



Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Location: State Courts Building
 Conference Room 109/ZOOM
 1501 West Washington Street
 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS STRUCTURES COMMITTEE

Zoom Meeting Video Recording: [ZOOM ABS Meeting 11/12/2024](#) Passcode: M9x?D?v3

For any item listed on the agenda, the Board may vote to go into Executive Session for advice of counsel (under ACJA Sec. 1-202(C)(5)(c)) or for discussion or consideration of records or matters made confidential or privileged by statute, court rule, or the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (under ACJA Sec. 1-202(C)(5)(b))

Note: Vote counts reflect ayes-nays-not voting-recused

Member Attendance	In Person	Zoom	Absent
Hon. Anni Hill Foster (Chair)	X		
Hon. Charles Harrington (Vice Chair) (Retired)			X
Katie Bryant		X	
Steve German		X	
John Hay	X		
Andy Kvesic	X		
Lynda Shely	X		
Martin Shultz			X
Mike Widener	X		
Tracy Ward			X
Patrick Barnes	X		

Staff	Guest	Guest	Guest	Guest
Aaron Nash	Amy Fowler	Jessica Bednarz	Fredric Litwiniuk	Blanca Duenas
Marquita Brazil	Barry Mitchell	Katie Giel	Sebastian Westerly	Ryan Holzer
Ryan Lincoln	Carl Engstrand	Patricia Sallen	Steven Jones	Evan Bortz
Daisy Cambron-Perez	Chris Wagner	Pauly Singh	Curtis Strand	Neil Peretz
Lindsey Bailey	Colleen Joyce	Rebecca Givens	Carl Jekel	Rhianna
Lisa Hauser	Dan Mishin	Rebecca Setlow	Carolina Johnson	Cecilia Dubravec
	David iVisa	William Vacek	Gerald Gorman	Rachel Ventress
	David Rubenstein	Harold Dawson	Anna Grozdanov	Anthony Millin
	Gary Gonzales	Lucian Pera	Ashley Lee	Mark Reinhart
	Dustin Ruge	Red Rock Securities Law	Paul Soberon	Rebekah Browder
	Jamie Herman	Grant iPhone	Helen Tokar	Jeremy Hirshberg
	Jason M, Brown	Jared Colcord	Brad Denton	Sean Coleman
	Jeremy Deutsch	Laura Ruhl	Ryan Hurley	Sean Kelly
	Grant Frazier	Ted Ashton	Briar Siljander	Laura Ruhl

1) *Call To Order*.....*Hon. Anni Hill Foster (Chair)*

2) **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**..... **Hon. Anni Hill Foster (Chair)**

2-A: *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding approval of changes to the regular session minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2024.*

Motion Proposals: First: Andy Kvesic
Second: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass 8-0-3-0

3) **Initial License Applications****Division Staff**

3-A: *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding application for initial licensure as an alternative business structure for the following applicants with the following conditions:*

- i. *ABSs compliance lawyer shall conduct semi-annual audits to review the firm’s compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rule 33.1, ACJA § 7-209, and its internal policies and procedures and at the completion of each audit prepare and retain a written report of the findings.*
- ii. *Pursuant to Rule 33.1, upon the Committee’s determination of whether to recommend licensure, the application and the Committee’s determination shall be forwarded to the Supreme Court for review and further action.*

1. iVisa Legal, LLC

.....**Marquita Brazil**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure approval: First: Andy Kvesic

Second: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass 8-0-3-0

At 9:34 a.m.: Zoom audio and video were lost in the room and were restored at 9:46 a.m.

2. Manifest Legal Services, LLC

..... **Marquita Brazil**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure approval: First: John Hay

Second: Mike Widener

Recused: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass 7-0-3-1

3. The Auto Injury Firm, PLLC

.....**Marquita Brazil**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure approval: First: Andy Kvesic

Second: Patrick Barnes

Recused: Lynda Shely
Pass/Fail: Pass 7-0-3-1

4. LITCO ABS Inc.

.....**Ryan Lincoln**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure approval: First: Lynda Shely

Second: John Hay

Recused: Andy Kvesic
Pass/Fail: Pass 7-0-3-1

5. Sterling Shield Legal, LLC

.....**Ryan Lincoln**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure approval: First: John Hay

Second: Mike Widener

Opposed: Katie Bryant
Steve German
Hon. Anni Hill Foster

Pass/Fail: Pass 5-3-3-0

6. Access Justice Group, LLC

.....**Ryan Lincoln**

Motion to accept the Division's recommendation for licensure approval: First: Lynda Shely
Second: Andy Kvesic

Opposed: Mike Widener
John Hay
Steve German

Pass/Fail: Pass 5-3-3-0

4) Renewal License ApplicationsDaisy Cambron-Perez

4-A: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding application for renewal licensure as an alternative business structure for the following applicants:

1. Bay Point Legal Partners, PLLC - Licensure Period November 2024- November 2026

Motion to accept the Division's recommendation for licensure renewal: First: Mike Widener
Second: Andy Kvesic

Recused: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass 7-0-3-1

2. Big Auto - Accident Attorneys- Licensure Period August 2024- August 2026

Motion to accept the Division's recommendation for licensure renewal: First: John Hay
Second: Mike Widener

Recused: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass 7-0-3-1

3. G Law Services, LLC - Licensure Period August 2024- August 2026

Motion to accept the Division's recommendation for licensure renewal: First: Patrick Barnes

Second: Andy Kvesic

Recused: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass 7-0-3-1

- 4. National Mass Tort and Class Action Law firm (NMTCAL) – Licensure Period November 2024 – November 2026

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure renewal: First: John Hay

Second: Andy Kvesic

Recused: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass 7-0-3-1

- 5. Arete Financial Solutions, LLC – Licensure Period April 2024- April 2025

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure renewal: First: John Hay

Second: Mike Widener

Pass/Fail: Pass 8-0-3-0

- 6. Bar Pilot, LLC – Licensure Period November 2024 - November 2026

.....**Marquita Brazil**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure renewal: First: Patrick Barnes

Second: John Hay

Recused: Andy Kvesic
Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass 6-0-3-2

5) Licensee UpdatesLindsey Bailey

Access meeting recording linked above for more information.

5-A: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding application for an impending Merger for:

1. First Law, LLC- Merger with Law Leaders (Informational)

5-B: *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding application for a change in Compliance Lawyer, and Authorized Person Entity for:*

- 1. Esquire Law, LLC (Informational)
- 2. Ethic Alliance Legal Group, LLC (Informational)
- 3. Bay Point Legal Partners, PLLC (Informational)

6) Administrative Items Division Staff

..... **Marquita Brazil**

Access meeting recording linked above for more information.

6-A: *Update on Alternative Business Structures Program and Legal Service Innovations Program:*

6-B: *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Taskforce Updates.*

6-C: *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding working groups to address regulatory tasks, including:*

Audits; Chair – Andy Kvesic

Data gathering; Chair – Judge Anni Hill Foster.

ACJA changes; Chair –Suzanne Porter.

Application changes; Chair –Lynda Shely.

Training for nonlawyers and other applicants; Chair – Andy Halaby

Action item: All workgroup members to review materials and bring comments and recommendations to the December meeting for discussion and action.

7) Division Updates.....Division Staff

7-A: *Division updates:*

Division staff noted that current ACJA 7-209(F)(2) language: “Renewal applications must be submitted within 90 days before the expiration date to allow sufficient time for processing the renewal application” is intended to convey that a complete renewal application must be provided to the Division as early as 90 days before the ABS’s expiration date and as late as the day before expiration.

8) Call to the Public.....Hon. Anni Hill-Foster (Chair)

No comments were made.

Adjournment..... Hon. Anni Hill Foster (Chair)

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm

**Motion to
adjourn:**

First: John Hay

Second: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass

8-0-3-0