

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 2, 2015
State Bar Building/Atlanta, GA**

Members Participating:

Robert J. Kauffman, President; Patrick T. O'Connor (by phone), Treasurer; Brian D. (Buck) Rogers, Secretary; Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, Immediate Past President; John R.B. Long, YLD President; Jennifer Campbell Mock, YLD President-elect; V. Sharon Edenfield (by phone), YLD Immediate Past President; Thomas R. Burnside, III; Kenneth B. Hodges, III; Phyllis Holmen; David S. Lipscomb; and Nicki Vaughn.

Members Absent:

Rita A. Sheffey, President-elect; Elizabeth Louise Fite.

Staff Participating:

Sharon Bryant, Chief Operating Officer; Jeff Davis, Executive Director; and Bill NeSmith, Bar Counsel.

Proposed Rules Changes - Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP)

Following a report by Bill NeSmith, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved recommending to the Board of Governors the following proposed changes to LAP Rules 7-202 and 7-301:

Rule 7-202. Volunteers. The Committee may establish a network of attorneys and lay persons throughout the state of Georgia, who are experienced or trained in impairment counseling, treatment or rehabilitation, who can conduct education and awareness programs and assist in counseling and intervention programs and services. The Committee may also establish a network of peer-support volunteers who are members of the State Bar of Georgia who are not trained in impairment counseling, treatment or rehabilitation, who can provide support to impaired or potentially impaired attorneys by sharing their life experiences in dealing with (a) mental or emotional health problems, (b) substance abuse problems or (c) other similar problems that can adversely affect the quality of attorneys' lives and their ability to function effectively as lawyers.

Rule 7-301. Contacts Generally. The Committee shall be authorized to establish and implement procedures to handle all contacts from or concerning impaired or potentially impaired attorneys, either through its chosen health care professional source, the statewide network established pursuant to Rule 7-~~4~~202, or by any other procedure through which appropriate counseling or assistance to ~~an impaired~~ such attorneys may be provided.

Fastcase v. Casemaker

President Bob Kauffman reported that the Member Benefits Committee, which recently reviewed a proposal from Casemaker, recommended that the State Bar work to get pricing reductions from Fastcase at a level that would allow the Bar to contract with both providers. Casemaker is offering to provide the Casemaker service to the State Bar free for six months with no obligation to continue the service after the free period. After the free period, Casemaker would offer the State Bar a two-year contract at a rate of \$4,500 per month, and following that, an additional two-year contract at \$5,000 per month. Natalie Kelly reported that Casemaker has improved its interface and that it is relatively comparable to Fastcase with its premium plan, but expressed some members may have concerns as to the way it looks. Jeff Davis reported that since we were one of the first State Bars to adopt Fastcase, Fastcase has always provided us with a lower rate than that of other Bar associations. The Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved a motion to retain Fastcase and to reject the proposal from Casemaker.

Sponsorship Request – Voices for Georgia’s Children, Inc.


Following a report by President Bob Kauffman, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved a \$2,500 sponsorship request for Voices for Georgia Children’s *Big Voice for Children Awards Celebration* on November 6, 2015. Presiding Justice P. Harris Hines is being honored at the event.

Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency (CCLC) Appointment.

The Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, appointed Kenneth B. Hodges, III to the CCLC Board of Trustees for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2016.

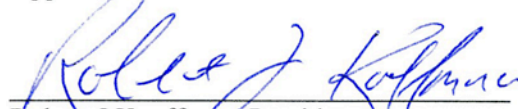
Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote.



Brian D. (Buck) Rogers, Secretary

Approved:



Robert J. Kauffman, President