



# BAR COMMUNITY

## NEWS FOR MEMBERS

# JOIN A STATE BAR COMMITTEE

Service on a State Bar committee exhibits leadership and a commitment to the highest values of the profession—and it allows you to interact with colleagues you might never meet otherwise. President-Elect Jimmie Smith will make committee assignments for the year June 2006 through May 2007. Please become involved and sign up now. Complete the form on the adjoining page and return it, along with your resume, to the State Bar no later than **March 17, 2006**. A list of the Bar's Committees is printed below. The terms and vacancies of these committees vary.

### APPOINTMENTS

Recommend to the Board of Governors the appointment of members to fill openings on statewide boards, committees and commissions (listed at the end of the standing committees). Achieve a "balance" in all appointments as they relate to each voluntary professional activity, i.e., age, gender, geography, ethnicity, area of practice. Notice of openings for these special appointments will be featured in *ARIZONA ATTORNEY, eLegal* and on the Bar's Web site as they become available. Additional notice is mailed directly to the local, county and specialty bars. For more information on **these appointments only**, contact Carrie Sherman at 602-340-7201.

### ARIZONA ATTORNEY EDITORIAL BOARD

The Board approves and edits the substantive articles for *ARIZONA ATTORNEY*.

### BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION AND ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

The Arizona Board of Legal Specialization recognizes attorneys in various areas of law who, because of experience, training and examination, are awarded certifi-

cates of special competence. Each area of certification has an advisory commission, which oversees the administration of its program and members. In 2005, there are vacancies on the Board of Legal Specialization and on the Commissions. Advisory Commissions are as follows: Bankruptcy, Criminal Law, Estate and Trust, Family Law, Injury and Wrongful Death, Real Estate Law, Tax Law and Workers' Compensation.

### CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS

Updates the Revised Arizona Jury Instructions (civil). Keeps the Civil RAJIs current, correct and concise.

### CIVIL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

Studies and makes recommendations on proposals and/or issues involving Rules of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Superior Court and local court Rules as submitted by the Bar or Bench. Initiates Rules or amendments as deemed necessary.

### COMMITTEE ON MINORITIES AND WOMEN IN THE LAW

Studies issues of concern to minority and women lawyers and develops programs to encourage the advancement of minorities and women in the law.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Works toward improving the image of attorneys and coordinating Bar-wide organizational communication efforts. Sponsors projects to improve lawyer/client relations, lawyer/media relations and public understanding of the law.

### CONSUMER PROTECTION

Provides consumer education programs and reviews other consumer

protection options in the legal services area.

### CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Provides advice and recommendations regarding seminar developments, the annual program curriculum, publications and alternative methods of delivering affordable, statewide CLE.

### CRIMINAL JURY INSTRUCTIONS

Updates the Revised Arizona Jury Instructions (criminal). Keeps the Criminal RAJIs current, correct and concise.

### CRIMINAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

Studies and makes recommendations on rule change proposals and/or issues involving the criminal rules.

### FEE ARBITRATION

Responsible for reviewing fee arbitration petitions and appoints fee arbitrators to hear cases and/or serve as arbitrators.

### LEGAL SERVICES

Studies and recommends ways to meet the legal needs of the poor and near-poor in Arizona.

### MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Provides advice and recommendations regarding the interpretation of the MCLE Rules and Regulations. Oversees the annual reporting, annual audit, suspension and reinstatement process regarding the MCLE requirements.

### MEMBER ASSISTANCE

A confidential program providing assistance to members and law students who have problems with alcoholism, drug addiction, mental health and other stress-related problems.

### MENTOR

Oversight committee for three Mentor Programs. The "telephone" program provides experienced attorneys as mentors to answer substantive and procedural questions and offers management ideas for less-experienced attorneys. The "one-to-one" program matches a mentor and an attorney in a similar geographic location and/or area of practice for a length of time not to exceed one year. The newest program is a project to have new lawyers mentor law students.

### PEER REVIEW

Committee members resolve professionalism complaints received by the Bar that do not evidence a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Members should be able to devote approximately five hours per month to the Committee. Applicants are needed throughout the state in all areas of practice. Applicants must be active members in good standing with the Bar who have practiced law or served in a judicial capacity for at least 10 years, demonstrate some experience in resolving ethical issues and have held Bar and/or community leadership positions. (Qualified volunteers urgently needed.)

### PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Provides resources for students and lawyers with disabilities and their employers; provides education on disability issues; studies accessibility of court facilities; coordinates with Mentor Committee.

### RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Provides both formal and informal written ethics opinions to assist members of the State Bar as well as telephone advice. Members should be able to attend approximately six meetings a year and research and



draft three to four written ethics opinions a year.

**SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE**

Addresses situations and problems regarding discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity and expression within the legal profession and the justice system.

**UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW COMMITTEE**

Reviews UPL inquiries and provides written, nonbonding advice on those issues.

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE—  
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Recommends members to serve on statewide/national boards, committees and commissions that have designated State Bar seats.

A separate application (602-340-7201) is required to serve on the following:

- ABA House of Delegates —
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education Board of Directors (lawyer members) —
  - Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct —
  - Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review —
  - Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness —
  - Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Examinations —
  - City of Glendale Judicial Selection Advisory Board —
  - City of Mesa Judicial Selection Advisory Board —
- City of Phoenix Municipal Court Judicial Selection Advisory Board —
  - City of Scottsdale Judicial Appointments Advisory Board —
  - City of Tempe Judicial Selection Advisory Board —
- Client Protection Fund Board of Trustees —
- Community Legal Services Board of Directors —
  - Conflict Case Committee —
  - DNA—People’s Legal Services, Inc. Board of Directors —
- Judicial Nominating Commissions (Commission on Appellate Court Appointments,
  - Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments,
  - Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments) —
- State Bar of Arizona Board of Governors (nonlawyer, public members) —
  - Town of Guadalupe Judicial selection Advisory Board —

**FILL OUT THE APPLICATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE. DEADLINE: MARCH 17, 2006**

**APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

Deadline: March 17, 2006

Complete this form online at <http://myazbar.org/SecComm/Committees/apptform.cfm>  
(or mail to the address at the bottom of this page)

*Please Note: This form is to be completed by persons wishing to be considered for appointment to a State Bar of Arizona Committee for the year June 2006 through May 2007.*



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY, USING BLACK INK.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney Number \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Agency/Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Office Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

In order to keep State Bar committees balanced, it is vitally important that you complete this portion of the application thoroughly.

Which of the following best describes your current occupation?

- Private practice
- Corporate law department
- CIVIL:  Plaintiff  Defense
- Publicly employed
- Non-governmental legal services organization
- CRIMINAL:  Prosecution  Defense

What is the size of your office?

- Solo Practitioner
- 2-10 lawyer office
- 11-35 lawyer office
- 35+ lawyer office

Fields in which you practice: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date admitted to the State Bar of Arizona: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time in practice: \_\_\_\_\_

I request appointment to the following Committees: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(in order of preference) 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently serving on the following SBA committees:

|           |                                |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| _____     | LENGTH OF SERVICE (YRS.) _____ |
| COMMITTEE |                                |
| _____     | LENGTH OF SERVICE (YRS.) _____ |
| COMMITTEE |                                |
| _____     | LENGTH OF SERVICE (YRS.) _____ |
| COMMITTEE |                                |

I have previously served on the following SBA committees:

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| _____     | DATES SERVED _____ |
| COMMITTEE |                    |
| _____     | DATES SERVED _____ |
| COMMITTEE |                    |
| _____     | DATES SERVED _____ |
| COMMITTEE |                    |

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE DATE

**CONFIDENTIAL**

In order to make appointments that will achieve diversity and broad representation on State Bar committees, we are giving you the opportunity to complete this portion of the Appointment Application. The following information is not required, and any decision not to complete this portion of the application will not adversely affect your chances for appointment.

Please indicate which one of the following categories used by the EEOC best describes you.

Your Age \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Asian  Native American or Alaskan Native

African American  Filipino  Hispanic

Origins in India subcontinents  Caucasian

If the above designations do not best describe you, please set forth the description you prefer:  
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\_\_\_\_\_

← Even if you choose not to complete this portion of the application, please date and sign this form.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR THIS FORM AND YOUR RESUME:

**Nedra Brown, Director, Sections and Committees, State Bar of Arizona, 4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85016-6288.**