

**District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
September 13, 2022 (held via zoom teleconference)**

**Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)**

President Ellen M. Jakovic called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

The following members of the Board of Governors were in attendance: President-Elect Charles R. Lowery, Secretary Shayan Davoudi, Immediate Past President Chad T. Sarchio, Catherine D. Bertram, Karen A. Newton Cole, Brian K. Flowers, Elizabeth “Sally” Gere, Janene D. Jackson, Natalie M. Koss, June B. Kress, Andrea Mangones, Fatema K. Merchant, Steven R. Miller, Peggy Lansbach O’More, Ramya Ravindran, Diane A. Seltzer, and Courtney L. Weiner.

Board members Rebecca F. Cady, Megan Lacchini, Lisa A. Lipsky, Roger Lu Phillips, and Shaun M. Snyder 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 D.C. Bar staff: Matthew Butler, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Sheila Eghan, Akil Ellis, Carla Freudenburg, Amy Hackett, LaTanya Hunter, Meredith Janssen, Raymond List, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Javier Mascorro, Erum Mirza, Maurice Morrow, Monica Page, Querry Raobelina, Pamela Robinson, Delonte Rogers, Darrin Sobin, Hope Todd, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Other attendees included Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee Chair Julienne W. Bramesco and ABA State Delegate Robert N. Weiner.

**President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)**

President Jakovic presented her report and noted the upcoming vote by the Communities Committee regarding the creation of a new D.C. Bar Young Lawyer's Community. President Jakovic also discussed the Bar's cooperation with the D.C. Court of Appeals' Committee on Arrangements to plan the biennial Judicial and Bar Conference which will take place in the spring. She encouraged Board members to nominate individuals to run for Board positions and to participate in the D.C. Bar Communities and voluntary bar association events. In other business, President Jakovic highlighted upcoming events, including the Women's Bar Association's *Stars of the Bar* event on September 22nd at the D.C. Bar headquarters, honoring former Board member Amy Nelson, and a joint celebration with the Bar Association of D.C. (BADC) of the BADC's 150th anniversary and the D.C. Bar's 50th anniversary on October 18th at the D.C. Court of Appeals' historic courthouse.

**Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)**

President Jakovic presented the Consent Agenda, which included the minutes of the July 12, 2022, meeting and appointments to the Budget and Nominations Committees.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tab 3.

**Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 4)**

D.C. Bar Chief Financial Officer Margarita Lorenzetti presented the financial reports of the D.C. Bar and the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center.

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**CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)**

CEO Spagnoletti opened his report by commending the Finance Team for their great work in helping to keep the D.C. Bar and D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center in excellent financial health. He reported that the D.C. Bar continues to operate on a hybrid basis and that procedures for entry into the Bar for staff and visitors will be streamlined. CEO Spagnoletti reported that the D.C. Bar will be hosting representatives from the International Institute of Law Association Chief Executives in October and that the ABA's National Conference for Lawyer Assistance Programs will be held in D.C. at which several D.C. Bar staff will be presenting. He announced that he will highlight a new D.C. Bar member benefit each month beginning this month with USI Affinity, which offers insurance products at a discounted rate to all members.

See Tab 5.

**Annual Report of the Continuing Legal Education Committee
(Agenda Item 7)**

Continuing Legal Education Committee Chair Julienne W. Bramesco presented the 2021-22 annual report of the CLE Committee.

See Tab 7.

**Report of the Screening Committee
(Agenda Item 8)**

President Jakovic presented the report of the Screening Committee and its recommendation to appoint Amy Bess to the D.C. Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure (JDTC), and to make appointments to the board of the District of Columbia Bar Foundation (DCBF).

The Board approved the appointments to the JDTC and DCBF.

See Tab 8.

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Task Force
(Agenda Item 9)**

President Jakovic presented her recommendations for the approval of the charge and appointments to the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Task Force.

The Board approved the recommendations.

See Tab 9.

**Report on the 2022 ABA Annual Meeting
(Agenda Item 6)**

ABA State Delegate Robert N. Weiner presented a report on the 2022 ABA Annual Meeting.

**Executive Session
(Agenda Item 10)**

The Board met in Executive Session.

**Adjournment
(Agenda Item 11)**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Shayan Davoudi
Secretary