

AGENDA
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Texas Law Center – Stewart Morris Board Room
1414 Colorado St.
Austin, TX 78701
Thursday, January 8, 2015 – 10:30am

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1. **Call to Order** Trey Apffel

2. **Roll Call** Michelle Hunter

3. **Remarks from the General Public**
(Sign in sheet available)

4. **Action:** Consider approval of Minutes of the September 4, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Trey Apffel (Encl)

5. **Report from the President** Trey Apffel
 - A. Discussion:**
 - 1) General Report
 - 2) Update on Presidential Initiatives

 - B. Action:** Consider, discuss, and approve ratification of the Ad Hoc Submission Committee’s approval of the Intellectual Property Law Section’s request to file an amicus brief in *B&B Hardware, Inc. v. Hargis Indus., Inc. d/b/a Sealtite Building Fasteners, d/b/a East Texas Fasteners* pursuant to Policy Manual Section 8.02.04(C) (Encl)

 - C. Action:** Consider, discuss, and approve ratification of the Ad Hoc Submission Committee's approval of the Bankruptcy Law Section request to file an amicus brief in *Baker Botts, L.L.P. v. ASARCO, LLC* pursuant to Policy Manual Section 8.02.04(C) (Encl)

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6. **Report from the Chair of the Board** Roger Key
Discussion: General Report
7. **Report from the President-elect** Allan DuBois
A. Discussion:
1) General Report
2) Committee Review Task Force
- B. Budget Committee** (Encl)
Action: Consider, discuss and approve –
1) SBOT 2015-16 proposed budget for publication in Texas Bar Journal
8. **Report from the Immediate Past President** Lisa M. Tatum
Discussion: General Report
9. **Administration Committee** Laura Gibson
A. Discussion: General Report
- B. Performance Measures and Strategic Planning Subcommittee** David Alders (Encl)
Action: Consider, discuss, and approve updates to the State Bar of Texas Strategic Plan
10. **Audit & Finance Committee** Tom Riney (Encl)
Discussion:
1) Financial Reports & General Review of Financial Statements
2) Financial Audit for FY ending May 31, 2014
3) Internal Audit for FY ending May 31, 2014
11. **Executive Committee**
Discussion: Nominations & Elections, Policy Manual Subcommittee, Ad Hoc Committee to Select Minority Directors
- A. Nominations & Elections Subcommittee** Lisa M. Tatum/Cindy Tisdale
1) **Discussion:** General Report
2) **Action:** Consider approval of candidates for 2015-2016 SBOT President-elect: (Encl)

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(Randy Howry, Austin)
(Frank Stevenson, Dallas)

- B. Policy Manual Subcommittee** Diane DeVasto
Discussion: General Report
12. **Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance Committee** Larry McDougal
Discussion: DCAAP and Client Security Fund
Subcommittees
13. **Member Services & Education Committee**
Discussion: Appeals-Grant Review, New Directors
Orientation, Professional Development, Insurance/Member
Benefits, and Technology Oversight Subcommittees
- A. Appeals-Grant Review Subcommittee** Scott Rothenberg
Discussion: General Report
- B. Professional Development Subcommittee** Gary Nickelson
Discussion: General Report
- C. Insurance/Member Benefits Subcommittee** David Chamberlain
Discussion: General Report
14. **Public Services & Education Committee**
Discussion: Affordable Legal Services and Legislative
Policy Subcommittees
- A. Legislative Policy Subcommittee** Jaime Balli
Discussion: General Report
15. **Discussion:** Supreme Court Liaison Justice Phil Johnson
16. **Discussion:** TYLA Update Rebekah Steely Brooker
17. **Discussion:** Report from the Executive Director Michelle Hunter
18. **Discussion:** Report from the Legal Counsel John Sirman
- A. Closed Session** as authorized by Texas Government
Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of consulting with
legal counsel concerning pending litigation, *John V. McShane*

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v. Mary L. Greiner (DC-13-07712, 298th District Court of Dallas)

B. End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session

19. Adjournment

If during the course of the meeting covered by this notice the board should determine that a closed or executive session of the board should be held or is required in relation to an item noticed in this meeting notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Open Meetings Act will be held by the board at the 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 or executive meeting or session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071-551.084 of the Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to:

Section 551.071 – For the purpose of a private consultation with the board’s attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

Section 551.072 – For the purpose of deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

Section 551.074 – For the purpose of deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

The board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda. Agenda items may be taken out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the board and/or to aid in the effectiveness of the meeting.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

- a. the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or
- b. at a subsequent public meeting of the board upon notice thereof, as the board shall determine.

[* Comments from the public may be taken throughout the Board meeting.]

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