District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
January 25, 2022

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

President Chad T. Sarchio called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone via Zoom teleconference.

The following members of the Board of Governors were in attendance: President-Elect Ellen M. Jakovic, Secretary Roger Lu Phillips, Treasurer Andrea Mangones, Immediate Past President Geoffrey Klineberg, Jessica E. Adler, Catherine D. Bertram, Brian K. Flowers, Elizabeth (Sally) Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Su Sie Ju, Natalie M. Koss, June B. Kress, Megan Lacchini, Paul S. Lee, Lisa A. Lipsky, Fatema K. Merchant, Amy E. Nelson, Peggy Lansbach O'More, Ramya Ravindran, Diane A. Seltzer and Courtney L. Weiner.

Board member Janene D. Jackson did not attend.

D.C. Bar Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti and D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Acting Executive Director Darryl Maxwell attended the meeting, along with the following Bar staff: Matthew S. Butler, Jessica Carlson, Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla J. Freudenburg, LaTanya Hunter, Raymond List, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Erum Z. Mirza, Maurice Morrow, Monica Page, Delonte Rogers, Candace Smith-Tucker, Darrin P. Sobin, Suzanne Takeuchi, Hope Todd, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Others in attendance included Yaida O. Ford, Chair of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee, German A. Gomez, Vice Chair of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee, Eric L. Hirschhorn, former member of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee, Mark A. Salzberg, Chair of the Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee, and Nancy Sylvester, Consultant.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)

President Sarchio presented his report, noting the launch of the new D.C. Bar blog "Duly Noted." He noted with concern that Congress has not confirmed a number of judges nominated to fill vacancies on D.C. courts, including 11 pending nominations on the D.C. Superior Court and one in the D.C. Court of Appeals. In other business, President Sarchio reported that the 2022 Payton Leadership Academy had launched. He reminded the Board that the nomination period for Board vacancies remains open and that nominations for the 2022 Beatrice Rosenberg and Thurgood Marshall Awards must be submitted by February 1. Finally, he reported that Judge Vanessa Ruiz would receive the American Bar Foundation Fellows Outstanding Service Award and that both the ABA Midyear Meeting and National Conference of Bar Presidents would be held remotely in February.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Sarchio presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which included the minutes of the December 14, 2021, meeting.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tab 3.

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

CEO Spagnoletti reported that the Bar is planning to move to hybrid operations on April 29th. Vaccinations and boosters are required for all to enter the building. He announced that the D.C. Bar elections will be held from April 28 to June 1. In addition, he noted that two major IT projects are currently underway: a new association management system and a new case management system for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and Board on Professional

Responsibility (ODC/BPR). Finally, he reported that the D.C. Bar will co-sponsor a forum for the candidates for D.C. Attorney General in partnership with the Anacostia Coordinating Council.

See Tab 4.

Report of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee
(Agenda Item 5)

Yaida O. Ford, German Gomez, and Eric Hirschhorn presented the report of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee on proposed amendments to the rules of professional conduct regarding outside counsel guidelines.

See Tab 5.

Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee Report
(Agenda Item 6)

Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee Chair Mark A. Salzberg provided an update on the committee's ongoing work to revise the D.C. Bar By-laws, A final report and formal proposal for the Board's consideration will be forthcoming.

See Tab 6.

50th Anniversary Activities
(Agenda Item 7)

Chief Programs Officer Darrin P. Sobin discussed the plans for the D.C. Bar's 50th anniversary celebration. The marketing campaign is designed to drive awareness and maximize engagement and is focused on integrity, diversity and inclusion, global influence, leadership, community, and service, by utilizing a number of available platforms. He asked for the Board's support in raising awareness of the campaign.

See Tab 7.

Quarterly Report on the Implementation of 2020-25 Strategic Plan
(Agenda Item 8)

Raymond List reported on the status of projects undertaken by the D.C. Bar in support of the 2025 Strategic Plan.

Proposed Resolution to Permit the BOG to Speak on Issues/Events Relating to (1) the Rule of Law; and (2) the Independence of the Judiciary
(Agenda Item 9)

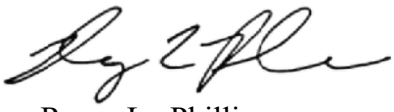
President Sarchio presented an update on the proposed resolutions to be presented at the Special Meeting of D.C. Bar members in the spring. The Board approved four resolutions for presentation at the Special Meeting relating to its authority to make public statements concerning court funding, access to justice, judicial vacancies, and the rule of law and independence of the judiciary.

See Tab 9.

Adjournment
(Agenda Item 10)

There being no further business, President Sarchio adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roger Lu Phillips
Secretary