

Agenda
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Doubletree Hotel – Franklin Ballroom
600 N. El Paso St.
El Paso, TX 79901
Friday, September 16, 2016 – 9:00am

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1. **Call to Order** Joe Escobedo, Jr.
2. **Roll Call** Michelle Hunter
3. **Invocation** Sylvia Firth
4. **Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags** Ruben Robles
5. **Remarks from the General Public***
(Sign in sheet available for public comment)
6. **Swearing-in of New Board Members** Justice Phil Johnson
7. **Report from the Chair of the Board** Joe Escobedo, Jr.
 - A. Discussion:**
 - 1) General Report
 - 2) Board Member Outreach Efforts
 - 3) Solicitation of candidates to serve as Chair of the Board, 2017-18
 - B. Action:** Consider, discuss and approve:
 - 1) Consent Agenda Items (Consent Tab)
 - 2) Referral of Annual Meeting Resolutions concerning Retention of Client Property and Sale of a Law Practice to the DCAAP Committee (Tab 1)
8. **Report from the President** Frank Stevenson
 - A. Discussion:**
 - 1) General Report
 - 2) Update on Presidential Initiatives

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| | B. Discussion: Sunset Review Update | Trey Apffel | |
| 9. | Report from the President-Elect
A. Discussion: General Report | Tom Vick | |
| | B. Budget Committee
Discussion: FY 2017-2018 Budget Update | | |
| | C. Committee Review Task Force
Discussion: General Report | | (Tab 2) |
| 10. | Report from the Immediate Past President
Discussion: General Report | Allan DuBois | |
| 11. | Executive Committee
A. Nominations and Elections Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report | Allan DuBois/David Chamberlain | |
| 12. | Commission for Lawyer Discipline/
Chief Disciplinary Counsel Update
Discussion: General Report | John Neal/Linda Acevedo | (Tab 3) |
| 13. | Texas Young Lawyers Association
Discussion: General Report | Sam Houston | |
| 14. | Administration Committee
A. Performance Measures & Strategic Planning
Subcommittee
Discussion: General Report | Pat Maher | |
| | B. Action: Consider, discuss, and approve Texas
Bar Journal Advertising Policy | Gary Nickelson | (Tab 4) |
| 15. | Audit and Finance Committee
A. Discussion
1) Financial Reports and General Review of
Financial Statements
2) Investment Overview | Barbara Bass

Barry Baughier | (Tab 5) |
| | B. Action: Consider, discuss and accept Quarterly
Investment Reports for May 2016 | | |
| | C. Action: Consider, discuss and approve: | | |

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- 1) PFM Group; Patterson and Associates; and University of North Texas Center for Public Management as Public Funds Investment Act Trainers
- 2) Broker/Dealer List for Investments
- 3) Investment Policy

16. **Discipline and Client Attorney Assistance**

A. Client Security Fund Subcommittee

Rice Horkey

Discussion: General Report

B. DCAAP Subcommittee

Tina Green

Discussion: Succession planning resources

17. **Member Services and Education Committee**

A. Appeals/Grant Review Subcommittee

Brian Miller

(Tab 6)

1) **Discussion:** Report on Grant authorization request received: *I Was the First. You Can Be a Lawyer Too!*

2) **Action:** Consider, discuss and approve the subcommittee’s recommendations on the following appeals:

a. Christopher Lauren Graham – Regarding denial of application for certification in Criminal Law by Texas Board of Legal Specialization

b. Laura Hayes – Regarding denial of application for certification in Family Law by Texas Board of Legal Specialization

c. Sandre Moncriste – Regarding denial of application for certification in Family Law by Texas Board of Legal Specialization

d. Wilbert (Will) Hughes – Regarding denial of application for certification in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

B. Professional Development Subcommittee

Joe Indelicato, Jr.

Discussion: General Report

C. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee

John Jansonius

Discussion: General Report

D. Technology Oversight Subcommittee

Rebecca Simmons

Discussion: General Report

18. **Public Services and Education Committee**

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A. Affordable Legal Services Subcommittee Sylvia Firth
Discussion: General Report

B. Legislative Policy Subcommittee Gary Nickelson
Action: Consider, discuss and approve:
1) SBOT Legislative Program and recommendations of the Legislative Policy Subcommittee
2) Appeals of recommendations made by the Legislative Policy Subcommittee and take appropriate action, if any

(mailed separately)

19. **Section Representatives to the Board Committee** Pat Maher
Discussion: General Report

20. **Discussion:** Liaison Reports
A. Supreme Court Liaison Justice Phil Johnson
B. Court of Criminal Appeals Liaison Judge Barbara Hervey
C. Federal Judicial Liaison Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos
D. Judicial Section Liaison Judge Kerry Russell
E. Out-of-State Lawyer Liaison Tim Mountz

21. **Discussion:** Report from the Executive Director Michelle Hunter

22. **Discussion:** Report from the Legal Counsel John Sirman

A. Closed Session as authorized by Texas Government Code, sections 551.071 and 551.074 for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, and/or to deliberate concerning personnel matter(s)

B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

23. **Adjourn**

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Board should determine that a closed session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this notice, then such closed session as authorized by Texas Open Meetings Act (Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 551) will be held by the Board at that date, hour and place given in this notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071 – 551.084, inclusive, of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Items on the agenda will not necessarily be discussed or considered in the order they are printed on the agenda above. Comments from the public may be taken throughout the Board meeting.

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