

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
TASK FORCE ON THE REVIEW OF) Administrative Order
THE ROLE AND GOVERNANCE) No. 2014 - 79
STRUCTURE OF THE STATE)
BAR OF ARIZONA)

The Arizona Supreme Court regulates the practice of law in Arizona. Under the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, the State Bar of Arizona is created as an integrated bar, generally requiring lawyers to be members of the State Bar of Arizona as a condition for practicing law within the State. The integrated State Bar is intended to regulate the legal profession to protect the public. Given the changes that have occurred in the legal services environment, the growth in Bar membership, and the demands placed on the State Bar, it is time to review the Bar’s mission and governance structure to ensure that they continue to best serve the public interest.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED establishing the Task Force on the Review of the Role and Governance Structure of the State Bar of Arizona, as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The Task Force shall examine the Rules of the Supreme Court on the mission and governance structure of the State Bar of Arizona, and will make recommendations to the Court for changes, if needed, including but not limited to these areas:

- a) Does the mission of the State Bar need to be clarified or modified?
- b) Is the governance structure adequate to efficiently and effectively govern and carry out the duties of the Board?
- c) Are Supreme Court Rules in the following areas related to Board structure and governance duties adequate to best serve the Board’s primary mission of protecting the public?
 - i. Qualifications for membership on the Board of Governors;
 - ii. Appointment, election and removal of members of the Board of Governors;
 - iii. Term limits for members of the Board of Governors;

- iv. Election process;
- v. Board of Governors size and composition; and
- vi. State Bar leadership structure and composition.

2. **Membership.** The membership is attached as Appendix A. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as needed or desired.

3. **Meetings:** The Task Force shall meet as necessary, and meetings may be scheduled, cancelled, or moved at the direction of the Task Force Chair. All meetings shall comply with the public meeting policy of the Arizona Judicial Branch, Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202. Meetings may include the conduct of public hearings to acquire input from members of the public and the Bar.

4. **Task Force Findings and Recommendations.** The Task Force shall file findings and recommendations with the Supreme Court of Arizona, to include any proposed rule changes, by September 1, 2015.

5. **Administrative Support.** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide administrative support and staff for the Task Force. The State Bar of Arizona will provide additional support as required, particularly in the areas of communication with the public and members of the Bar, and administrative support related to public hearings.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2014.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice

Appendix A

**TASK FORCE ON THE REVIEW OF THE ROLE AND STRUCTURE OF THE STATE
BAR OF ARIZONA**

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