



Location: Conference room 109

Date: Tuesday, December 9th, 2025

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Arizona Supreme Court
1501 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The public may attend the meeting virtually or in-person.

**COMMITTEE ON ALTERNATIVE
BUSINESS STRUCTURES**
Meeting Agenda

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting Video Recording: [December 9th, 2025 Committee Meeting](#)

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Note: Vote counts reflect Ayes-Nays-Abstain-Recused-Absent

Member Attendance	In Person	Zoom	Absent
Hon. Anni Hill Foster (Chair)	X		
Hon. Michael Catlett (Vice Chair)	X		
Andy Kvesic	X		
Lynda Shely	X		
Steve German		X	
John Hay	X		
Mike Widener	X		
Patrick Barnes	X		
Taylor Bell	X		

Staff	Guest	Guest	Guest	Guest
Abigail Raddatz	David Majchrzak	Legal Team Jessica Clark Group	Sara Merken	Derek
Marquita Brazil	Parisa Gorg	Evan Bortz	Sean O'Hara	Jessica's iPhone (2)
Ryan Lincoln	Ted Ashton	Helena Cavalcanti	Shellie Gibson	Rebecca Setlow
Daisy Cambron-Perez	Jared Colcord	Jack Ablon	Stephanie Long	Daniel Levinson
Sarah Wille	Rich Cruz	Jeff Moskowitz	Trish Arias	Mark Ziebold
	Tiffani Dix	Jessica Bednarz, IAALS	Vanessa Noel	Fireflies.ai Notetaker
Unknown	Ryan Holzer	Katie Giel	Rebecca	Isabelle (2)
iPhone 6	Brian Morgan	Lawfty - Todd Richeimer	NPreston	Colleen Joyce
1920****052	Ali Azarvan	Leigh Bernstein	Laura Ruhl	Dennis Astill
Guest	Anand Matthew	Lucian Pera	Scott Griffiths	Isabelle Colombo
	Casey OG	Mark Sullivan	Rhianna	
	Dave Johnson	Whitney Cunningham	Andrew Seaton	
	David	Reid Potter	Shawn Aiken	

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

Start time: 9:01 AM

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 November 18, 2025.

2-B: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding adopting an amendment to the October 14, 2025, minutes to reflect a change to a motion.

Motion to amend the October 14, 2025, minutes and to accept the November 18, 2025 minutes:

First: Taylor Bell

Second: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass

8-0-0-0-1

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

Limited Response to Call to The Public..... *Hon. Anni Hill Foster (Chair)*

Individual members of the Committee may take one or more of the following actions: (a) respond to criticism made in Public Comment; (b) ask staff to review a matter raised in public comment; or (c) ask that a matter raised in public comment be put on a future agenda. **NOTE: Neither the Committee as a whole nor Staff are permitted to discuss a matter raised in public comment and the Committee is not permitted to vote on a matter raised during an open call to the public unless the matter was otherwise properly noticed on the meeting agenda for discussion and legal action.**

Note: Public comments may be subject to limitations at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

4) Initial License Applications.....*Division Staff*

4-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. The ABS’s compliance lawyer shall conduct semi-annual audits to review the firm’s internal policies and procedures to ensure compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rule 33.1, ACJA § 7-209, and at the completion of each audit, prepare and retain a written report of the findings.
- ii. The ABS shall operate in a manner consistent with the representations it has made as part of its ABS application and any supplements thereto.
- 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.

Steve German joined meeting via Zoom at 9:24 AM

1. GFH Law, PLLC **Ryan Lincoln**

Motion to approve licensure after informal interview with applicant.

First:

Mike Widener

Second: Taylor Bell
 Opposed: Hon. Anni Hill Foster, Hon. Michael Catlett, Andy Kvesic, Steve German, Lynda Shely, Patrick Barnes, and John Hay

Pass/Fail: Fail 2-7-0-0-0

Discussion: Committee members raised concerns regarding the Compliance Lawyer’s level of experience managing a law firm and the applicant’s transition into personal injury work, including client acquisition, advertising, and reliance on co-counsel. Opposing members cited ACJA § 7-209(G)(3)(a)(6) and § 7-209(E)(2)(e)(2) as their reason for recommending denial of licensure.

2. Family Office Advisory, LLC.....**Ryan Lincoln**

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

Second: Mike Widener

Recused: Patrick Barnes

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

3. Summit National Law Group, LLC.....**Marquita Brazil**

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

Second: Andy Kvesic

Opposed: John Hay & Steve German

7-2-0-0-0

Discussion: Members John Hay and Steve German opposed the recommendation, with Hay citing ACJA § 7-209(E)(1)(a) and expressing concern regarding the majority nonlawyer ownership and operation of the ABS, and German stating that the entity did not appear to function as an Arizona-centric or traditional law firm that would advance the purpose of the ABS program.

5) Renewal License Applications.....Division Staff

5-A: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding application for renewal licensure as an Alternative Business Structure for the following applicants:

Note: On August 29, 2024, the Court issued Administrative Order 2024-175 (AO), extending the ABS renewal period from one year to two years. Licensees who received initial approval in August 2024 or earlier had the option to renew under the original one-year schedule. Emails were sent to these licensees, informing them of the new AO and the change in their renewal period. Licensees approved after August 2024 received a notification letter from the Division indicating their two-year renewal date.

Note: On June 24, 2025, the Court issued Administrative Order 2025-138 (AO), adopting a new fee schedule, which reflects annual payments for license holders. For existing license holders this fee will be due at the end of their current renewal term.

1. Law Leaders, LLC (formerly First Law, LLC) – Licensure Period March 2025 to March 2027
 **Daisy Cambron-Perez**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure renewal.	First:	John Hay
	Second:	Patrick Barnes
	Opposed:	Steve German
Pass/Fail: Pass		8-1-0-0-0

Discussion: Committee member Steve German opposed the recommendation, stating that the ABS appeared to facilitate the practice of law rather than operate as a law firm providing legal services.

2. Eos Law, LLC – Licensure Period November 2024 to November 2026
 **Daisy Cambron-Perez**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure renewal.	First:	Mike Widener
	Second:	Taylor Bell
	Recused:	Lynda Shely
Pass/Fail: Pass		8-0-0-1-0

3. NextPoint Law Group, LLC – Licensure Period April 2025 to April 2027
 **Sarah Wille**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure renewal.	First:	Taylor Bell
	Second:	John Hay
	Opposed:	Lynda Shely
Pass/Fail: Pass		8-0-0-1-0

4. Lawfty Legal, PLLC – Licensure Period June 2025 to June 2027
 **Sarah Wille**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure renewal. First: Mike Widener
 Second: Andy Kvesic
 Recused: Lynda Shely
Pass/Fail: Pass 8-0-0-1-0

5. LegalSifter Law, LLC – Licensure Period August 2025 to August 2027

.....**Sarah Wille**

Motion to recommend denial of licensure renewal. First: Taylor Bell
 Second: Mike Widener
 Recused: Andy Kvesic
Pass/Fail: Pass 7-0-0-1-1

Discussion: (See 2:12:30) The Committee asked about the Division’s contact with the license holder and the status of efforts to retain a Compliance Lawyer. Division staff reported that the license holder stated they are not currently providing legal services but are still searching for a Compliance Lawyer; however, Committee members expressed concern that the license holder’s website suggests it is operating as an active ABS law firm and noted the extended period without a Compliance Lawyer pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 31.1(a)(1) and ACJA 7-209(G)(3)(a)(1) as their reasons for recommending denial.

6. Arizona Immigration & Legal Services (dba AILS Law Group) – Licensure Period June 2025 to June 2027

.....**Daisy Cambron-Perez**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure renewal: First: John Hay
 Second: Lynda Shely
 Recused: Andy Kvesic
Pass/Fail: Pass 8-0-0-1-0

Break: 10:27 AM to 10:39 AM

6) Licensee Updates.....Division Staff

Under ACJA 7-209(D)(5)(b)(1)(c), the Committee must examine applications for the addition of an Authorized Person (individual or entity) and change of Compliance Lawyer after initial licensure and grant or deny the addition or change.

6-A: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding application for a change in Designated Principal, Compliance Lawyer, Authorized Person, or Authorized Person Entity for:

1. Elysium Legal-AZ, LLC – Authorized Person Update to Brian W. Morgan.
**Daisy Cambron-Perez**

Motion to accept the Division's recommendation to accept the authorized person update. First: Andy Kvesic
Second: Lynda Shely
Pass/Fail: Pass 9-0-0-0-0

2. The Auto Injury Firm, PLLC – Authorized Person Update to Dr. Matthew Luxenberg.
.....**Daisy Cambron-Perez**

Motion to approve the Division's recommendation to accept the authorized person update. First: Mike Widener
Second: John Hay
Pass/Fail: Pass 9-0-0-0-0

3. Premier Injury Law Groups, LLC – Change of Compliance Lawyer to Richard Cruz.
.....**Ryan Lincoln**

Motion to approve the Division's recommendation to accept the compliance lawyer update. First: Lynda Shely
Second: Mike Widener
Pass/Fail: Pass 9-0-0-0-0

Lynda Shely left meeting at 11:20 AM

4. Fidelity Legal, LLC – Change of Ownership.
.....**Ryan Lincoln**

Motion to accept the Division's recommendation to approve the change in ownership. First: Taylor Bell
Second: Patrick Barnes
Pass/Fail: Pass 8-0-0-0-1

5. WesternTrust Law, LLC – Change of Authorized Person and Designated Principal from Ryan Stuart to David G. Johnson.

.....**Ryan Lincoln**
Motion to approve the Division's recommendation to accept the authorized person and designated principal update. First: John Hay

Pass/Fail: Pass

Second: Mike Widener
8-0-0-0-1

Discussion: Division staff noted that the agenda initially reflected a Change of Authorized Person and Designated Principal from David G. Johnson to Ryan Stuart; however, it was clarified that the correct change is from Ryan Stuart to David G. Johnson.

- 6. Aspey, Watkins, & Diesel Attorneys at Law, PLLC – Name change to Aspey, Watkins & Diesel, PLLC.

.....**Daisy Cambron-Perez**

Motion to approve the Division’s recommendation to accept the name change.

First: Mike Widener

Second: Patrick Barnes

Pass/Fail: Pass

8-0-0-0-1

- 7. LegalSifter Law, LLC – Operating without a Compliance Lawyer.

.....**Ryan Lincoln**

The Committee addressed the licensee update regarding the absence of a Compliance Lawyer during discussion of the licensee’s renewal. The update was considered as part of the renewal review and did not require a separate motion. See Section 5, Item 5.

7) Administrative Items.....Division Staff

7-A: Update on Alternative Business Structures Program

December ABS INITIAL APPLICATION Aging Report			
Includes applications presented today			
Age (Months)	Number of Applications	Percentage of total (%)	
0-3 Months	35	55.6	
4-6 Months	14	22.2	
7-9 Months	9	14.3	
10 months-1 year	5	7.9	
Total	63	100	
Status Breakdown			
Not Started	On Hold (Pending more info)	Applications in Progress (no payment & completed app received)	Investigation in Progress
26	4	17	16
Licenses Voluntarily Surrendered			
4			
Renewal Applications Received by Division			
43			
Applications Withdrawn			
12			
Applications Abandoned			
5			

November ABS INITIAL APPLICATION Aging Report			
Includes applications presented today			
Age (Months)	Number of Applications	Percentage of total (%)	
0-3 Months	23	52.3	
4-6 Months	11	25.0	
7-9 Months	6	13.6	
10 months-1 year	4	9.1	
Total	44	100	
Status Breakdown			
Not Started	On Hold (Pending more info)	Applications in Progress (no payment & completed app received)	Investigation in Progress
28	1	17	15
Licenses Voluntarily Surrendered			
4			
Renewal Applications Received by Division			
43			
Applications Withdrawn			
5			

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

Compliance Audits;

Data gathering;

ACJA changes;

Application changes; and

Training for nonlawyers and other applicants.

7-C: Update on State Bar of Arizona Reporting

- The Division will present the State Bar Report at the January meeting as their Q4 ends on December 31, 2025

8) Division Updates.....Division Staff

8-A: Division Updates

- The Division and Legal are working together to provide new and existing Committee members with training and best practices. The date of this training will be January 13, 2026.
- The recording of the new application process has been provided to the Committee to review. The Division will request feedback regarding changes at a date to be announced.

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

Motion to adjourn meeting:	First:	Mike Widener
	Second:	Andy Kvesic
Pass/Fail: Pass	8-0-0-0-1	

Meeting adjourned 11:43 AM

Next ABS Committee Meeting Scheduled for January 13, 2026