

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL MEETING
(PUBLIC PORTION)
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
OCTOBER 9, 2009

The Chair, Honorable Anne Dranginis of Litchfield called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). Present were Richard Banbury, Susan Boyan, Kevin C. Connors, Mary Driscoll, Honorable C. Ian McLachlan, David A. Moraghan, Irving H. Perlmutter, Denise Martino Phelan, Alix Simonetti, Matthew Wax-Krell and Michael Whelton. The Chair welcomed the newest member of the committee, Karen Karpie of Bridgeport. Present by invitation were Howard E. Emond, Jr., Deputy Director, Attorney Services, Kathleen B. Wood, Administrative Director, and Jessica F. Kallipolites, Assistant Administrative Director. Also present was Joseph J. DelCiampo, Counsel, Legal Services.

The Chair announced that 817 applicants had taken the July 2009 Bar examination and that the pass rate for this examination was eighty (80%) percent. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mrs. Phelan, it was voted unanimously to deem those 654 applicants who had obtained a passing score of 264 as having passed the July 2009 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously to deem those 163 applicants who had failed to obtain a passing score of 264 as having failed to pass the July 2009 Connecticut bar examination. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Justice McLachlan, it was voted unanimously that those 436 applicants who had obtained a passing score on the July 2009 Connecticut bar examination and who had complied with the rules and regulations governing admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut be recommended to the judges of the Superior Court for admission to the bar. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Wax-Krell, it was voted unanimously that those 188 applicants who had obtained a passing grade of 264 on the July 2009 Connecticut bar examination, but whose applications were incomplete or contained other technical defects, be recommended to the judges of the Superior Court for admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut upon remedying the defects, unless further examination was required pursuant to Article VI of the regulations of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee. Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously that the 30 applicants who had obtained a passing grade on the July 2009 Connecticut bar examination, but whose applications disclosed issues concerning good character or fitness, be reviewed further pursuant to Article VI of the regulations of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee.

Upon completion of the announcement of the bar examination results as noted by the Committee, Mr. DelCiampo left the meeting. Upon motion of Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by the Chair, the meeting was recessed from 10:10 a.m. (EDT) to 10:15 a.m. (EDT), at which time Ms. Wood notified the Judicial Branch to post the bar examination results on the Committee's website.

The Chair then reported on the internal audit of the financial affairs of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee. There were some minor shortcomings disclosed by the audit which have since been remedied.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2009 without amendment or correction (Mr. Banbury abstaining).

The Treasurer delivered the financial reports for the last quarter of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and the annual report for the entire Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Mr. Wax-Krell, it was voted unanimously to accept and approve the financial report for the last quarter of Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to accept and approve the annual financial report for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Banbury, seconded by Justice McLachlan, the following persons were unanimously elected to serve as officers of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee in the office preceding their names from November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2010 or until their successors were elected.

Chair:	Hon. Ann Dranginis (retired)
Vice-Chair:	Michael Whelton
Treasurer:	Denise Martino Phelan
Secretary:	Irving H. Perlmutter

The Committee discussed adoption of a rule concerning the admission to the practice of law in Connecticut of attorneys admitted to practice in other non-reciprocal jurisdictions but who were practicing law in Connecticut as employees of governmental agencies or branches. The administrative staff had distributed to the members a copy of the present rule in Massachusetts. There appeared to be a consensus as to the need for further examination of the issue. Upon motion made by Justice McLachlan, seconded by Mr. Whelton, it was voted unanimously to table further consideration of this issue until the next meeting to permit members to consider the issues raised by such a rule change.

The Administrative Director delivered a report as to the issue of due diligence concerning the suitability of non-approved law schools under the existing regulations of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee. She requested an extension until November 9, 2009 to present further information concerning the schools being evaluated.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wax-Krell, seconded by Mr. Connors, it was voted unanimously to adopt the draft regulation prepared by the administrative staff designated as Article VI-14 and to entitle this article “Cheating and Other Dishonest Conduct” when the same is printed in the Regulations.

Upon motion duly made by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at 11:14 a.m. (EDT) and to reconvene in the non-public portion of the meeting. The administrative staff was invited to remain in attendance at the non-public session of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING H. PERLMUTTER
Secretary