

Board of Governors Action Items August 22 & 23, 2024

Approved the May and June 2024 minutes.

Approved 4 reciprocity applicants and 9 UBE score transfer applicants for admission.

Voted to approve a Rule 43.4 (Military Spouse) waiver for Anagabriela Esquerdo Perez.

Appointed members to Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) Board of Directors: Hollis Handler to the alternate seat in the 1st JD; Meghan "Sigvanna" Tapqaq to the regular seat in the 2nd JD; Melony Urban to the regular seat in the 3rd JD; Shannon Bleicher and Ben Muse to the alternate seats in the 3rd JD; and Gabrielle LeDoux to the Board of Governor Representative seat.

Voted to advance to the Supreme Court an intent to adopt the Next Generation Bar Examination with an intent to accept score transfers in July 2026 and to administer the exam in July 2028.

Voted to advance to the Supreme Court a Bar Rule proposal which would amend admission requirements to: (1) eliminate the requirement of a written bar exam passage from admission on motion; (2) reduce the years of practice required for admission on motion; (3) eliminate reciprocity requirement for admission on motion; (4) eliminate the failure of a bar exam as a reason to deny admission on motion or revoke a practice waiver; and (5) correct some minor technical fixes.

Allocated \$34,800 from the Capital Acquisition Reserve to upgrade the Alaska Bar Association's member management system to CV sapphire.

Adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation for disbarment of the Area Hearing Committee in *In the Disciplinary Matter Involving Kit Karjala*, 2018D097.

Amend the 2024 budget to spend \$24,150 to retrofit the Alaska Bar Association's portion of the building with LED lighting.

Appointed members to an executive director and bar counsel evaluation subcommittee: Robinson, Patterson, Cox, and Hofmeister.

Directed the Bar to spend the following money from the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection to cover reimbursable expenses: \$13,333.34 in case 2023L001; \$11,825.15 in case 2023L002; \$24,073.44; in case 2024L002; \$1,250.00 in the case 2024L003; and \$627.66 in case 2023T004.

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