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**CALL FOR CANDIDATES EXTENDED TO 12/27/21**

TO: Active Members (5+ years) of the State Bar of Arizona in:

- Board District 3 (Gila, Graham and Greenlee Counties)
- Board District 6 (Maricopa County)
- Board District 8 (Pinal County)

FROM: Joel F. England, CEO/Executive Director



DATE: November 1, 2021

RE: 2022 Board of Governors Election - Call for Candidates

**2022 Board of Governors Elections**

Elections will be held in the following Board Districts in 2022, and the Governors who are elected will serve three-year terms:

- one Governor will be elected in District 3 – Gila, Graham, Greenlee Counties;
- three Governors will be elected in District 6 – Maricopa County;
- one Governor will be elected in District 8 – Pinal County.

**Nomination Package**

I hope you will consider running for election to the Board of Governors. Please note:

- Each elected Governor must be an Active Member of the State Bar of Arizona throughout the elected term. For five years prior to election to the Board, each elected Governor must have been an Active State Bar Member and have had no record of disciplinary sanctions under Rule 60 [Rule 32(e)(2)(B), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.].
- A Board policy states that members elected to serve on the Board of Governors shall not represent a party in any disciplinary matter nor serve in such capacity for one year after the expiration of their Board service.
- Candidates must submit a nominating petition, brief biographical sketch, answers to questions that are asked of all candidates, a discipline disclosure statement and digital photograph.
- Candidates' nominating petitions and materials must be received no later than **5:00 p.m., Monday, December 27, 2021** at either of the State Bar's offices (4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 100, Phoenix, Arizona, 85016-6266, or 270 N. Church Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85701-1113), or emailed directly to [Carrie.Sherman@staff.azbar.org](mailto:Carrie.Sherman@staff.azbar.org).

Active (5+ years) State Bar Members in Board Districts 3, 6 and 8  
November 1, 2021

### **Nominating Petitions**

Nominations for elected Governors shall be by petition signed by at least five Active State Bar Members. Due to COVID-19, digital signatures will be accepted. Each candidate named in a petition and all members signing a petition must have their main offices in the District in which the candidate seeks to be elected [Rule 32(e)(2)(C), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.]. All nominating petitions will be acknowledged. If acknowledgment is not received within three (3) days, please contact the State Bar office at (602) 340-7201.

### **Candidates Profiled**

The candidates will be featured on the Bar's Website ([www.azbar.org](http://www.azbar.org)) beginning sometime in January and will be profiled in the March issue of *Arizona Attorney Magazine*.

### **Free Campaign Services**

Candidates may elect to either receive free mailing labels for, or have the Bar send one electronic message to, their constituents. Details on these services will be provided to the candidates.

### **Online Voting**

The Board elections are conducted online. In mid-March, advance notice of the start of the election will be sent by email to all voters. An online ballot will then be sent to Active and Judicial Members in Board Districts holding elections.

The notice and the ballot will be sent to the member's email address on record with the State Bar. Maintaining a current email address with the State Bar is a requirement under Rule 32(c)(3), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

### **Out-of-State Members Can Vote**

Active out-of-state Members may vote in the District of their most recent Arizona residence or place of business or, if none, in District 6/Maricopa County [Rule 32(e)(2)(D), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.].

If you have any questions regarding the Board election process, please contact Carrie Sherman at (602) 340-7201 or at [Carrie.Sherman@staff.azbar.org](mailto:Carrie.Sherman@staff.azbar.org). You may also wish to reference Rule 32, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., which the Court amended, effective January 1, 2017.

Attachments:

- Board of Governors' Role/Responsibilities
- Board of Governors' Code of Conduct
- Board of Governors' Nominating Petition
- Candidate's Bio/Statement Form
- Candidate's Discipline Disclosure Form
- Candidate's Responses to Questions Form



## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Board Members' Responsibilities**

- Governance: The Board sets the strategic vision for the organization, ensures resources are available to carry out the Mission, and hires and fires the CEO.
- Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, Duty of Obedience

### **CEO's Responsibilities**

- Operations: The Board supervises the CEO. The CEO, however, manages the State Bar staff, oversees the advancement of the strategic plan, and conducts the daily operations of the organization.

### **Board Meetings**

- The Board currently meets nine (9) times per year:
  - one of those meetings is held in conjunction with the Annual State Bar Convention
  - one of those meetings is held in conjunction with the Board's Annual two-day Retreat
  - the remaining meetings are held at the State Bar offices in Phoenix
  - meetings run approximately four hours
- Board members' advance meeting preparation and in-person attendance are expected
- Three unexcused absences during a Bar year (June to June) may warrant removal from the Board
- Meeting-related expenses are covered for Board members, however, there is no other remuneration provided for these volunteer positions.

### **Board Committees/Working Groups**

- Each Board member also serves on one of the 10 standing Board committees/working groups:
  - Discipline System Oversight Committee+
  - Diversity and Inclusion Panel
  - Finance and Audit Committee+
  - Human Resources, Subcommittee of Finance and Audit Committee
  - Nominating Committee+
  - Program Review Working Group
  - Retirement Fiduciaries
  - Rules Review Committee+
  - Special Constitutional Appointments Committee+
  - Strategic Planning Working Group

+Subject to the State Bar's Open Meetings Policy



## Board of Governors Code of Conduct

To participate effectively on the Board of Governors, each Board member is expected to:

1. Uphold the Supreme Court Rules governing the Bar, and the Bar's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Mission Statement.
2. Participate in Meetings:
  - a. Attend all Board and Committee meetings, absent unavoidable emergencies.
  - b. Attend all meetings of Committees and/or Sections assigned as liaisons, unless prior arrangement made to share information.
  - c. Participate actively, freely, openly, and courteously in discussions.
  - d. Read all Board and Committee materials received in advance of meetings.
  - e. Raise concerns and seek additional information, if needed for making timely and reasoned decisions.
  - f. Make decisions based on the merits of each matter, after taking into account the views of others.
3. Respect the confidentiality of sensitive matters discussed in executive session.
4. Act honorably, honestly, diligently, in good faith, and in the best interest of the Bar.
5. Foster open and constructive communication among Board members in an effort to achieve the goals of the Board and to avoid unnecessary misunderstandings.
6. Encourage and support a positive, open and collaborative atmosphere among the Board and the Bar's Senior Management.
7. Encourage and support all staff in their efforts to implement Board policy and the Strategic Plan.
8. Be loyal to the Bar and comply with the Bar's conflict of interest policy.
9. Respect the validity of the Board's decisions and their value to the organization, even if not in the voting majority.
10. Uphold and enhance the reputation and public image of the Bar.

Each Board member expects the following:

1. To be provided timely and accurate information concerning the finances and operations of the Bar.
2. To be provided with adequate orientation and training.
3. To have time used constructively and not wasted.
4. To be provided interesting assignments, and to be accountable for their completion.
5. To be given opportunities for personal and professional growth.
6. To be recognized for his or her work and accomplishments.

Signed:

Date:



**Board of Governors**

**Nominating Petition for**

**(Candidate's Name)**

We, the undersigned Active Members of the State Bar of Arizona, whose main offices are in

District \_\_\_\_\_, hereby nominate

to be a candidate for election to membership on the Board of Governors to represent District

\* in the 2022 election.

Name (Print)	Signature (Digital Acceptable)	Bar No.

Petitions must be signed by at least five (5) Active Members, and each candidate named in a petition and all members signing such petition must have their main offices in the Board District in which the candidate seeks to be elected.

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**DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021.**



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH/STATEMENT

Please provide a biographical statement, **NOT TO EXCEED 125 WORDS.** The suggested format may include: education, law-related professional activities and/or any other statement or information you deem appropriate.

(Candidate's Name)

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**BOARD OF GOVERNORS CANDIDATE  
DISCIPLINE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT\***

(Candidate's Name)

- I. Please disclose any disciplinary sanction entered against you in this or any other jurisdiction that has resulted in censure, reprimand, suspension, disbarment, or the equivalent.

<b>Date of Action</b>	<b>Type of Action</b>	<b>Brief Summary of Facts</b>
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- II. Please disclose any current disciplinary investigation or proceeding in this or any other jurisdiction.

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III. Please disclose any criminal conviction(s) for any misdemeanor or felony offense. The President of the State Bar of Arizona shall determine whether a past conviction is sufficiently relevant to Board of Governor's service to require disclosure.

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## QUESTIONS OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS CANDIDATES

Your response to the following questions, **NOT TO EXCEED 200 WORDS IN LENGTH**, will be printed in the March 2022 issue of *Arizona Attorney*.

Why are you interested in running for election to the Board of Governors? What do you believe are the significant issues facing the members today? If elected, how would you hope to address these issues?

(Candidate's Name)

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