



## 2017 APPLICATION FORM SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA APPOINTMENT TO THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The State Bar of California is established for governmental purposes under the authority of the Constitution of the State of California at article VI, section 9. The State Bar acts as the administrative arm of the California Supreme Court in all matters related to attorney admission and discipline in California.

The Supreme Court of California is charged with appointing five members of the State Bar of California's Board of Trustees. Pursuant to Rule 9.90 of the California Rules of Court, the Supreme Court has created the State Bar Trustees Nominating Committee to solicit, receive, screen, and evaluate all applications for appointment or reappointment to the State Bar Board of Trustees and to make recommendations to the Supreme Court.

**The Supreme Court of California's State Bar Trustees Nominating Committee is seeking qualified candidates to serve on the State Bar Board of Trustees. For 2017, TWO (2) Trustee positions shall be appointed.**

Business and Professions Code § 6013.1(a), provides for appointments to the State Bar's Board of Trustees by the Supreme Court of California, and states that:

The Supreme Court shall appoint five attorney members of the board pursuant to a process that the Supreme Court may prescribe. These attorney members shall serve for a term of three years and may be appointed by the Supreme Court for one additional term only.

In addition, Business and Professions Code § 6013.1(d) states that:

When making appointments to the board, the Supreme Court should consider appointing attorneys that represent the following categories: legal services; small firm or solo practitioners; historically underrepresented groups, including consideration of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation; and legal academics. In making appointments to the board, the Supreme Court should also consider geographic distribution, years of practice, particularly attorneys who are within the first five years of practice or 36 years of age and under, and participation in voluntary local or state bar activities.

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### APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Application form with all questions completed.
- Executive resume or biography (5 pages maximum). **If a resume or biography exceeds 5 pages, only the first 5 pages will be considered during the appointment process.**
- Letters of recommendation (maximum two). A letter of recommendation is helpful but not required. If letters are being submitted, they **must** be submitted with the application. **If more than two letters are received, only the first two will be considered with the application.**
- References (maximum five). Please list a maximum of five (5) references that the Committee may contact if necessary. Please provide full contact information (name, address, phone, fax and email (required)) for each reference.
- Sign and date application, and follow the application filing instructions. Your application is confidential.
- If you submit an application electronically (e-mail or fax), please do not mail a hard copy.**

## **Overview of the Board of Trustees of the State Bar of California:**

The Board of Trustees of the State Bar is charged with the executive functions of the State Bar. Public protection is the highest priority for the board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. The Board meets approximately eight times a year to consider organizational, policy and professional issues.

Beginning in 2012, SB 163 (Stats. 2011, ch. 417) changed the governance structure of the State Bar. The State Bar's Board of Trustees consists of:

- Six lawyer members elected from State Bar Districts based on California's six appellate court districts;
- Five lawyer members appointed by the Supreme Court of California (who shall serve for a term of three-years and may be reappointed by the Supreme Court for one additional term only);
- Two lawyer members appointed by the Legislature: one by the Senate Committee on Rules and one by the Speaker of the Assembly; and
- Six "public" or non-lawyer members of whom four are appointed by California's Governor, one by the state Senate Committee on Rules and one by the Speaker of the Assembly;

The 2016-2017 board includes: 6 lawyers elected by members of the State Bar in the State Bar Districts described above; 3 "public" or non-lawyer members as described above; 5 lawyer members appointed by the Supreme Court of California; 1 lawyer member appointed by the Senate Rules Committee; 1 lawyer member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly; including the State Bar president, who is elected by the other board members. These members along with the current vacancies of 3 additional public members constitute the 19 seats of the 2016-2017 board year.

## **APPLICATION FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- **Attach your application, resume, and letter(s) of recommendation in the following order:**
  - 1) Application form, signed and dated.
  - 2) Resume or biography (5 pages maximum).
  - 3) Letter(s) of recommendation (maximum two)
- **Resume/Biography:** Your resume or biography may include any of the following: business, occupational or professional licenses; legal and general educational background; academic, professional or civic honors; articles or publications authored (**do not attach copies**); accomplishments of note; proven commitment to volunteer work/capacity to make expected time commitment; national, state and/or local bar committee service, professional and/or community association memberships, personal and/or organizational references.
- **Letters of Recommendations (maximum two):** A letter of recommendation is helpful but not required. If letters are being submitted, they **must** be submitted with the application.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**

**MAIL OR DELIVER APPLICATION TO (if submit electronically, do not mail hard copy):**

Supreme Court Trustees Nominating Committee  
c/o Executive Director's Office  
The State Bar of California  
180 Howard Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639  
E-mail: [tnccae@calbar.ca.gov](mailto:tnccae@calbar.ca.gov)  
Fax: (415) 538-2305

**Applications must be received by the established deadline, and must be signed and dated.** Signatures may be via pen or via official digital signature, such as through Adobe Pro, but typed "/s/" signatures will not be accepted. Applications may be submitted via mail, e-mail or fax.



**SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**2017 APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO STATE BAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Instructions.** Fill in on your computer using the fillable text boxes, or complete by hand using a pen with dark ink or by typewriter. Print a copy of the completed application. Date and sign the application. Attach: (1) resume or biography (five page maximum), and (2) any letters of recommendation (maximum two). Do not submit copies of books, articles or certificates with your application. Follow filing instructions at the beginning of this form. **If the space provided is not sufficient for your response, type "See Attached" and attach a separate page.**

**NAME:**

**STATE BAR NUMBER:**

**AN APPLICANT MUST BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE BAR AND MAINTAIN HIS OR HER PRINCIPAL OFFICE FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAW WITHIN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**

**DATE ADMITTED TO STATE BAR:**

**EMPLOYER / FIRM / AGENCY:**

**ADDRESS:**

**CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE:**

**DAYTIME PHONE:**

**FAX NUMBER:**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

My e-mail is public

My e-mail is private

**WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOUR OCCUPATION? (check one; specify if requested)**

- Private practice
- Publicly employed lawyer
- Corporate law department
- Law teaching
- Quasi-judicial officer

- Non-governmental legal services organization
- Non-profit organization
- Retired justice or judge
- Retired lawyer
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT IS THE SIZE OF YOUR OFFICE? (check one)**

- Sole practitioner
- 2-10 lawyer office
- 11-35 lawyer office

- 36-100 lawyer office
- 101+ lawyer office
- Not applicable

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**OTHER JURISDICTIONS.** List other jurisdictions to which you have been admitted to practice (if any):

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**TIME IN PRACTICE.** State the length of time you have been engaged in active practice:

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**FIELDS OF LAW.** List the fields in which you practice or the areas in which you teach:

**CERTIFIED SPECIALTIES.** List the fields in which you are a certified specialist:

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**VOLUNTEER SERVICE.** List and describe prior volunteer/public service with the State Bar, local or specialty bar associations, community or other organizations. Please focus on those activities that provide experience that helped to prepare you for a position on the Board of Trustees, including service on any committees or any offices held:

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**STATE BAR SECTIONS.** List the State Bar sections of which you are or have been a member.

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**DISCIPLINE RECORD.** List any formal disciplinary charges filed against you by the State Bar of California, and include the disposition of such charges and any public record of discipline.

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**STATEMENT OF INTEREST.** Please state why you are applying for appointment to the Board of Trustees and what it is about your background that makes you a good candidate for the position. Include in your response, the strengths you will bring to the Board in its role in overseeing the State Bar and in protecting the public.

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**ROLE OF THE BAR.** What do you see as the mission of the State Bar and the Board of Trustees?

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**ROLE OF THE TRUSTEE.** As a State Bar Trustee, you are a public official under the law. As a public official, you have a fiduciary responsibility. If appointed as a Trustee, what constituencies do you believe the State Bar must serve and what are its obligations?

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**PRESENT/FUTURE CHALLENGES.** What significant present or future challenges do you believe are facing the State Bar, and what, if anything, should the Board do to address them?

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**COMMUNICATION/LEADERSHIP SKILLS.** Please describe the communication skills and leadership abilities that you possess that will lend to the activities of the Board.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.** Is there any additional information about yourself that you would like to share with us?

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**Applicants are requested, but not required,** to provide the following information. If you wish to self-identify as a member of a community or to describe your background, please complete the following:

**Gender:**      Male  
                   Female

**Ethnicity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sexual Orientation** (e.g., do you self-identify as a member of the gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender community):

**Other Diversity Factor(s):**

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**SIGNATURE:** Sign and date your application.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signatures may be via pen or official digital signature; typed "/s/" signatures will not be accepted.) (m/d/yy)

I, the above-named applicant, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that I am an active member of the State Bar of California and that my principal office for the practice of law is maintained in California.

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