District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
July 12, 2022

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

President Ellen M. Jakovic called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2022-2023 fiscal year via Zoom teleconference.

The following members of the Board of Governors were in attendance: President-Elect Charles R. Lowery, Secretary Shayan Davoudi, Treasurer Shaun M. Snyder, Immediate Past President Chad T. Sarchio, Catherine D. Bertram, Rebecca F. Cady, Karen A. Newton Cole, Brian K. Flowers, Janene D. Jackson, June B. Kress, Megan Lacchini, Lisa A. Lipsky, Andrea Mangones, Fatema K. Merchant, Steve R. Miller, Peggy Lansbach O'More, Roger Lu Phillips, Ramya Ravindran, and Diane A. Seltzer.

Board members Elizabeth (Sally) Gere, Natalie M. Koss, and Courtney L. Weiner did not attend.

D.C. Bar Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti and D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Kelli Neptune attended the meeting, along with the following Bar staff: Matthew Butler, Jessica Carlson, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla Freudenburg, Amy Hackett, LaTanya Hunter, Meredith Janssen, Raymond List, May Lonergan, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Erum Mirza, Monica Page, Querry Raobelina, Pamela Robinson, Delonte Rogers, Darrin Sobin, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Other attendees included Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals, and Anita Josey-Herring, Chief Judge of the D.C. Superior Court.

Remarks by the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia
(Agenda Item 3)

The Honorable Anita Josey-Herring delivered welcoming remarks to the Board.

Remarks and Swearing-in of the Board of Governors
by the Chief Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals
(Agenda Item 2)

The Honorable Anna Blackburne-Rigsby delivered welcoming remarks and administered the swearing-in ceremony of the 2022-2023 D.C. Bar Board of Governors.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

President Jakovic began her report by asking the Board of Governors members to introduce themselves. She provided highlights of the 2022 D.C. Bar Conference, including the Celebration of Leadership and the Presidents Reception. She also shared her three main initiatives as the new D.C. Bar President: (1) to continue the Bar's long-standing support for access to justice and pro bono work; (2) to foster an inclusive environment that welcomes and values the unique talents and contributions of our diverse membership by promoting leadership and mentoring opportunities for women and diverse attorneys, and (3) to help our D.C. Bar Communities and voluntary bar associations grow and thrive by increasing D.C. Bar member engagement with these groups.

Board Members Introductions
(Agenda Item 5)

The D.C. Bar Board of Governors members introduced themselves as requested by President Jakovic at the beginning of her President's Report.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 6)

President Jakovic presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which included the minutes of the June 14, 2022, meeting and appointments to the Audit, Budget, Executive, Finance, Pension, and Screening Committees.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tab 6.

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 7)

CEO Spagnoletti presented his report. He noted that the D.C. Bar continues to operate on a hybrid basis with more in-person programs and activities expected to take place in the fall. He introduced Meredith Janssen, the new Marketing and Communications director and also recognized the Bar's Human Resources staff for their efforts in recruiting, onboarding, and helping to build a diverse group of personnel. Finally, Spagnoletti reported on the launch of the D.C. Bar's new Association Management System as well as a new case management system for the Board on Professional Responsibility and the D.C. Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

See Tab 7.

The Year Ahead
(Agenda Item 8)

President Jakovic provided an overview of the year ahead and noted the following: additional training and orientation for Board members, proposed Rule revisions to be recommended to the D.C. Court of Appeals, the appointment of a DEIA Task Force, the work of the Budget Committee that is expected to begin in December 2022, the April Judicial and Bar Conference in collaboration with the D.C. Court of Appeals, and the role of Board members to help nominate and encourage other Bar members to run for the Board in the spring.

CEO Spagnoletti added that the Practice Management Advisory Service's annual Practice 360 program is expected to take place in September 2022 and that a revised Budget Policy and Contracting and Procurement Policy for the D.C. Bar will be presented to the Board for review and approval. Lastly, he noted that a refinancing proposal for the D.C. Bar building may also be brought before the Board for its review.

Executive Session
(Agenda Item 9)

The Board met in Executive Session.

Adjournment
(Agenda Item 10)

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Shayan Davoudi

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Secretary