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May Meeting Review

Below are highlights from the May 17, 2002, State Bar Board of Governors meeting. Meetings are held monthly at the Arizona Bar Center in Phoenix.

- ▶ President Nick Wallwork reported that a petition was filed with the Supreme Court on the unauthorized practice of law on April 30.
- ▶ President Wallwork reported that he appointed Donna Killoughy to the Supreme's Court Commission on Technology.
- ▶ President Wallwork reported that a special board meeting on May 24, 2002, will focus on the ongoing work of the Ethical Rules Review Group's report and comments that were received from the presentations that were held at town halls around the state.
- ▶ Executive Director Cynthia Zwick introduced the April employee of the month, Laura Mendoza.
- ▶ Ms. Zwick reported that a Resource Center is being created at the Bar's offices to further enhance services provided to both members and non-members.
- ▶ Ms. Zwick reported that the Arizona Bar Foundation Board of Directors voted to change the name of the Foundation to Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education.
- ▶ Ms. Zwick announced that Judge Robert Van Wyck has been hired as Chief Bar Counsel. She recognized Loren Braud, Senior Bar Counsel, for doing an outstanding job in the interim and for his high level of service to the organization.
- ▶ Ron Johnson, Director of Government Relations, reported that the Governor signed the "Notario Bill." This bill is significant because it is the first time that Arizona has adopted a felony statute pertaining to the unauthorized practice of law.
- ▶ At the recommendation of the President, the board voted to table the consideration of the Multidisciplinary Practice Proposal.
- ▶ The Board adopted the Task Force on Associate Membership for Paralegals and Legal Assistants' Report approving the concept of a voluntary associate membership for paralegals and to proceed to the next stage of analysis for the membership.
- ▶ Ken Countryman, President of the Young Lawyers Division (YLD), announced that Roger Contreras and Joe Kaneffeld were selected as YLD Members of the Year.
- ▶ Matt Silverman, Director of Communications, gave a PowerPoint presentation describing activities and programs of the Communications Department. Mr. Silverman reported that the first bimonthly e-mail newsletter, *eLegal*, will soon be sent out to the membership.
- ▶ The Board made the following appointments:
 - ABA House of Delegates—José Cárdenas and Leesa Berens Morrison were reappointed for another two-year term.
 - Client Protection Fund Board of Trustees—Larry Suci
 - Conflict Case Committee—The Board voted to reduce the size of the committee from 11 to 9 members. With this revision, the Committee is fully appointed.

PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The State Bar Appointments Committee is currently accepting applications from **active members in good standing** to fill the following vacancy. Application forms can be obtained by calling Carrie Sherman at the Arizona Bar Center at 602-340-7201 or Suzanne Pease at the Bar's Tucson office at 520-623-9944. An application also can be downloaded from the Bar's Web site—www.azbar.org (click on *Appointments Committee News*).

PIMA COUNTY COMMISSION ON TRIAL COURT APPOINTMENTS

APPLICATION DEADLINE—MONDAY, JULY 8, 2002

Purpose: This nonpartisan commission is chaired by the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. Primary responsibility is to screen, interview and select judicial candidates for submission to the Governor for final selection to fill judicial vacancies. The commission meets as necessary when judicial openings occur.

Opening: One

Restrictions/Requirements: Applicants must reside in **Supervisory District 5** in Pima County and be admitted to practice before the Arizona Supreme Court for not fewer than five years. There are no restrictions as to one's political party affiliation for this opening. To learn in which Pima County district you reside, call the Elections Division at 520-740-4260.

Term: Expires in January 2006

mjp task force update

The State Bar of Arizona has created a Task Force on Multijurisdictional Practice (MJP), and it seeks member input.

What is MJP?

MJP deals with issues of attorneys practicing law across state lines. It addresses the issue of whether and under what circumstances attorneys already licensed to practice law outside Arizona (as well as foreign jurisdictions) should be permitted to practice law in Arizona.

What is the Task Force doing?

The Arizona MJP Task Force will continue to monitor action on this issue by the ABA House of Delegates at the Association's annual meeting in August and then will consider changes to Arizona's ethical rules related to this topic.

What is at stake?

The Task Force is committed to balancing the importance of the integrity of the legal system and the efficient and just resolution of legal disputes with the fact that the needs of many clients do not stop at state lines, that geographic boundaries do not have the same significance as they did when individual states were first charged with regulating lawyers' conduct, and that the nature of communications, dispute resolution and delivery of legal services is changing rapidly.

Recommendations under study by the Task Force for potential implementation in Arizona include rules addressing under what circumstances MJP is appropriate, reciprocal discipline and interstate disciplinary enforcement mechanisms, and admission to the bar on motion under certain circumstances without the necessity of sitting for the bar examination.

How can I learn more?

Read the Bar's MJP Report and Recommendations and the American Bar Association's MJP Commission's Final Report on the State Bar's Web site at www.azbar.org.

How can the voices of members be heard?

Your Task Force continues to solicit your views on MJP. Please forward your comments to the attention of Carrie Sherman, State Bar of Arizona, 111 West Monroe, Suite 1800, Phoenix, Arizona 85003-1742, fax 602-271-4930, carrie.sherman@staff.azbar.org.

—*Steven A. Hirsch, Co-Chair*
—*Prof. Myles V. Lynk, Co-Chair*

new people, new places

Riley Carlock & Applewhite PA has announced that **Christopher A. Coury** has been named a shareholder in the firm. He is a member of the firm's litigation law practice and concentrates on civil litigation in state and federal courts.

Mia R. Brodsky has joined **Gust Rosenfeld PLC** in the firm's commercial section. She will focus her practice in complex commercial litigation, securities, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, professional malpractice, contract dispute and land use law.

Jorden & Bischoff PLC of Scottsdale has changed its name to **Jorden Bischoff McGuire & Rose PLC**, to honor new partners **Andrew McGuire** and **Jordan Rich Rose**. McGuire serves as the city attorney for the City of Avondale and Rose is a zoning

attorney and municipal lobbyist.

Donna M. Killoughey has joined **Barnes & Lassiter PC** as a member. The firm has changed its name to **Barnes Lassiter & Killoughey PLC**.

E.J. Peskind has opened a law office in the Scottsdale Airpark at 7047 E. Greenway Parkway, Suite 250. Peskind specializes in real estate litigation and transactions.

Gary R. Stickell has relocated his law office to 4041 N. Central Ave., Suite 1200,



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Phoenix, 602-266-2622.

Former Superior Court Commissioner/Judge Pro Tem **Leah Pallin-Hill** has opened an office for mediation and arbitration of all civil matters, including family disputes. Her office is at 2375 E. Camelback Road, Suite 500, Phoenix 85016, phone 602-387-5323. Before her appointment to the bench, she clerked for Supreme Court Justice Stanley Feldman and Court of Appeals Judge Eino Jacobson, and later worked at Gallagher & Kennedy.



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honors and awards

Dee-Dee Samet, former President of the State Bar of Arizona, recently was honored by various groups. She received the Advancing the Status of Women Award from the **Soroptimists of Southern Arizona** and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the **University of Arizona**. She also has been named Board Member of the Year by **Casa de lo Niños**, one of the nation's first crisis nurseries, and named one of the Women of 2002 Everyday Heroes by the **Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona**, an organization that helps girls and women overcome economic, social and political barriers.

Lindsay E. Jones, an associate with Jennings Strouss & Salmon PLC, has been elected to the board of **Play It by HEART, Inc.**, an organization that assists developmentally disabled adults and teens by providing quality experiences in the areas of arts and recreation.

Greenberg Traurig LLP has announced that **Jeffrey H. Wolf**, a shareholder in the litigation and employment departments of the Phoenix office, has been elected **vice-chairman of the board of directors of TERROS, Inc.**, a Phoenix-based non-profit behavioral health, prevention, education and treatment agency. The firm also announced that **Helen D. Shapiro** has been elected **chapter president of Arizona Commercial Real Estate Women**. Shapiro has represented institutional lenders, real estate developers and corporate clients.



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Douglas B. Levy of Douglas B. Levy PC in Tucson has been awarded the 2002 **Gary I. Sarver Young Man of the Year** award by the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona. The award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding leadership in the Jewish community.

Howard M. Shanker of the Phoenix office of Hagens Berman & Mitchell has accepted an invitation to serve on the **Environmental Justice Advisory Committee** of the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

David Bodney, managing partner of the Phoenix office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, has been named to the board of directors of the **Arizona Region of the Anti-Defamation League**. He will co-chair the body's development committee.

The *Business Journal* has named **Samuel A. Thumma**, a director of Brown & Bain PA, as



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one of the **Forty Under 40** leaders in Arizona. Thumma practices in litigation matters, emphasizing professional and product liability, business torts, antitrust and contracts.

Dori John of Quarles & Brady Streich Lang LLP has been selected to chair the **Employment Diversity Committee** for the **National Association of Law Placement**. John has also joined the **Maricopa County Bar Association** task force on recruitment and retention of women and minority attorneys.

William J. Maledon of Osborn Maledon has been named a **Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation**. The

Fellows is an honorary organization of practicing attorneys, judges and law teachers whose professional, public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession. ▀



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