

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

October 15, 2020
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
ZOOM

Open Session Minutes

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

V = present virtually; A = absent.

Jessica Sanchez, Chair	V	Juan Flamand	V
Casey Arellano	V	Marla Hudgens	V
Hon. John Blanchard	A	Adrienne Jones	V
Nicholas Chapman-Hushek	V	Cid Kallen	A
Alison Crane	V	Judy O'Neill	V
Judith Dávila	A	Amanda Parker	V
Maguette Eluyode	V	Andrew Reilly	V
Alison Ferrante	A	Javier Torres	V
Alexis Firehawk	V	Shayna Watts	V

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Guests: Carol Mitchell, Attorney Admission Manager, Certification and Licensing Division, Arizona Supreme Court

State Bar Staff: Carrie Sherman

Minutes taken by: Carrie Sherman

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to Order by: Jessica Sanchez, Chair

Time: 2:34 p.m.

II. Call to the Public: None.

III. Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and carried over one abstention to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020, Committee meeting as disseminated.

IV. Executive Session: Ms. Mitchell oversees the work of the Supreme Court's Committee on Character and Fitness and its Committee on Examinations. As a resource expert, she was invited to participate in the meeting. As there were no

other members of the public attending the meeting, the Committee proceeded to screen applications without the need to move into Executive Session.

V. Committee on Character and Fitness and Committee on Examinations

(revisited): Staff, working remotely, was unaware that three applications for the Committee on Character and Fitness or the Committee on Examinations had been mailed to the State Bar’s offices. The applications were postmarked by the advertised deadline. The applicants had not been screened by the Appointments Committee at its September meeting. Those applicants are:

Mr. Richard S. Madril, Law Offices of Richard S. Madril
Ms. Jenna McIntire, Lake & Cobb PLC
Anne F. Segal, PhD.

The Committee received the due diligence reports on the three new applicants and then reviewed its recommended slates of nominations that had been submitted and endorsed by the Board of Governors at its September meeting, and subsequently forwarded to the Arizona Supreme Court for its consideration and ultimate appointed:

Character and Fitness

Ms. Tamika N. Wooten, Law Office of Tamika Wooten	9 votes
Ms. Ashley D. Adams, Adams & Associates, PLC	6 votes
Mr. Gary J. Cohen, Mesch Clark & Rothschild PC	6 votes
Ms. Donna Lee Elm, Law Practice of Donna Elm	6 votes
Mr. David Nicolas Hernandez, David N. Hernandez	4 votes
Mr. Joseph A. Brophy, Jennings Haug & Cunningham	3 votes
Mr. Troy P. Foster, The Foster Group	3 votes
Mr. Boyd T. Johnson, Esq.	3 votes
Ms. Colleen Marie DiSanto, DiSanto & DiSanto PLC	2 votes

Committee on Examinations

Ms. Donna Lee Elm, Law Practice of Donna Elm	7 votes
Ms. Ashley D. Adams, Adams & Associates, PLC	6 votes
Mr. Boyd T. Johnson, Esq.	5 votes
Ms. Amber Danielle Hughes, Dickinson Wright PLLC	3 votes
Mr. Jeremy Adam Rovinsky, National Paralegal College	3 votes
Mr. Gary J. Cohen, Mesch Clark & Rothschild PC	7 votes in tie breaker for 6 th candidate

Following discussion, the Committee concurred that although the three additional candidates were considered qualified, the Committee agreed that it would not alter its original slates as noted above.

Ms. Mitchell was thanked for her time and participation as she departed the meeting.

VI. Phoenix Judicial Selection Advisory Board: There is one opening on the JSAB. The Phoenix City Council requests three nominations.

The Committee screened 12 new applications and four previous applications. Due diligence reports were provided on each candidate. After discussion each Committee member cast three votes for his/her top three candidates.

MOTION: A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to recommend the top three candidates to the Board of Governors for its consideration in sending its nominations to the Phoenix City Council:

Mr. Javier Torres, Stinson Leonard Street LLP	10 votes
Ms. Jessica Amanda Ross Thomas, Arizona State Retirement System	7 votes
Mr. Ron Kilgard, Keller Rohrback LLP	3 votes

VII. Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m.