second by: Jim Cross

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

Convene into Executive Session

4:21 p.m.

Reconvene into General Session

4:31 p.m.

Motion to Revoke certification of specialist who received a Final Judgement and Order of probation by: Jim Cross

Second by: Jeff Neff

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

6. Administrator Updates

Connie Hay reports:

- The official Certified Specialist Seals have been received enthusiastically
- The Administrative Law Advisory Commission has met for the first time and has established an exam sub-committee
- The BLS document repository has been set up
- The BLS response regarding specialist advertising was submitted to the SBA legal department, and Connie will provide an update in the future
- Requests to add Construction and Construction Defect law specialties have been received and are under review by Staff

Wendi addresses the renewed focus on specialization marketing, thanks the staff for their efforts and the members for their enthusiasm. She requests specialization marketing be added to the agenda in the future.

6. Date of next meeting:

October 14, 2020 – 4 p.m.

7. Meeting adjourned

4:41 p.m.