CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION) HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT OCTOBER 7, 2011

The Chair, Honorable Anne C. Dranginis, (Ret.) called the public portion of the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). Present were members Richard F. Banbury, Raymond L. Baribeault Jr., Susan Boyan, Edward J. Gavin, Eric M. Gross, Karen L. Karpie, Honorable Ian C. McLachlan, Gail E. McTaggart, Honorable Aaron Ment, Irving H. Perlmutter, Sharon A. Peters, Honorable Barbara M. Quinn, Robert D. Silva, Alix Simonetti, Matthew Wax-Krell and Michael J. Whelton. Present by invitation were Kathleen B. Harrington, Administrative Director, Jessica F. Kallipolites, Assistant Administrative Director, and Joseph J. DelCiampo, Counsel, Legal Services.

The Chair then announced the results of the July 2011 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously to deem those 389 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 264 as having passed the July 2011 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously to deem those 149 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 264 as having failed to pass the July 2011 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously that those 271 applicants who had obtained a passing score on the July 2011 Connecticut bar examination and who had complied with the rules and regulations governing admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut be recommended to the judges of the Superior Court for admission to the bar. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously that those 108 applicants who had obtained a passing grade of 264 on the July 2011 Connecticut bar examination, but whose applications were incomplete or contained other technical defects, be recommended to the judges of the Superior Court for admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut upon remedying the defects, unless further examination was required pursuant to Article VI of the regulations of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously that the 10 applicants who had obtained a passing grade on the July 2011 Connecticut bar examination, but whose applications disclosed issues concerning good character or fitness, be reviewed further pursuant to Article VI of the regulations of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee.

The Chair announced the retirement of the Honorable John J. Langenbach from the Committee and indicated that a letter of appreciation will be sent acknowledging his years of faithful and excellent service from July 1998 through August 2011. Additionally, the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed new members, Mr. Baribeault, Mr. Gavin and Mr. Silva, to the Committee.

The Chair also announced that she received a telephone call from the Honorable Rebecca Berch, Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, regarding possible reciprocity for candidates applying for admission without examination. The matter will likely be discussed at a special meeting later this year.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Judge Quinn, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the public session of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2011. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by the Chair, it was voted unanimously to accept and record, without amendment or correction, the minutes of the non-public session of the minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2011.

The report of the treasurer was delivered by the Administrative Director. The Treasurer's reports for the Fourth Quarter (FY 2010-2011) and the Annual Report (FY 2010-2011) were presented.

The Administrative Director provided the Committee with a summary of the results from a LISTSERV inquiry that was sent to other jurisdictions that raised or lowered their respective cut scores in the past few years. The Committee was advised whether cut score studies were performed by the jurisdictions and, if so, what such studies entailed and what entities or individuals conducted the studies. A second inquiry was sent to the National Conference of Bar Examiners to determine whether that entity performs cut score studies, which it does not. The Committee instructed the Administrative Director to present statistical data for the past 5 years analyzing what the pass/fail rates would have been if the cut score were higher at the next regular meeting.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 10:35 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting.

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