

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday, January 30, 2013
Druid Hills Golf Club/Atlanta, GA**

Members Present:

Robin Frazer Clark, President; Charles L. Ruffin, President-elect; Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, Treasurer; Robert J. Kauffman; Secretary; Kenneth L. Shigley, Immediate Past President; Jonathan B. Pannell, YLD President; Darrell L. Sutton, YLD President-elect; Phyllis J. Holmen; David S. Lipscomb; Patrick T. O'Connor; Brian D. Rogers; and Rita A. Sheffey.

Members Absent

Stephanie J. Kirijan, YLD Immediate Past President; and Elizabeth Louise Fite.

Staff Participating:

Cliff Brashier, Executive Director; Paula Frederick, General Counsel; and Bob McCormack, Deputy General Counsel.

Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the November 14, 2012, Executive Committee meeting were approved as submitted by unanimous voice vote.

Future Meetings Schedule

The Executive Committee received a copy of the most recent Future Meetings Schedule. In conjunction with the February 21, 2013, Executive Committee meeting, the Executive Committee is invited to attend the YLD Annual Legislative Luncheon and an evening reception with the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association honoring new Georgia Court of Appeals Judge Carla Wong McMillian.

Approval of Members' Requests

The Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, took the following action on members' requests:

1. David Rapp – granted appeal to resign while unpaid dues.
2. Henry L. Passeur, Jr. – granted appeal to resign while unpaid dues.
3. Mike Sheridan – granted appeal to waive January late fee.
4. Anna R. Smith – granted appeal to waive the fitness requirements for reinstatement.
5. Phillip Ray – denied appeal to waive and refund late fees.
6. Rachel Caputo – denied appeal to waive fitness requirement for reinstatement.

The Executive Committee asked Bob McCormack to draft and present at the next Executive Committee meeting a rules change to allow Bar members, who are otherwise in good standing, to resign from the State Bar of Georgia even if they are not in good standing because their dues are in arrears.

Members Requesting Resignation

Pursuant to State Bar Rule 1-208, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the following resignation requests:

Tracey M. Christopher, 076163
William S. Jacobs, 388450
Martha Jo Wagner, 730222

Yale L. Hollander, 243122
Dustin Covello, 599001
Shamina Vora, 484190

Report of the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform in Georgia (as approved by the Advisory Committee on Legislation on January 3, 2012)

Following a report by President Clark, the Executive Committee took the following action on the report and recommendations of the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform in Georgians:

1. By unanimous voice vote, found the subject matter to be within the legitimate purposes of the Bar; and
2. By unanimous voice vote, determined that immediate Executive Committee action was necessary since the Board of Governors will not be meeting until March 9, 2013;
3. By unanimous voice vote, approved the report and recommendations, but reserved the right to reconsider once specific legislation is drafted.

Advisory Committee on Legislation (ACL) Minutes

The Executive Committee received copies of the minutes of the ACL meetings on September 11, 2012, and January 3, 2013.

Legislative Forum

The Executive Committee received a copy of the agenda for the Legislative Forum that was held on January 11, 2013 in conjunction with the Midyear Meeting.

2013 General Assembly Update

President Clark provided a report on the grassroots efforts being conducted by Zach Johnson, and the Executive Committee received a copy of the materials he has put together for local bars about ways to get involved in the legislative process. The Executive Committee received a copy of the President's Legislative Update, Week 1; a *Daily Report* article about the State Bar's lobbying team, and the President's email to Bar members about the State Bar's legislative grassroots efforts. The Executive Committee also received a copy of a *Daily Report* editorial on juvenile justice reform and the President's response thereto.

Financial

The Executive Committee received information on the Legislative and Public Advocacy Fund.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Patrise Perkins-Hooker provided a report on the Bar's finances. She also reported that the audit results showed no issues with the Bar's handling of its finances. The Executive Committee received copies of the Revenues and Expenditures, Income Statement YTD, Balance Sheet, and Bar Center Revenues and Expenditures Executive Summary for the six months ending December 31, 2012, and a copy of the 6/30/2012 audited financial statements from Cherry Bekaert.

Programs Committee

The Executive Committee received a copy of the minutes of the January 17, 2013, Programs Committee meeting.

YLD Report

YLD President Jon Pannell provided a report on the activities of the Young Lawyers Division.

Office of General Counsel Update

Paula Frederick provided an update on the Office of General Counsel, all pending rules changes, and pending litigation. The Executive Committee received copies of the December 1, 2012, Supreme Court Order approving revisions to the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Fee Arbitration Rules.

Long-Range Planning and Bar Governance Committee

Pat O'Connor provided an update on the activities of the Long-Range Planning and Bar Governance Committee and was granted a request to have the committee provide a report to the Board of Governors at the Annual Meeting.

Atlanta Bar Update

The Executive Committee received a copy of a *Daily Report* article on the Atlanta Bar's new executive director, Terri Beck.

FDIC Insurance Coverage for Trust Accounts

The Executive Committee received information on the reduction in FDIC insurance coverage for IOLTA that became effective January 1, 2013.

Board of Governors Minutes

The Executive Committee received a copy of the January 12, 2013, Board of Governors minutes.

Coastal Georgia Office

The Executive Committee received office usage statistics and CLE information from the Coastal Georgia Office.

South Georgia Office

The Executive Committee received office usage statistics from the South Georgia Office.

Mentor Program's Beginning Lawyers Program

The Executive Committee received the draft agenda for the February Beginning Lawyers Program that will take place on February 25, 2012.

Judicial Council of Georgia's Court Reporting Matters Committee (re Electronic Reporting)

The Executive Committee received a copy of the report and recommendations on the Judicial Council of Georgia Court Reporting Matters Committee.

Executive Session

Following a motion and second, the Executive Committee met in Executive Session.

Old Business

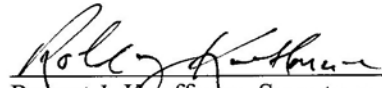
There was no old business.

New Business

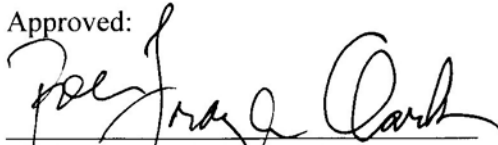
The Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved a \$5,000 sponsorship request for a 2013 Law Day program being coordinated by multiple bar associations. On May 1, 2013, the ABA will mark Law Day with a theme titled, "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All."

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned.



Robert J. Kauffman, Secretary

Approved:


Robin Frazer Clark, President