



**Board of Governors
PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
September 26th, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Location: 4201 N. 24th St., Phoenix, AZ 85016

OR

Join Zoom:

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Members of the public may attend the meeting.

**For any item listed on the agenda, the Board may go into Executive Session
pursuant to the State Bar's Public Meeting Policy.**

Please note that all times are approximate and that the order of the agenda is subject to change.

The State Bar of Arizona exists to serve and protect the public with respect to the provision of legal services and access to justice. Consistent with these goals, the State Bar of Arizona seeks to improve the administration of justice and the competency, ethics, and professionalism of lawyers practicing in Arizona. *

Key Issues/Topics:

- Young Lawyer Bridge Program Task Force
- Wellness Program Update
- Legal Access Fellowship Funding

#	ITEM	TIME	SPEAKERS
1.	Call to Order and Summary of Agenda	9:00 a.m. - 9:05 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Sam Saks
2.	Call to the Public	9:05 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Sam Saks

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3.	Recognition of Highest Bar Exam Scores	9:10 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.	Sam Saks
	a) Recognition of Daniel Harris McDermott, Highest Score, July 2024 Bar Exam	(10 Minutes)	
	b) Recognition of Fabi Mansoor Behnam, Highest Score, February 2025 Bar Exam		
4.	Establishment of Young Lawyer Bridge Program Task Force	9:20 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Sam Saks
5.	Staff Recognition	9:25 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	Maret Vessella
	a) Employee of the Quarter – Jamie Stankewicz	(15 minutes)	
	b) Team of the Quarter – Lori Palmer, Marlene Cartusciello, and Jackie Brokaw		
	c) Lisa Panahi, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer		
ACTION/VOTE			
6.	Wellness Program Update	9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. (30 Minutes)	Dean Stacy Leeds Whitney Harvey
<i>Break 5 – Minutes</i>			
7.	Consent Agenda	10:15 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Sam Saks
	a) Approval of April, May, June, & July 2025 Board Meeting Minutes	(5 Minutes)	
	b) Approval of Resignations in Good Standing and in Lieu of Reinstatement		
	c) Approval of Resignations in Good Standing		
	d) Approval of Reinstatement of Member(s) suspended for Non-Compliance with Annual Membership Fees and/or Trust Account Compliance (Rule 32(c)(10) and/or Rule 43, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.)		

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	e) Approval of Reinstatement of Member(s) suspended for Non-Compliance and MCLE Requirements (Rule 45, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.)		
8.	Arizona Legal Access Fellowship – Law Student Public Internship Program Funding	10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (10 Minutes)	Jessica Iennarella
9.	Finance and Audit Committee	10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Chris Russell
	a) Presentation of 2026 Budget Guidelines Memo	(5 Minutes)	Jessica Iennarella
POTENTIAL ACTION/VOTE			
10.	Family Law Practice and Procedure Committee	10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Jessica Cotter
	a) Rules – Proposed Comment	(10 Minutes)	
INFORMATION			
11.	Finance and Audit Committee	10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Chris Russell
	a) 2024 State Bar of Arizona & Client Protection Fund Audit Report	(5 Minutes)	Jessica Iennarella
12.	ABA House of Delegates	10:50 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. (5 Minutes)	Melissa Ho
13.	Correspondence/Reports	10:55 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Sam Saks
	a) National CLEAR Report with AI Summary	(5 Minutes)	
14.	Adjourn		Sam Saks

Upcoming Events:

- Next Board Meeting is on **October 17th, 2025**
- Sections Events
 - Immigration Law Round Table
 - October 2nd, 2025
 - Labor & Employment Annual Fall Seminar
 - October 9th – 10th, 2025

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SBA Sponsored/Partnership Ticketed Events – Limited Seating (RSVP Required)			
	• <u>Pima County Bar Foundation: Gala</u>		
	○ Saturday, September 27th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.		
	○ Arizona Inn, 2200 E Elm Street, Tucson AZ 85719		
	• <u>Native American Bar Association of Arizona: Seven Generations Awards Dinner & Silent Auction</u>		
	○ Saturday, September 27th, 2025, 5:30 p.m.		
	○ Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass, 5594 W Wild Horse Pass Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85226		
	• <u>Maricopa County Bar Association: Barristers' Ball</u>		
	○ Saturday, September 27th, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.		
	○ Arizona Biltmore, 2400 E Missouri Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016		
	• Step Up to Justice: Rooting for Justice		
	○ Tuesday, October 21st, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.		
	○ Environmental and Natural Resources 2 Building - Rooftop Garden, 1064 E Lowell St., Tucson, AZ 85719		
	• <u>Los Abogados: 2025 Gala</u>		
	○ Saturday, October 25th, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.		
	○ Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N Central Ave, Phoenix AZ 85004		
	• <u>Maricopa County Bar Association: Hall of Fame</u>		
	○ Thursday, November 6, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.		
	○ Phoenix Country Club, 2901 N. 7th St, Phoenix, AZ 85014		
	• <u>Arizona Black Bar: 2025 Hayzel B. Daniels Scholarship Gala</u>		
	○ Friday, November 14th, 2025 (Time TBD)		
	○ (Location in Tempe, AZ TBD)		

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