District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
April 16, 2024

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

President Charles R. Lowery, Jr. called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending via Zoom teleconference.

The following members of the Board of Governors ("Board") were in attendance: President-Elect Shaun M. Snyder, Treasurer Alicia M. Long, Treasurer-Elect Mark A. Salzberg Immediate Past President Ellen M. Jakovic, Lukman S. Azeez, Karen A. Newton Cole, Patrick C. English, Brian K. Flowers, Elizabeth "Sally" Gere, Natalie M. Koss, June B. Kress, Roger Lu Phillips, Andrea Mangones, Steven R. Miller, Ramya Ravindran, Diane A. Seltzer, and Courtney L. Weiner.

Board members Rebecca F. Cady, Janene D. Jackson, Peggy Lansbach O' More, Lisa A. Lipsky, and Fatema K. Merchant were not in attendance.

D.C. Bar Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti and D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Kelli Neptune attended the meeting along with the following D.C. Bar staff: Chief Operating Officer Matthew Butler, Chief Financial Officer Margarita Lorenzetti, Chief Information Officer Caterina Luppi, Chief Programs Officer Darrin Sobin, Shoushu Chen, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla Freudenburg, Amy Hackett, Fleur Harris, LaTanya Hunter, Rhonda Jackson, Raymond List, Karen Lundy, Monica Page, Pamela Robinson, Delonte Rogers, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Other attendees included John Ingrassia, Chair of the Nominations Committee, and Paul Smith, ABA State Delegate.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Lowery presented the Consent Agenda to the Board which included draft minutes of the March 12, 2024 Board meeting.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tab 3.

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

CEO Spagnoletti presented his report and discussed the May 1 launch of license renewal along with the new D.C. Bar Lawyer Referral Service. He also noted that voting for the Board positions and D.C. Bar ABA House Delegates begins on April 29 and the Judicial Leadership Luncheon will be held on April 25.

D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Neptune reported that Mayor Bowser's proposed FY 25 budget significantly reduces funding for access to justice programs and could have a serious impact on the Pro Bono Center. President Lowery and Executive Director Neptune will testify before the Council of the District of Columbia to advocate for an increase in access to justice funding.

Chief Programs Officer Sobin and Immediate Past President Ellen Jakovic reported that the recent travel abroad program to Portugal was a success, offering attendees nine hours of continuing legal education credits.

Chief Programs Officer Sobin also reported that the 2024 Payton Leadership Academy begins this month.

See Tab 4.

Report on the 2024 American Bar Association ("ABA") Mid-Year Meeting
(Agenda Item 5)

Paul Smith, the D.C. State Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates reported on the ABA's new leadership, dues increase, and the ABA's Annual Meeting which will be held the first week of August in Chicago.

Report of the Nominations Committee
(Agenda Item 6)

John Ingrassia, Chair of the Nominations Committee ("Committee"), shared the process for selecting candidates for Board and ABA delegate positions. He presented the Committee's recommendation to appoint Mr. Gaffar Chowdhury as the non-voting member of the Board for a three-year term starting July 1, 2024.

The Board voted to approve the Committee's recommendation.

See Tab 6.

Budget Committee Report
(Agenda Item 7)

President-Elect Snyder, Chair of the Budget Committee, introduced the Budget Committee-approved D.C. Bar FY 2025 Budget for the Board's approval.

The Board voted to approve the Budget Committee's proposal.

See Tab 7.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)

President Lowery reported on the selection of Paul Geier as the recipient of the Bea Rosenberg award and John Brittain as the recipient of the Thurgood Marshall award. President Lowery encouraged Board participation in the Pro Bono Center's Advice and Referral Clinic on April 20, the Lawyers Have Heart run/walk event on May 18, the DMV Bar Presidents' Panel on

May 21, and the Presidents Reception honoring President-Elect Shaun Snyder and Celebration of Leadership on June 20.

Adjournment
(Agenda Item 9)

There being no further business, President Lowery adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Lu Phillips
Secretary