



Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Location: State Courts Building

Conference Room 109/ZOOM
 1501 West Washington Street
 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS STRUCTURES COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

**Zoom Meeting Video Recording: [April 8, 2025, Committee Meeting First Half](#)
[April 8, 2025, Committee Meeting Second Half](#)**

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		
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
Marquita Brazil	Adam	Allen R.	Avi Goldenberg	Brian Durocher
Ryan Lincoln	Carl Engstrand	Carlos Felipe Olave	Carrie	Isaac
Daisy Cambron-Perez	Dan Fudge	Jeremy Hirshberg	Andy Halaby	Katie Giel
	Krista Greff	Lance K, Brubater	Landmark, LLC	Laura Ruhl
	Louis Kachulis	Lucian Pera	Michael Plagge	Nicole Rosen
	Patricia Sallen	Rachel Rose Grace-Dean		
	Reid Potter	Red Rocket Securitas Law	Ricky Latimer	Ryan Hurtley
	Suzanne Porter	Tim Edstrom	Leonard Sominsky	D. Wright
	Carson Brienza	Paul D. Friedman	Evan Bortz	Lindsey Rice
	Gary Press	Howard Dvorkin	Gabriela Garcia	Garrett Ordower
Unknown	Roxanna Patterson	Brad Denton	Leah Martin	Centurion Law

SBS	Taylor Bell	Michelle Rodd	Spencer Fane	Open Law Group
	Nathan Sumelch	Neil Peretz	Enumero Law	BvelenJues LLP
1480****781	Jim Orders	American Advocates	Brad Denton	Laura Gersony
1480*****107	Irma Davenport			

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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 adopting the regular session recording and written minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2025*

Steve German not present during vote

Motion Proposals:	First:	John Hay
	Second:	Lynda Shely
Pass/Fail: Pass	7-0-2-0	

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.*
- iii. *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.*

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Steve German entered at 9:07 A.M. and was counted for voting.

1. The American Advocate, LLC

.....**Ryan Lincoln**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure approval:	First:	Mike Widener
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Pass/Fail: Pass	Second:	Patrick Barnes
	8-0-1-0	

2. Centurion Law, LLC

..... Marquita Brazil
Motion to accept the Division's recommendation for licensure approval:

First: Andy Kvesic
Second: Lynda Shely
8-0-1-0

Pass/Fail: Pass

3. UA Law Group, PLLC

..... **Ryan Lincoln**
Motion to accept the Division's recommendation for licensure approval:

First: John Hay
Second: Andy Kvesic
7-1-1-0

Pass/Fail: Pass

4. BLS Law, LLC

..... Marquita Brazil
Motion to accept the Division's recommendation for licensure approval:

First: Andy Kvesic
Second: John Hay
Lynda Shely Tracy Ward
Recused:
Pass/Fail: Pass 6-0-1-2

5. J.O. Law Group, LLC

.....**Ryan Lincoln**
Motion to accept the Division's recommendation for licensure approval:

First: Lynda Shely
Second: Mike Widener
Andy Kvesic
Recused:
Pass/Fail: Pass 7-0-1-1

6. Enumero Law, Inc.

..... **Marquita Brazil**
Motion to accept the Division's recommendation

First: John Hay

Pass/Fail: Pass 8-0-1-0

11. Inmigracion Al Dia AZ, PLLC

..... Ryan Lincoln

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

Second: Lynda Shely
Pass/Fail: Pass 8-0-1-0

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:

Access meeting recording linked above for more information.

- 1. Red Rock Securities Law, Inc- Licensure Period November 2024- November 2026

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure renewal: First: Mike Widener

Second: John Hay
Pass/Fail: Pass 7-1-1-0

5) Licensee Updates Division Staff

Access meeting recording linked above for more information.

5-A: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding application for a change in Compliance Lawyer for:

- 1. Axiom Advice & Counsel, LLC change in Compliance Lawyer from Lynda Shely to Reid Potter*

Motion to enter executive session for discussion or consideration of records or matters made confidential or privileged by statute, court rule, or the Arizona First: Judge Anni Hill Foster

Code of Judicial Administration.

Second: Mike Widener

Recused:

Lynda Shely
Tracy Ward

Pass/Fail: Pass 6-0-1-2

Entered Executive Session 12:12 pm

Returned from Executive Session 12:16 pm

Motion to approve the compliance lawyer change to allow the ABS to wind down operations to essentially surrender their license:

First: Judge Anni Hill Foster

Recused:

Second: Mike Widener

Lynda Shely
Tracy Ward
Andy Kvesic

Pass/Fail: Pass 5-0-1-3

5-B: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding surrender of licensure for: (Informational)

1. Consumer Defense Partners, LLC, request to voluntarily surrender its ABS license.

6) Administrative Items Division Staff

Access meeting recording linked above for more information.

View time stamp 12:21 pm

6-A: Update on Alternative Business Structures Program

ABS APPLICATION Aging Report (March)		
Age (Months)	Number of Applications	Percentage of total (%)
0-3 Months	9	37.5
4-6 Months	6	25.0
7-9 Months	7	29.2
10 months-1 year	2	8.3
Total	24	100

Not Started **6** | Request for Information **1** | Investigation in Progress **6** | Presented for Committee Vote **11**

ABS APPLICATION Aging Report (February)		
Age (Months)	Number of Applications	Percentage of total (%)
0-3 Months	7	25.0
4-6 Months	13	46.4
7-9 Months	8	28.6
10 months-1 year	0	0.0
Total	28	100

Not Started **2** | Request for Information **3** | Investigation in Progress **16** | Presented for Committee Vote **7**

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

- Compliance 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.

6-C: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding AOC-directed proposed changes to ACJA 7-209

Motion to defer proposed ACJA changes to the Sub-Committee. First: Judge Anni Hill Foster
 Second: John Hay
Pass/Fail: Pass 8-0-1-0

7) **Division Updates.....Division Staff**

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

No comments were made.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 P.M.

Motion to adjourn:	First:	John Hay
Pass/Fail: Pass	Second:	Judge Anni Hill Foster
	8-0-1-0	

Next ABS Committee Meeting Scheduled for May 13, 2025