



## BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.  
via Zoom on-line meeting

### MINUTES

Approved January 9, 2022

#### MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

**Wendi Sorensen - Z**

M. Maureen Anders - A

**James Anderson - Z**

**James Cross - Z**

**Robert Denison - Z**

**Michael Goldberg - Z**

**Georgette Hasiotis - Z**

Kimberly Heldt - A

Abe Lai - A

**Phoebe Moffatt - Z**

**Blake Moscatello - Z**

**Jeffrey Neff - Z**

**Elizabeth Ortiz - Z**

#### OTHER ATTENDEES:

State Bar Staff: Sarah Corpening, Connie Hay

Minutes taken by: Connie Hay

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Wendi Sorensen

**4:03 p.m.**

#### 2. Call to the Public – Lisa Gervase, Administrative Law applicant, is present.

#### 3. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of the November 10, 2021 General Session meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval by: Jeffrey Neff

Second by: James Cross

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

There was not an Executive Session meeting in November.

#### 4. Criminal Law Standards. Elizabeth Ortiz and Michael Goldberg reporting. Current Standards require a number of jury trials plus a number of hearings plus a required number of post-conviction matters. As a reminder, Sarah Corpening states that the issue the BLS was originally trying to address was that the Standards were created at a time when there were a lot of jury trials. This is no longer the case. Additionally, most criminal law attorneys work in pre-

conviction or post-conviction matters, but not both. She is concerned with carving Criminal Law into multiple sub-specialties from an administration side, however. Jim Anderson asks, how do you meet the Legal Specialization mission of protecting the public if the specialty is so broad and not consistent with how the criminal law practice area operates today? Elizabeth and Michael will circle back to the Criminal Law Advisory Commission to try to schedule them to meet with the BLS in the next couple of months.

- 5. Specialization Exams.** Wendi Sorensen states that due to subsection 5.c. of the Public Meeting Policy, we are moving into Executive Session for this because a question has risen regarding a specialization exam, results are being challenged, and examinations are exempt from the Public Records Policy.

- 6. Executive Session.**

Motion to move into Executive Session by: Michael Goldberg  
Second by: Jeffrey Neff  
Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

**Convene into Executive Session**  
**4:33 p.m.**

**Reconvene into General Session**  
**5:10 p.m.**

The Board decided that no action will be taken on any Administrative Law matter at this time.

Motion to allow the late application of a Workers' Compensation applicant  
by: Jeffrey Neff  
Second by: Wendi Sorensen  
Chair call for discussion or objection: None  
Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

Motion to submit the ten Construction Defect Law Advisory Commission applicants to the President of the Board of Governors by: Jeffrey Neff  
Second by: Jim Anderson  
Chair call for discussion or objection: None  
Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

- 7. Administrator updates.** Connie Hay reporting. The Real Estate Advisory Commission (REAC) has taken up the question of how to better publicize specialists who work in Water, Mineral and Environmental law – which have always been included within the Real Estate Standards and Specialty. The REAC asked Michael Foy, the Water Law attorney who originally brought up the question, if for example, adding “focusing on Water Law” beneath the Real Estate Certified Specialist seal would suffice, but he did not believe that idea solves the issue. The REAC does not have a proposed solution ready for the BLS to consider at this time.

- 8. Date of next meeting:**  
January 12, 2021 – 4 p.m.

- 9. Adjourn – 5:15 p.m.**