



## BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

State Bar of Arizona  
4201 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.  
via Zoom on-line meeting

### MINUTES

Approved [July 14, 2021](#)

#### MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

P = Present; Z = Present via Zoom; T = Present Telephonically; A = Absent

**Wendi Sorensen - Z**

**M. Maureen Anders - Z**

**James Anderson - Z**

**James Cross - Z**

**Robert Denison - Z**

**Michael Goldberg - Z**

**Georgette Hasiotis - P**

**Kimberly Heldt - Z**

Abe Lai - A

Phoebe Moffatt - A

**Blake Moscatello - Z**

Jeffrey Neff - A

**Elizabeth Ortiz - Z**

#### OTHER ATTENDEES:

State Bar Staff: Connie Hay, Sarah Corpening

Minutes taken by: Connie Hay

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Wendi Sorensen  
**4:00 p.m.**

#### 2. Call to the Public – None present.

#### 3. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of the May 12, 2021 General Session meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval by: Michael Goldberg

Second by: Georgette Hasiotis

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

The minutes of the May 12, 2021 Executive Session meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval by: James Anderson

Second by: Robert Denison

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

#### 4. Construction Defect Law. Wendi Sorensen and James Cross reporting. The Construction Defect Law specialty was approved by the Board of Governors. Additionally, at the Board of Governors meeting there was discussion about making specialization more valuable, with the goals in mind of protecting the public while expanding specialization without watering it down.

One member believes specialization has not been given the support it deserves – that there has been no promotion to date – and believes the program is not meeting its intended goal.

**5. Executive Session.**

Motion to move into Executive Session by: James Cross

Second by: Michael Goldberg

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

**Convene into Executive Session**

**4:05 p.m.**

**Reconvene into General Session**

**4:50 p.m.**

**6. Initial Certification Applications**

a) Motion to approve the Criminal Law Advisory Commission recommendation for initial certification:

Gregory McPhillips

Motion to approve recommendation by: James Cross

Second by: Michael Goldberg

Recusals: None

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

b) Motion to approve the Personal Injury Wrongful Death Law Advisory Commission recommendation for initial certification:

Kent Hammond

Motion to approve recommendation by: James Anderson

Second by: James Cross

Recusals: None

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

c) Motion to approve the Workers Compensation Law Advisory Commission recommendations for initial certification:

C. Andrew Campbell

Laura Clymer

Paula Rae Eaton

Michael Mosesso

Motion to approve recommendations by: Michael Goldberg

Second by: James Cross

Recusals: None

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

**7. Criminal Law Specialist Recertification.** The BLS reconsidered the application for recertification of Michael V. Black.

Motion to issue a Notice of Intent to Deny by: Michael Goldberg

Second by: Georgette Hasiotis

Recusals: None

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

**8. Date of next meeting:**

July 14, 2021 – 4 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by: James Cross

Second by: Maureen Anders

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

**Meeting adjourned:**

**4:53 p.m.**