

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

November 13, 2015

Mercer University Water F. George School of Law/Macon, GA

Members Participating:

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

Members Absent:

V. Sharon Edenfield, YLD Immediate Past President; and Phyllis Holmen.

Staff Participating:

Sharon Bryant, Chief Operating Officer; Jeff Davis, Executive Director; Steve Laine, Chief Financial Officer; Bill NeSmith, Bar Counsel; and Thomas Worthy, Director of Governmental Affairs.

Future Meetings Schedule

The Executive Committee received a copy of the Future Meetings Schedule.

Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the September 11-12, 2015 and the October 3, 2015 Executive Committee Meetings were approved, as submitted, by unanimous voice vote.

Members Requesting Resignation

Pursuant to State Bar Rule 1-208, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the following resignation requests: Brooke Sealy Rupert-414722, Christina M. Summer-378730, James C. Banks-036225, Sarah Kirk-817029, Elizabeth Smith Ritter-313687, Matthew J. Peed-100112, Lawrence D. Sanders-625711, Katherine Smith Davis-661140, John J. Knowles-822695, Carol S. Sheppard-000540, Richard Weaver-743325, Jennifer Gillon Gale-295210, Yancey F. Langston-436855, Joyce R. Abrams-001375, Gwilym E. Brick-080430, Daniel Calnan-100149

Members Requesting Disabled Status

Pursuant to State Bar Rule 1-202, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the following requests for disabled status: Debra B. Duncan-233415, William D. Edwards-241767, Diane Gillian LeRoy-447020, Brian L. Daly-203741, Thomas J. Shoener-643763, Robert Stephens McKinney-495750

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Patrick T. O'Connor reported on the Bar's finances and investments. The Executive Committee received copies of the Operations and Bar Center Consolidated Revenues and Expenditures Report as of September 30, 2015; Income Statement YTD for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2015; Bar Center Revenues and Expenditures Summary for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2015; State Bar Balance Sheet for September 30, 2015; and the Summary of Dues and Voluntary Contributions at October 1, 2015.

Sponsorship Requests

Following a report by President Bob Kauffman, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the following sponsorship requests: 1) \$2,500 for the Gate City Bar Association's Hall of Fame Gala, 2) \$2,000 for the Urban League of Greater Atlanta's 54th Annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner, 3)

\$5,000 for the 11th Circuit Judicial Conference, and 4) \$5,000 for the YLD Annual Signature Fundraiser.

Special Master Findings and Recommendations Regarding James H. Dickey

Following a report by Bill NeSmith, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the recommendations of the Special Master in the case of James H. Dickey (Exhibit A).

Rules Changes

Following a report by Paula Frederick, the Executive Committee took the following action on the proposed rules changes:

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Action</u>
Rule 9.1 Reporting Requirements	Took no action
Rule 4-227 Petitions for Voluntary Discipline (Exhibit B)	Approved recommending to the Board of Governors by unanimous voice vote
Rule 1-203 Practice by Active Members; Nonresidents (Exhibit B)	Approved recommending to the Board of Governors by majority voice vote
Rule 4.4 Respect for Rights of Third Persons (Exhibit B)	Approved recommending to the Board of Governors by unanimous voice vote
Rule 5.3 Responsibilities Regarding Nonlawyer Assistants (Exhibit B)	Approved recommending to the Board of Governors by unanimous voice vote
Rule 4-210 Powers and Duties of Special Masters (Exhibit B)	Approved recommending to the Board of Governors by unanimous voice vote
Rule 1.7 Conflict of Interest; General Rule	Took no action

President's Report

President Bob Kauffman reported that his speech at the joint luncheon of the Executive Committee and the Macon Bar Association, which preceded this meeting, took the place of this report. He commented that the Attorney Wellness Task Force and the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures Committee are hard at work on their respective projects.

YLD Report

YLD President Jack Long reported on the activities of the Young Lawyers Division. He announced that \$15,000 was raised for the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation at the recent Supreme Cork fundraiser. He reported that the YLD meetings continue to be well attended, and at the Fall YLD meeting all attendees wrapped over 1,000 toys for disadvantaged children. Plans are being finalized for the annual Signature Fundraiser on January 23, 2016 at the Biltmore. He announced that the Legal Food Frenzy will take place in the spring and he would like 100% participation by the Executive Committee through either monetary donations or canned food. He stated that Attorney General Sam Olens has a goal of raising 5 million pounds of food in five years.

Executive Director's Report

Jeff Davis reported that the Public Defenders Standards Council and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council are fully moved into their expanded space. The Bar continues to look at renting the 5th floor to a data storage center. He announced that the parking deck improvements are scheduled to start soon.

Office of General Counsel Report

Paula Frederick briefly reported on activities on the Office of General Counsel.

July 2015 Georgia Bar Examination Results

The Executive Committee received a copy of the July 2015 Georgia Bar Examination General Statistics Summary.

Senate-Approved Plan Would Promote Legal Services for Low-Income Californians

The Executive Committee received a copy of an *Asian Journal.com* news article about the passing of a senate bill by California lawmakers that allows the California State Bar to collect unclaimed funds in lawyers trust accounts to support a loan-assistance program for public interest attorneys.

LegalZoom and North Carolina

The Executive Committee received a copy of a *Globe Newswire* article about a consent judgment resolving litigation between LegalZoom and the North Carolina State Bar that allows Legal Zoom to offer its two prepaid legal service plans to North Carolina residents.

Using Technology to Bring Court Services to Remote Areas

The Executive Committee received a copy of an *ABA Journal* article about the Mohave County Superior Court setting up remote kiosks with video chat access to bring court services to remote areas in Arizona.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

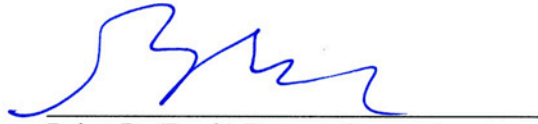
There was no new business.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

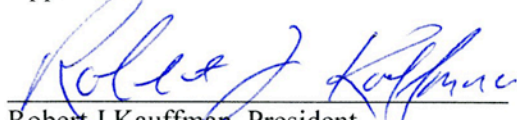
Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote to begin a Strategy Adjustment Session.



Brian D. (Buck) Rogers, Secretary

Approved:



Robert J. Kauffman, President