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HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
9 a.m. ■ Saturday, January 22, 2022
Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel and Via Zoom

MINUTES

President H. Minor Pipes III called the meeting of the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association to order at 9:03 a.m., Saturday, January 22, 2022. He reminded everyone that the meeting would be primarily virtual, with officers in attendance along with members of the Board of Governors and a small number of HOD members. He also reminded participants of the following special rules:

- Candidates for positions on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee and Budget Committee had to have qualified in advance of the meeting; and
- Salmon slips to speak for or against any resolution had to have been submitted in advance.

He also reminded all members that they must use their MeetingPulse login to register their attendance for the meeting and to cast votes.

Mr. Pipes made the presentation of the Distinguished Service to the Profession Award to Val P. Exnicios. Sadly, Mr. Exnicios passed away earlier in the week after bravely fighting pancreatic cancer. Mr. Pipes spoke of Mr. Exnicios' myriad contributions to the LSBA and the profession while a slide show appeared on the screen.

Mr. Pipes recognized the members of the 2021-22 Leadership LSBA Class, who were participating in person and participating virtually.

Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

A G E N D A

- I. **Certification of Quorum by the Secretary**
Secretary C.A. "Hap" Martin III announced that there was a quorum. A participation roster is attached as an addendum to these minutes.
- II. **Recognition of Deceased Members of the House of Delegates**
Mr. Pipes asked for a moment of silence for the following deceased members of the HOD:

- *Val P. Exnicios, served in the HOD 1994-2022*
- *Roy M. Lilly, Jr., served in the HOD 2008-2012*

III. Reports of Standing Committees of the House

Mr. Pipes announced that any reports had been emailed to House members.

IV. Reports of Officers, Board of Governors, Standing Committees and Sections of the Louisiana State Bar Association

1. H. Minor Pipes III, President
Mr. Pipes gave a brief report noting his appreciation to House members for participating in the Zoom meeting necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Stephen I. Dwyer, President-Elect
Mr. Dwyer waived his report.
3. John E. McAuliffe, Jr., Treasurer
Mr. McAuliffe advised that his written report was distributed to House members in advance of the meeting.
4. C.A. “Hap” Martin III, Secretary
Mr. Martin waived his report.

V. Reports of Special Committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association*

Mr. Pipes announced that committee reports were distributed via email in advance of the meeting.

VI. Other Reports*

There were no other reports.

Activities of the House of Delegates

VII. Old Business

The report of the Special Committee to Investigate Group Health Insurance Options, a committee created from the June 2021 resolution, was disseminated via email on January 19. *Mr. Pipes reported that the committee had been working diligently to identify group health insurance options for members of the Bar and that a final report was expected in the next several months.*

VIII. Approval of Minutes

Consideration of approval of the Minutes of the June 10, 2021 meeting of the House of Delegates, held in Miramar Beach, Florida.
Upon motion by Robert A. Kutcher of the 24th Judicial District and second by Shayna L. Sonnier of the 14th Judicial District, the House unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

IX. Elections

1. Election of one member to serve a three-year term on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee, to commence at the conclusion of the 2022 Annual Meeting and end at the

conclusion of the 2025 Annual Meeting. This member shall be elected from House of Delegates members representing the 20th through 42nd Judicial Districts.

Mr. Pipes announced that the following nominations were received in advance and no additional nominations could be made from the floor:

- *Sandra K. Cosby, 24th Judicial District*
- *Ingrid Janell James, 26th Judicial District*
- *Chadwick James Mollere, 41st Judicial District*

He announced that voting was open, and members should vote for one candidate using MeetingPulse.

After a reminder that 10 seconds remained, Mr. Pipes announced that voting was closed, and that there would be a runoff between Ms. Cosby and Ms. James.

A new poll was created for the runoff, Mr. Pipes again reminded members to vote for one candidate, and after voting was closed, he announced that Ms. Cosby had been elected.

2. Election, from the three Liaison Committee members, of a Chair of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for 2022-2023, whose term will commence at the conclusion of the 2022 Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Liaison Committee is a voting member of the Board of Governors.

Mr. Pipes announced that there would be an election for the Committee Chair, who serves as a voting member of the Board. He further advised that the following members were eligible to run:

- *Keenan K. Kelly, 10th Judicial District*
- *D. Skylar Rosenbloom, 41st Judicial District*
- *Sandra K. Cosby, 24th Judicial District*

He asked that nominations and seconds be submitted either from those attending in person or via the chat feature of Zoom. The following individuals were nominated, and the nominations were duly seconded:

- *Keenan K. Kelly, 10th Judicial District*
- *D. Skylar Rosenbloom, 41st Judicial District*
- *Sandra K. Cosby, 24th Judicial District*

Mr. Pipes announced that voting was open, and members should vote for one candidate using MeetingPulse.

After a reminder that 10 seconds remained, Mr. Pipes announced that voting was closed and Mr. Kelly had been elected.

3. Election of a member of the House of Delegates to serve on the Budget Committee for the term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024.

Mr. Pipes announced that a nomination from the following individual was received in advance and no additional nominations could be made from the floor:

- *Bradley J. Tate, 41st Judicial District*

Mr. Pipes announced that Mr. Tate of 41st Judicial District was elected by acclamation.

X. **Resolutions**

Member Resolutions

1. Resolution from Michael R. Delesdernier, 24th Judicial District, seeking to require all lawyers practicing in the State of Louisiana provide a cash or security bond in the sum of \$10,000.00 to cover any and all claims that may be made against the Client Assistance Fund resulting from the conduct of the Lawyer who posted the bond.

Mr. Pipes announced that the resolution had been WITHDRAWN prior to the meeting.

2. Resolution from the Hon. Timothy S. Marcel and others proposing to amend the Bylaws to memorialize the Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse as a standing committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Mr. Pipes called upon Judge Marcel to present the resolution. After Judge Marcel's introduction, Mr. Pipes called upon 24th Judicial District Representative and Bar Governance Committee Chair Robert A. Kutcher who reported that the committee had no issues with resolution 2 and recommended support. Mr. Kutcher moved adoption, which motion was duly seconded by Andrew M. Casanave of the 14th Judicial District.

Mr. Pipes announced that voting was open, and members would have roughly 60 seconds to vote for or against the resolution using MeetingPulse.

After a reminder that 10 seconds remained, Mr. Pipes announced that voting was closed, and that the resolution was APPROVED by the following vote:

<i>Approve</i>	<i>124</i>
<i>Reject</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>1</i>

Bar Governance Committee Resolutions

Mr. Pipes called upon Mr. Kutcher who reported that the committee had no issues with resolutions 3, 4 and 5 and recommended support.

3. Resolution from the Bar Governance Committee to amend the Association's Bylaws to comport with Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6.

Mr. Pipes called upon 24th Judicial District Representative and Bar Governance Committee Chair, Robert A. Kutcher to introduce the resolution. Shayna L. Sonnier of the 14th Judicial District moved its adoption, which was duly seconded by Jared E. Nelson of the 15th Judicial District.

Mr. Pipes then called upon 19th Judicial District Representative and Legislation Committee Chair Darrel J. Papillion who had submitted a salmon slip to speak in favor of the resolution.

There being no further salmon slips, Mr. Pipes advised the vote would be taken. He announced that members should vote for or against the resolution using MeetingPulse and that voting will be open for roughly 60 seconds.

After a reminder that 10 seconds remained, Mr. Pipes announced that voting was closed, and that the resolution was APPROVED by the following vote:

<i>Approve</i>	<i>123</i>
<i>Reject</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>3</i>

Mr. Pipes announced that the next two resolutions addressed House policy and would require a 75 percent vote for approval.

4. Resolution from the Bar Governance Committee to rescind all legislative policies that do not comply with Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6.

Mr. Pipes called upon 24th Judicial District Representative and Bar Governance Committee Chair, Robert A. Kutcher to present the resolution and move its adoption, which was duly seconded by Jared E. Nelson of the 15th Judicial District.

Mr. Pipes recognized the following individuals, who had submitted salmon slips:

- *Ben E. Clayton, 22nd Judicial District* *AGAINST*
- *Joshua Paul Clayton, 22nd Judicial District* *AGAINST*
- *Darrel J. Papillion, 19th Judicial District* *FOR*

There being no further salmon slips, Mr. Kutcher made closing comments after which Mr. Pipes advised the vote would be taken. He announced that members should vote for or against the resolution using MeetingPulse and that voting will be open for roughly 60 seconds.

After a reminder that 10 seconds remained, Mr. Pipes announced that voting was closed, and that the resolution was APPROVED by the following vote:

<i>Approve</i>	<i>120</i>
<i>Reject</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>5</i>

5. Resolution from the Bar Governance Committee to adopt general policy positions of the House of Delegates while complying with Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6 and existing caselaw.

Mr. Pipes called upon 24th Judicial District Representative and Bar Governance Committee Chair Robert A. Kutcher to present the resolution and move its adoption, which was duly seconded by Jared E. Nelson of the 15th Judicial District.

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After a reminder that 10 seconds remained, Mr. Pipes announced that voting was closed, and that the resolution was APPROVED by the following vote:

<i>Approve</i>	<i>112</i>
<i>Reject</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>4</i>

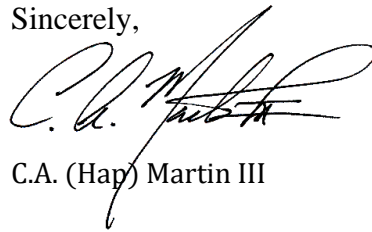
XI. Other Business

Consideration of any other business to come before the House of Delegates.
There was no further business to come before the House.

Mr. Pipes thanked House members for their participation and reminded Board members that they would reconvene to consider ratification of the action of the HOD.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Sincerely,



C.A. (Hap) Martin III

**APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES
JUNE 9, 2022
MIRAMAR BEACH, FL**

ADDENDUM
2021-2022 HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ATTENDANCE ▪ 2022 MIDYEAR MEETING

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (14 seats) Parish of Caddo

Claude W. Bookter, Jr.
PRESENT Valerie A. DeLatte
Daniel L. Farris
PRESENT James L. Fortson, Jr.
PRESENT Stephen Christopher Fortson
PRESENT Daryl Gold
PRESENT W. James Hill III
Richard M. John
PRESENT Kevin R. Molloy
Amy Michelle Perkins
Nyle A. Politz
PRESENT Joseph L. Shea, Jr.
PRESENT Scott R. Wolf
PRESENT Paul L. Wood

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Bienville, Claiborne & Jackson

Jeffery D. Sampson

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Lincoln & Union

Paul Heath Hattaway
Albert Carter Mills IV
PRESENT Tyler G. Storms

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (11 seats) Parishes of Morehouse & Ouachita

Daniel C. Cummins
Ana L. Gregory
Katie Bell Meek
Robert S. Noel II
PRESENT Ramsey L. Ogg
PRESENT Alicia Reitzell
Peggy J. Sullivan
PRESENT Grant M. Tolbird
Keith Whiddon
PRESENT Justin Wooley
Thomas G. Zentner, Jr.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Franklin, Richland, & West Carroll

John Clay Hamilton

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Carroll, Madison & Tensas

PRESENT Kenneth A. Brister

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of Catahoula & Concordia

Alexandra E. LeTard

Ann S. Siddall

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Winn

Justin Keith Gates

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (7 seats) Parish of Rapides

PRESENT Ronald G. Beard BY PROXY TO Charles Elliott

Joshua J. Dara, Jr.

Michael S. Koch

PRESENT Robert G. Levy BY PROXY TO Alainna Mire

PRESENT Monique Y. Metoyer

PRESENT Harold A. Murry

David M. Williams

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Natchitoches

Cloyd Benjamin, Jr.

PRESENT Keenan K. Kelly

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Sabine

PRESENT Rebecca Riall

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Avoyelles

Douglas L. Bryan

Dan B. McKay, Jr.

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Evangeline

Jacob B. Fusilier

Christopher Ludeau

FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (9 seats) Parish of Calcasieu

Somer G. Brown

PRESENT Andrew M. Casanave

Cade R. Cole

PRESENT L. Paul Foreman

Adam P. Johnson

PRESENT Thomas L. Lorenzi BY PROXY TO Todd Clemons

Michael H. Schwartzberg

Chantell Marie Smith

PRESENT Shayna L. Sonnier

Cody J. Vidrine

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (13 seats) Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette & Vermillion

PRESENT Shannon Seiler Dartez
PRESENT George D. Ernest
PRESENT Katherine L. Hurst
PRESENT James L. Klock
Andrew B. Mims
PRESENT Jared E. Nelson
PRESENT Donovan J. O’Pry II BY PROXY TO John Mario Piccionne
PRESENT Joseph R. Oelkers III
Christopher B. Ortte
Jeffrey A. Riggs
PRESENT Michael D. Skinner
PRESENT Juliette B. Wade
PRESENT Desiree Williams-Auzenne

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (8 seats) Parishes of Iberia, St. Martin & St. Mary

PRESENT Adolph B. Curet III
Eric P. Duplantis
PRESENT Pamela A. Lemoins
Marsha McNulty
Andrew Reed
PRESENT Daniel A. Rees
PRESENT Maggie T. Simar
PRESENT Dennis R. Stevens BY PROXY TO Lynn Musumeche

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Lafourche

William N. Abel
Daniel A. Cavell
Eugene G. Gouaux, Jr.
PRESENT Lisa R. Pinho
PRESENT Nicholas J. Zeringue

EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee & West Baton Rouge

PRESENT Andretta Breaux Atkins
PRESENT John Lane Ewing, Jr.
PRESENT Stephen P. Jewell
PRESENT Deidre Deculus Robert

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (21 seats) Parish of East Baton Rouge

Creighton B. Abadie
Michael R. D. Adams
PRESENT B. Scott Andrews
PRESENT Jesse H. Bankston, Jr.
PRESENT Valerie B. Bargas
PRESENT James E. Boren

PRESENT Franz N. Borghardt
PRESENT Dana B. Brown
Robert J. Burns
PRESENT Donald J. Cazayoux
PRESENT Douglas J. Cochran
PRESENT Renee C. Crasto
PRESENT Jean M. Faria
Frank A. Fertitta
PRESENT Christopher B. Hebert
PRESENT Justin A. Jack
PRESENT Rusty M. Messer
PRESENT Darrel J. Papillion
PRESENT Julie Baxter Payer
Mary E. Roper
Michael B. Victorian

TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Feliciana & West Feliciana

PRESENT Samuel Christopher D'Aquila
Stewart B. Hughes

TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (9 seats) Parishes of Livingston, St. Helena & Tangipahoa

PRESENT Mary E. Heck Barrios
PRESENT Erik L. Burns
Anthony Todd Caruso
PRESENT Douglas T. Curet
PRESENT Colt Justin Fore
PRESENT Ivy Landry Graham
PRESENT D. Blayne Honeycutt
Robert W. Morgan
PRESENT Joseph Paul Ramage, Jr.

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (12 seats) Parishes of St. Tammany & Washington

PRESENT Clayton J. Borne IV
PRESENT Ben E. Clayton
PRESENT Joshua P. Clayton
PRESENT Debra Kay Henkels
Michael E. Holoway
PRESENT Andrew B. Joyner
PRESENT Robert C. Lehman
PRESENT R. Bradley Lewis
Ana E. Lopez
PRESENT Sean Michael Morrison
PRESENT Todd C. Taranto
PRESENT Rachel Thyre Vogeltanz

TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parishes of Ascension, Assumption & St. James

PRESENT Christopher J. Bridges
PRESENT Lana O. Chaney
PRESENT Ashley Unique Johnson
PRESENT Timothy E. Pujol
PRESENT Lesia H. Warren

TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (19 seats) Parish of Jefferson

PRESENT Jason D. Asbill
PRESENT Thomas C. Cerullo
PRESENT Sandra K. Cosby
PRESENT S. Guy deLaup
Michael R. Delesdernier
Edwin R. Fleischmann, Jr.
Paul C. Fleming, Jr.
Christy M. Howley
PRESENT Robert A. Kutcher
Adrian F. Lapeyronnie III
PRESENT Richard K. Leefe
PRESENT Sowmya Mandava
Robert L. Marrero
PRESENT Betty Ann Maury
PRESENT Roy A. Raspanti
PRESENT Mary Watson Smith
PRESENT Nicole S. Tygier BY PROXY TO Stephen Dwyer
PRESENT Colby F. Wenck
PRESENT Tiffany Scot Wilken

TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Plaquemine

PRESENT S. Jacob Braud
PRESENT Dominick Scandurro, Jr.

TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (6 seats) Parishes of Bossier & Webster

M. F. Rick Fayard, Jr.
Amanda J. Hulett
PRESENT Ingrid J. James
PRESENT Melissa Joy Kilgo Reger
PRESENT Ross E. Shacklette
Aaron R. Wilson

TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parish of St. Landry

PRESENT Scherri N. Guidry
PRESENT Francis A. Olivier III
Kathleen Elaine Ryan
PRESENT Randy Wagley

TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of LaSalle
Christie C. Wood

TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. Charles
PRESENT Paula Adams Ates
PRESENT Don Paul Landry
PRESENT Joseph B. Rochelle

THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of Vernon
PRESENT Jonathan Reuben Hirsch

THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Jefferson Davis
PRESENT Richard M. Arceneaux

THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Terrebonne
Lakethia Breyun Bryant
PRESENT Alexis M. Connell
Teresa D. King

THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Allen
Mary Hebert Holmes BY PROXY TO Kevin Fontenot
Michael B. Holmes

THIRTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of St. Bernard
PRESENT Elizabeth Borne
PRESENT Roberta L. Burns
PRESENT Tracy Helen Duplantier
PRESENT Gregory J. Noto
Paul A. Tabary III

THIRTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Grant
Jared G. Price

THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Beauregard
PRESENT F. Steve Landreneau

THIRTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Caldwell

THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Cameron
Robert James Sheffield, Jr.

THIRTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Red River

FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. John the Baptist
PRESENT Toni Sutton Becnel
PRESENT Elizabeth A. Goree

PRESENT William D. O'Regan III

FORTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (32 seats) Parish of Orleans

Glenn B. Adams
PRESENT Francis J. Barry, Jr.
PRESENT Ashley L. Belleau
Jack C. Benjamin, Jr.
PRESENT Evan J. Bergeron
PRESENT Thomas A. Casey, Jr.
PRESENT Justin M. Chopin
PRESENT Louis A. DiRosa, Jr.
PRESENT Michael Joseph Ecuyer
Micah John Fincher
PRESENT Thomas M. Flanagan
PRESENT William R. Forrester
PRESENT Barry H. Grodsky
PRESENT James C. Gulotta, Jr.
Philip K. Jones, Jr.
PRESENT John M. Landis
PRESENT Mark D. Latham
PRESENT Kevin A. Marks
PRESENT Jonique Martin Hall
PRESENT Chadwick J. Mollere
John Reed Poole, Jr.
PRESENT Christopher K. Ralston
PRESENT D. Skylar Rosenbloom
PRESENT Louis Gravois Schott
PRESENT Timothy H. Scott
PRESENT Karen B. Sher
PRESENT Ronald J. Sholes, Jr.
PRESENT Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
PRESENT Bradley J. Tate
PRESENT Edward D. Wegmann
Phillip A. Wittmann
Jay Christopher Zainey, Jr.

FORTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of DeSoto

PRESENT Adrienne Danielle White

SECTION CHAIRS

Alyson V. Antoon, Animal Law
Richard J. Arsenault, Insurance, Tort, Worker's Compensation
Jacqueline M. Brettner, Alternative Dispute Resolution
PRESENT William P. Buckley, Intellectual Property Law
PRESENT Susan J. Burkenstock, Trust Estate Probate & Immovable Property
PRESENT Christopher Caplinger, Bankruptcy

	Cade R. Cole, Tax Section
	Ashley F. Dees, Immigration Law
	Val P. Exnicios, Class Action Mass Tort
PRESENT	Steven J. Farber, Government & Public Law
PRESENT	Jean M. Faria, Criminal Law
	Melissa K. Frey, Public Utility Section
	Edgar D. Gankendorff, Art, Entertainment & Sports Law
	Lauren E. Godshall, Environmental Law
PRESENT	Demarcus J. Gordon, Minority Involvement
PRESENT	Edward T. Hayes, International Law
	Leland G. Horton, Mineral Law
PRESENT	Andrew B. Kingsley, Labor Relation & Employment Law BY PROXY TO Philip Giorlando
	Alexandra C. Layfield, Corporate & Business Law
PRESENT	Lynn Luker, Civil Law & Litigation
PRESENT	Alexander M. McIntyre, Antitrust & Trade Regulation Law
	Courtney P. Newton, Administrative Law
	Warren A. Perrin, Francophone
PRESENT	Leonor E. Prieto, Solo Small Firm
	John W. Redmann, Bench Bar
	Lyn S. Savoie, Health Law Section
	H. Bruce Shreves, Fidelity Surety & Construction Law
PRESENT	Richard C. Stanley, Appellate
	David A. Szwak, Consumer Protection Law
PRESENT	Zara L. Zeringue, Family Law

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING
COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE
AS STANDING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS the Louisiana State Bar Association Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) originated in 1985 as the “Impaired Professional Committee” by lawyers from across the state having experience dealing with problems of alcohol and drug abuse to provide peer intervention, counseling, assistance and support to other members of the profession having difficulties with alcohol and drug abuse,

WHEREAS the Louisiana Supreme Court originally established CADA in 1986 by enactment of Article XV, Section 13 of the LSBA Articles of Incorporation, which dealt with the discipline and disbarment of members,

WHEREAS the Louisiana Supreme Court. in *Louisiana State Bar Assoc. v. Dumaine*, 550 So. 2d 1197 (La. 1989), recognized the significant problems posed by chemical dependency among lawyers and challenges presented to the regulation of the practice of law and the essential need for confidentiality in all communications to and from members of CADA and persons seeking help,

WHEREAS the Supreme Court in 1990 repealed LSBA Article XV and enacted Supreme Court Rule XIX, Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary enforcement, and CADA has not be subsequently memorialized in the LSBA’s governing documents, although it has continued to exist as a special committee,

WHEREAS the members of CADA have traditionally been individuals who enjoy long-term recovery from chemical dependency and who participate in 12-step recovery programs. The primary purpose of these

programs is for members to strive to carry a message of recovery to those who still suffer,

WHEREAS unity, anonymity, and autonomy of CADA membership are critical for the advancement of the declared public policy of the State of Louisiana to promote and encourage the use of counseling by peers and the intervention process in order to initiate the successful treatment of mental health issues among the legal profession,

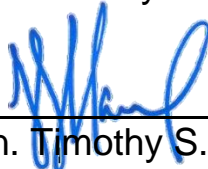
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse be memorialized as a standing committee in the Bylaws of the Louisiana State Bar Association as follows:

Article X. Standing Committees

(19) *Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse* – The mission of the Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse shall be to provide confidential peer intervention, counseling, and support to other members of the legal profession experiencing difficulty with alcohol, drug and other addictions. In the performance of its mission, members of the committee shall be afforded the privilege, confidentiality and immunity protections of La. R.S. 37:211 and Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX. The committee shall be appointed by the LSBA President solely upon nomination of existing committee members, provided the individuals meet the criteria set forth in the operating procedures established by the committee. The identity of CADA members shall otherwise remain confidential except at the discretion of CADA or its members. To maintain this requisite confidentiality, the committee shall be exempt from Article X, Sections 2, 3 and 4 of these Bylaws.

The initial committee shall be comprised of the movers of this resolution plus others appointed by the LSBA President upon nomination of the committee.

Submitted by:



Hon. Timothy S. Marcel

On Behalf of Himself and:
Jeanne Marie Bourque
Kervin W. Doyle
Jay Louis Glorioso
George W. Healy IV
Donald C. Massey
Jonathan C. Pedersen
Robert E. Shadoin

APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES
FOR 124 (95%)
AGAINST 7 (5%)
JANUARY 22, 2022
BATON ROUGE, LA

RATIFIED UNANIMOUSLY BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
JANUARY 22, 2022
BATON ROUGE, LA

ATTEST:



C.A. "Hap" Martin III
Secretary, Louisiana State Bar Association

**LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BAR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS TO THE
HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

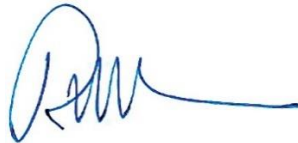
WHEREAS, the Bar Governance Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the Association's By-Laws in order to ensure they adequately reflected the Association's operating practices and procedures and did not contain outdated or obsolete provisions that are no longer effective; and

WHEREAS, the Bar Governance Committee has identified certain areas of these By-Laws which should be updated; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that review the Bar Governance Committee has approved the attached proposed revisions to the By-Laws;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bar Governance Committee proposes to the House of Delegates that the By-Laws be amended as indicated in the attached Exhibit A to more accurately reflect current operating practices and remove outdated and obsolete provisions that are no longer effective.

Respectfully submitted:
2021-2022 Bar Governance Committee



Robert A. Kutcher, Chair

Robert L. Bussey
Preston J. Castille, Jr.
Joseph L. Caverly
David L. Colvin
Renee Chabert Crasto
James J. Davidson III
S. Guy deLaup
Stephen I. Dwyer
Val P. Exnicios
Larry Feldman, Jr.
Darryl J. Foster
Edmund J. Giering IV
Barry H. Grodsky
Carrie LeBlanc Jones
Richard K. Leefe
C.A. "Hap" Martin III

Kevin R. Molloy
John H. Musser IV
Darrel J. Papillion
Michael A. Patterson
H. Minor Pipes III
Dona Kay Renegar
Valerie T. Schexnayder
Christopher J. Sellers, Jr.
Joseph L. Shea, Jr.
Ronald J. Sholes
Ann S. Siddall
Lawrence P. Simon, Jr.
Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
Bradley J. Tate
Tavares A. Walker
Phillip A. Wittmann

APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES
FOR 123 (92%)
AGAINST 10 (8%)
JANUARY 22, 2022
BATON ROUGE, LA

RATIFIED UNANIMOUSLY BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
JANUARY 22, 2022
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C.A. "Hap" Martin III
Secretary, Louisiana State Bar Association

EXHIBIT A

BY-LAWS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE IV. RULES AND PROCEDURES; AUTHORITY OF BOARD

Section 3. Authority of Board

As specified in Article VIII, Section 1 of the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Governors shall have control of the fiscal affairs of the Association. This authority shall include the power to administer the daily affairs of the Association and to obligate the Association in any way necessary to carry out its objects and purposes. The fiscal power of the Board shall also include, but is not limited to, the power and authority: to enter into contracts; to adopt written policies for the investment and reinvestment of Association funds; to invest and reinvest funds belonging to the Association in accordance with the written investment policies of the Association; to institute suit and to respond to suit on behalf of the Association; to acquire, hold, use and dispose of property; to incur liability; to establish pension or other benefits plans for its employees; to procure and provide indemnity and/or insurance for its members, officers, agents, and/or employees; to make donations to public charities; to make loans in the name of the Association; to buy and sell assets of the Association or to hypothecate or mortgage assets of the Association; and generally to conduct all administrative and fiscal matters of the Association as may be reasonable and appropriate in accordance with and in furtherance of the policies of the Association.

(Added June 13, 1996; Amended June 10, 2021)

Also as specified in Article VIII, Section 1 of the Articles of Incorporation, between meetings of the House of Delegates the Board of Governors shall serve as an executive council and may act upon all emergency and other matters not theretofore determined by the House. Under this authority, the Board of Governors may vote to file amicus briefs on behalf of the Association if the timing prohibits bringing such matters before the House of Delegates and in accordance with the guidelines outlined below.

(1) In determining whether to approve the drafting and filing of an amicus brief, the Board will be governed by the following limitations and conditions; Any proposed brief *shall not* be in conflict with any of the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the LSBA. Moreover, the proposed brief must be related to and relevant to the administration of justice. Specifically, amicus briefs may be authorized *only* when such briefs involve legal questions relating address issues involving practice and procedure, the judicial system, access to the regulation of the profession, improving the courts, the administration compensation of justice judges or lawyers, or the quality of legal services, but may not legal profession. Filing of amicus briefs shall not be authorized for matters that are ideological or political in nature.

(2) If the Board votes to approve the filing of an amicus brief pursuant to these provisions, the President may appoint a committee to review the proposed amicus brief before it is filed, to confirm that it complies with these limitations and such other restrictions that may be imposed by the Board.

ARTICLE IX. SECTIONS

Section 8. Legislative Activity and Lobbying

In accordance with Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6, the LSBA shall limit its legislative activities to issues involving practice and procedure, the judicial system, access to the courts, the compensation of judges or lawyers, or the legal profession, and responding to any requests for information received from the Legislature. Sections' legislative activities shall likewise be limited.

Any section of the Association that desires the Association to take a position on pending legislation consistent with the above limitations shall inform the ~~Legislation Committee~~ Board of Governors through ~~its staff liaison or~~ the Executive Director of the exact nature of the proposed legislation and the section's recommended position as soon as is practicable after the introduction of the legislation, ~~but not later than the final meeting of the Legislation Committee as set forth in the Association's legislative calendar.~~

~~Any section desiring to sponsor legislation shall inform the Legislation Committee through its staff liaison or the Executive Director of the exact nature of the proposed legislation no later than December 1 for consideration by the Legislation Committee. The section shall provide to the Legislation Committee: (a) the specific legislation or policy which is proposed; (b) a summary of existing law; (c) principal known proponents and opponents of the legislation or policy and, if possible, a brief statement of the reasons for opposition or support by the other legislation or policy; and (e) the position which the section recommends be adopted by the Association.~~

No section, or any member of a section in his or her capacity as such, shall express a position to the public or engage in legislative activity without prior ~~review by the Legislation Committee and~~ authorization from the Board of Governors.

Section 9. Filing of Amicus Briefs by Sections

The following policies and procedures will apply to the filing of amicus briefs by any and all sections of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

1. Each President of the LSBA will appoint a Committee of three (3) attorneys who practice law in the State of Louisiana. The President will also appoint two (2) alternate members of the Committee in the event that a committee member is unable to satisfy his or her duties at the appropriate time, *and/or must recuse him or herself*. The President shall act under his or her authority and discretion in appointing Committee members who he or she believes has the requisite legal expertise to participate in the determination of whether a Section should be allowed to file an amicus brief under these Rules. The Committee will have the sole responsibility for determining the propriety of an LSBA Section filing an amicus brief.
2. In determining whether a Section should be allowed to file a proposed amicus brief, the

Committee will be governed by the following limitations and conditions: Any proposed brief *shall not* be in conflict with any of the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the LSBA, or any section of the LSBA. Moreover, the proposed brief must be related to and relevant to the administration of justice. Specifically, amicus briefs may be authorized *only* when such briefs ~~involve legal questions relating~~ address issues involving practice and procedure, the judicial system, access to the regulation of the profession, improving courts, the administration compensation of justice judges or lawyers, or the ~~quality of legal services~~ legal profession; ~~but may~~ Filing of amicus briefs shall not be authorized for matters that are ideological or political in nature.

ARTICLE X. STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Creation

The following are the standing committees. The number of members of such committees, except as provided for hereinafter, shall be set by the President, subject to approval of the Board of Governors.

(5) Legislation - Vacated and repealed effective September 14, 2021. Replaced with Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6

~~(5) Legislation—Consisting of twenty five (25) members in good standing of this Association: fifteen (15) elected by and from the House of Delegates and ten (10) members appointed by the President. All members shall serve three year terms and terms shall be staggered to ensure experience and continuity. The President shall appoint a chair from the membership of the committee, which chair shall serve a one year term.~~

~~Each President shall appoint one (1) member from Nominating Committee District 1; one (1) member from Nominating Committee District 2; and one (1) member from Nominating Committee District 3. Every third president shall also appoint one (1) member from the state at large.~~

~~The House of Delegates shall elect its committee members at its June meeting for terms that commence on July 1 immediately following the election. To ensure geographically diverse representation, there shall be no more than four (4) House of Delegates representatives from a judicial district at any given time.~~

~~(a) —The Legislation Committee shall have the following functions:~~

- ~~1. **Inform**—To inform the membership of legislation or proposed legislation of interest to the legal profession.~~
- ~~2. **Assist**—To assist the state legislature by providing information on substantive and procedural developments in the law, disseminating information to the membership, identifying resources available to the legislature, and providing other appropriate non partisan assistance.~~

~~3. **Advocate**—To advocate for the legal profession and the public on issues affecting the profession, the administration of justice and the delivery of legal services in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in Article X of these Bylaws.~~

~~(b)——Legislation Committee members, by running for their positions or accepting appointments, are committing to advance preparation, and to participation in committee meetings. If a member is unable to participate, voting by proxy shall be permitted but only as hereinafter provided:~~

- ~~1. The proxy must represent the same constituency as the member for whom he/she is serving as proxy;
 - ~~• a proxy for a member elected by and from the House of Delegates must be a member of the House of Delegates;~~
 - ~~• a proxy for a member representing a Nominating Committee district must have his/her preferred mailing address in that district.~~~~
- ~~2. No person may serve as a proxy for more than one member of the committee.~~
- ~~3. No member of the committee may serve as a proxy for another member of the committee.~~

~~(c)——Should a committee member fail to appoint a proxy by the established deadline, the President shall immediately appoint a proxy to represent that committee member for that meeting. The President shall use his/her best efforts to appoint a proxy that meets the qualifications of clauses 1, 2 and 3 of the preceding paragraph (b).~~

~~(d)——Committee members may be removed by the President for cause, with cause including but not limited to failure to properly prepare for or participate in committee meetings. (Amended June 10, 1988; June 27, 2002; January 24, 2004; June 10, 2004; January 21, 2006; January 12, 2008; June 12, 2008; June 12, 2009; June 7, 2012; January 16, 2016)~~

ARTICLE XI. LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

1. Scope and Limitations

~~The Legislation Committee's activities with respect to recommending consideration or adoption of a legislative position by the Association may include matters involving issues affecting the profession, the regulation of attorneys and the practice of law, the administration of justice, the availability and delivery of legal services to society, the improvement of the courts and the legal profession, and such other matters consistent with the mission and purposes of the Association. The Committee shall not involve itself in legislation which is ideological in nature, unrelated to the practice of law, or which is unnecessarily divisive.~~

2. Criteria for Determining Positions

~~To assist in the determination of the Association's involvement, priorities and implementation of legislative positions, the following factors should be considered:~~

- ~~a. *Importance to the Bar, the legal profession, the administration of justice and to society as a whole.*~~

In accordance with Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6, the LSBA shall limit its legislative activities to issues involving practice and procedure, the judicial system, access to the courts, the compensation of judges or lawyers, or the legal profession, and responding to any requests for information received from the Legislature. Under no circumstances shall the Association take positions on any other type of legislation.

- ~~2. b. *Expectations of the public, legislators, and members of the profession regarding the Bar's role in the particular issue involved.*~~
- ~~c. *Level of support within the profession. Is it a matter of organization wide interest, or is it limited to a few interested parties?*~~
- ~~d. *Likelihood of success within the legislative process.*~~
- ~~e. *Expertise of lawyers as lawyers. Do lawyers have a unique province of understanding or unique role in the issue because of their training, knowledge and experience as lawyers?*~~
- ~~f. *Currency of issue. An appraisal of the currency or relevance of a matter. Would it likely capture attention of key decision makers in the reasonable foreseeable future?*~~
- ~~g. *Image of the profession. A judgment of how positively the general or the specific public will view the profession in light of a particular issue or position.*~~
- ~~h. *Importance to the practice of law. This deals with the "trade" issues which affect lawyers as lawyers regulating or influencing the basic practice of law.*~~
- ~~i. *Opportunity for impact. Will a Bar position or effort have an impact on actions of decision makers? Will it contribute to resolution of the issue?*~~

(Added June 7, 2012)

2. ~~3.~~ **Adoption of Legislative Positions**

~~Recommendations from the Legislation Committee concerning consideration or adoption of a position~~ The Board of Governors shall adopt positions on pending or proposed legislation shall be presented to the Board of Governors in accordance with the following procedures:

- a. A super majority of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Legislation Committee~~Board of Governors~~ in attendance at the meeting(s) called for that purpose must approve any recommendation(s) to the Board of Governors~~positions.~~
- b. Recommendations from the Legislation Committee~~Positions~~ shall be accompanied by an explanation of the proposed~~position(s)~~ and the reasons for adoption.
- c. In the event that the Legislation Committee has recommendations for consideration by the Board of Governors, the~~The~~ Board of Governors shall~~may~~ meet electronically, via conference call or in person as called~~determined~~ by the President.
- ~~d. Recommendations from the Legislation Committee shall be submitted to the Board of Governors prior to deliberation.~~
- e. A recommendation of a position on pending or proposed legislation that is presented by the Legislation Committee to the Board of Governors shall be the position of the Association on that legislation, unless the recommendation is disapproved by a vote of at least seventy five percent (75%) of the Board's members present and voting at a meeting at which the recommendation is considered. If the Legislation Committee's recommendation on legislation is disapproved by the requisite vote of the Board, the Association shall not take a position on that legislation, absent a further

~~recommendation on that legislation by the Legislation Committee that is not disapproved by the Board of Governors in the manner provided in this Section.~~
~~f. In the event a member of the Board of Governors desires Board consideration of a bill not presented to the Board by the Legislation Committee, the Board must first approve such consideration by a seventy five percent (75%) vote of the Board's members present and voting. Action on the bill is subject to the same seventy five percent (75%) vote of the Board's members present and voting as bills presented by the Legislation Committee.~~

(Amended January 12, 2008; June 12, 2009; June 7, 2012)

43. Changes to Legislation Where Louisiana State Bar Association Has Adopted Position

It is anticipated that bills may be materially amended after the Louisiana State Bar Association has expressed its support or opposition. In such instances, the following procedures shall be followed.

- a. The Lobbyist or staff liaison shall consult with the Executive Committee on the bill(s) in question and they shall formulate recommendations based on the bill(s) in question.
- b. The LSBA will electronically transmit this information to members of the Board of Governors ~~and Legislation Committee~~, along with a recommended position the Executive Committee believes is most consistent with the Board of Governors' original vote, along with a timeline for submitting comments.
- c. Following the comment period, the Executive Committee shall meet to consider the comments of the Board of Governors ~~and Legislation Committee~~ and determine whether to change the Association's position on the bill.

(Added January 22, 2005; Amended January 12, 2008; June 7, 2012)

54. Publication of Legislative Positions

The Louisiana State Bar Association shall timely publish notice of adoption of legislative positions in at least one of its regular communications vehicles and shall send electronic notice of adoption of legislative positions to Association members.

(Amended January 12, 2008)

ARTICLE XII. LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY

1. Objection to Use of Bar Dues

A. Submission of Objections

A member of the Louisiana State Bar Association who objects to the use of any portion of the member's bar dues for activities he or she considers promotes or opposes political or ideological causes, including activities that are not constitutionally germane to the LSBA's purpose, may request the Board to review the member's concerns to determine if the Board agrees with the member's objections. Member objections must be filed as follows:

- a. Any objection must be filed within forty-five (45) days of the date of the Bar's publication of notice of the activity to which the member is objecting.
- b. Member objections must be in writing and must be filed with the Executive Director of

the Association.

- c. Failure to object within the time period and in the manner set forth above shall constitute a waiver of any right to object.

After a written objection has been received, the Executive Director shall promptly determine the pro rata amount of the objecting member's membership dues at issue, and such amount shall be placed in escrow pending determination of the merits of the objection.

Upon the deadline for receipt of written objections, the Board of Governors shall have sixty (60) days in which to decide whether to give a pro rata refund to the objecting member(s) or to refer the action to arbitration.

(Added June 7, 2012)

ARTICLE XIV. SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS OF HOUSE POLICY

[Vacated and repealed effective September 14, 2021. Replaced with Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6.] In accordance with these By Laws, any and all policy positions adopted by the LSBA House of Delegates must adhere to and agree with Article XI, §1, of the By Laws of the Louisiana State Bar Association: namely, be limited to matters involving issues affecting the profession, the regulation of attorneys and the practice of law, the administration of justice, the availability and delivery of legal services to society, the improvement of the courts and the legal profession and such other matters consistent with the mission and purposes of the Association; but further limiting such positions to legislation which is not ideological in nature, not unrelated to the practice of law, or which is not unnecessarily divisive.

(Added January 18, 2020)

Revised June 10, 2021

**LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BAR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
PROPOSING TO RESCIND LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Bar Governance Committee recognizes that the Louisiana State Bar Association is bound by Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6, as amended September 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Bar Governance Committee recognizes that Rule XVIII, Section 6, renders obsolete and no longer effective the legislative policy positions that were previously adopted by the House of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, the Bar Governance Committee proposes that the House of Delegates rescind any legislative policy positions given that Rule XVIII, Section 6, now renders those positions obsolete and no longer effective;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bar Governance Committee proposes to the House of Delegates that existing legislative policy positions be rescinded to more accurately reflect current procedures and remove obsolete policies that are no longer effective.

Respectfully submitted:
2021-2022 Bar Governance Committee



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C.A. "Hap" Martin III
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**LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BAR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION PROPOSING ADOPTION OF GERMANE POLICIES TO
THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

WHEREAS, the Bar Governance Committee recognizes that the Louisiana State Bar Association is bound by Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6, as amended September 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the House of Delegates is the policy-making body of the Association pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation, article VIII Section 1; and

WHEREAS, the House of Delegates may enact general policies of the Association that are constitutionally germane to its legitimate purposes, consistent with Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6; and

WHEREAS, the Association further intends to comply with all binding U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Fifth Circuit precedent including *Lathrop v. Donohue*, 367 U.S. 820 (1961), *Keller v. State Bar of California*, 496 U.S. 1 (1990), *McDonald v. Longley*, 4 F.4th 229 (5th Cir. July 2, 2021), and *Boudreaux v. Louisiana State Bar Ass'n*, 3 F.4th 748 (5th Cir. July 2, 2021) and limit its activities to those that are constitutionally germane to its legitimate purposes; and

WHEREAS, no policy of the House of Delegates shall be interpreted to exceed the limits set forth in Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6 and existing precedent or subsequent precedent, and that any policy found to exceed such limits shall be considered null and without effect;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bar Governance Committee proposes to the House of Delegates the following policies to be general policies of the Association in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation, article VIII Section 1; consistent with Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 6, these are not to be considered policies related to any legislation that may or may not be proposed, said function now delegated exclusively to the Board of Governors:

1. The Association supports the protection of the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine as critical to an effective attorney-client relationship and as necessary to facilitate open communication with clients as set forth in the Rules of Professional Conduct.
2. The Association opposes any effort to tax legal services in Louisiana as placing a burden on client access to legal services and potentially invasive of the attorney-client privilege.
3. The Association supports initiatives to assist low-income Louisianians with access to justice, including programs offering legal aid and pro bono services to Louisianians who cannot afford those services.

4. The Association supports fair and adequate compensation for members of the state judiciary.
5. The Association opposes the unauthorized practice of law by unlicensed persons.
6. The Association supports diversity within the legal profession;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bar Governance Committee proposes to the House of Delegates that the aforementioned general policies be adopted.

Respectfully submitted:
2021-2022 Bar Governance Committee

Robert A. Kutcher, Chair

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