



**Board of Governors Action Items
January 27 & 28, 2011**

Voted to publish an amendment to Bar Rule 43 permitting lawyers working exclusively for nonprofit agencies approved by the Board to practice law without being admitted to the Alaska Bar Association.

Voted to adopt the ethics opinion: "Must a Lawyer Provide the Original File to a Former Client on Request, Rather than a Copy?"

Voted to adopt the ethics opinion: "Propriety of Communication with an Employee of a Corporate or Government Entity by a Lawyer Engaged in Litigation Against that Entity."

Voted to reimburse, from the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, \$2,500 to a client in a LFCP matter.

Discussed contracting with a law firm to collect from attorneys the outstanding Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection fees that have been awarded to clients, and wanted to clarify the costs.

Voted to recommend 13 reciprocity applicants for admission.

Voted to approve additional accommodations for a bar exam applicant with special testing accommodations.

Voted to submit Douglas Mertz's name to the governor for appointment to the Judicial Conduct Commission to fill the remaining one year of the term of Tom Nave following his resignation upon his appointment to the bench.

Voted to approve adding a juvenile delinquency panel on the Lawyer Referral Service.

Voted to have the MCLE Subcommittee review the MCLE rule and report to the Board at the May meeting.

Voted to appoint Gregory Fisher as Bar Rag editor.

Voted to postpone further discussion of Administrative Rule 12(e) until the May meeting.

Adopted the findings of the Area Hearing Committee's report in the disciplinary matter of Andrew Kurzmann, recommending a suspension of four years with conditions for reinstatement; and requested Bar Counsel to come back to the Board with the request for attorney fees and costs.

Met with two members of the Lawyers Assistance Committee and reviewed the goals and objectives from the committee's retreat.

Approved the stipulation in the matter of Attorney X, which calls for a public censure by the Alaska Supreme Court, a stayed suspension of six months and payment of \$1,000 in costs and attorney fees.

Approved the minutes of the October 2010 Board meeting.

Referred a matter to Bar Counsel to investigate disability proceedings under Bar Rule 30.

Discussed a proposed amendment to Bar Rule 43, which would provide for a voluntary paralegal registration program and asked for further information.

Appointed an awards subcommittee: Jason Weiner, Hanna Sebold and Mike Moberly.

Heard a report from the mentoring subcommittee about trying a pilot program in the fall.