



Location: Conference room 109
Date: Tuesday, November 18th, 2025
Time: 9:00 A.M.

Arizona Supreme Court
 1501 West Washington Street
 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

**COMMITTEE ON ALTERNATIVE
 BUSINESS STRUCTURES**
 Meeting Agenda

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

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting Video Recording: [November 18th, 2025 Committee Meeting](#)

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-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
Abby Raddatz	Patricia H. Sallen	Laura Ruhl's iPhone	Priscilla	Dan M
Marquita Brazil	Brendan Franks	Reid Potter	Vanessa Noel	Lynn Walsh
Ryan Lincoln	Michael Cordova	Greg Harris	David	Jeff Donnon
Daisy Cambron-Perez	Bimal Merchant	Andrew Seaton	Stephanie Long	Talya Levi
Sarah Wille	Trish Arias	Anthony Volpe	Derek	AG
Diane DeDea	Raghu Suram	Ben Gruen	SBS	Sara Merken
	Andy Haywood	Brad Denton	Ian Friedman	Dan Mishin
Unknown	Gene Murphy	jaketuimauluga	Scott	Yida
1480****107	Kercsmar & O'Hara	Jessica Bednarz, IAALS	Carl Engstrand	Katie Giel
1623****178	Scott Griffiths	Mark Olson	Louis Kachulis	Lucian Pera
Guest	Michael Bernard	Sean O'Hara	Carson Brienza	Mark Sullivan
iPhone	Shellie Gibson	Katie's iPhone	Carly Whiteside	
	Leigh Bernstein	Avi	Auggie Gomez	

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

Start time 9:00 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 October 14, 2025.

Motion to accept the October 14, 2025, minutes: First: Andy Kvesic
Second: Lynda Shely
Pass/Fail: Pass 7-0-0-0-2

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.

Public comment: Brendan Franks from AZ Law Now, LLC shared a success story about how his ABS was able to provide greater access to justice.

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.

1. Law Max Group, LLC **Ryan Lincoln**

Motion to approve licensure after informal interview with applicant. First: Lynda Shely
Second: Patrick Barnes

Opposed: John Hay

Pass/Fail: Pass

6-1-0-0-2

Discussion: The Committee discussed and clarified supplemental information provided by the applicant. John Hay opposed on the basis of applicant not meeting the purposes listed under § 7-209 (E)(1)(a).

2. SiliconPath, PLLC **Marquita Brazil**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure approval.

First: John Hay

Second: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass

7-0-0-0-2

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

Deferred to upcoming meeting to allow applicant to amend application.

No motion necessary

Discussion: The Committee raised questions about the applicant’s experience in personal injury law, despite their application not reflecting the update in their area of practice. Division staff noted a change in their recommendation, as the initial recommendation was based off the applicant’s experience in corporate and litigation services.

4. NxGen Law, Inc..... **Marquita Brazil**

Motion to accept the Presiding Disciplinary Judge’s recommendation to deny licensure.

First: Taylor Bell

Second: John Hay

Recused: Lynda Shely

Discussion: Anthony Volpe restated their request to withdraw the application. The Committee Chair clarified that withdrawal was no longer an option for the applicant.

Amended motion to adopt the Presiding Disciplinary Judge’s recommendation to deny licensure and to supplement the recommendation with new

First: Taylor Bell

**information provided by
the Division.**

Second: John Hay
Recused: Lynda Shely
Pass/Fail: Pass 6-0-0-1-2

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. Wall and Olson, LLC – Licensure Period September 2024 to September 2026
..... **Daisy Cambron-Perez**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure renewal. First: Lynda Shely
Second: John Hay
Pass/Fail: Pass 7-0-0-0-2

2. AZ Law Now, LLC – Licensure Period June 2025 to June 2027
..... **Sarah Wille**

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for licensure renewal. First: John Hay
Second: Patrick Barnes
Recused: Lynda Shely
Pass/Fail: Pass 6-0-0-1-2

3. LegalSifter Law, LLC – Licensure Period August 2025 to August 2027
..... **Marquita Brazil**

Deferred to upcoming meeting to allow Committee to speak with representative. No motion necessary

Recused: Andy Kvesic

- 4. Eos Law, LLC – Licensure Period November 2024 to November 2026

..... Sarah Wille

Deferred to upcoming meeting to allow Committee to review new information from applicant. No motion necessary

Recused: Lynda Shely

- 5. McRae Management Services, LLC & All Access Advocates, LLC

.....Daisy Cambron-Perez

Motion to accept the Division’s recommendation for both licensure renewals:

First: Lynda Shely

Second: Patrick Barnes

Pass/Fail: Pass

7-0-0-0-2

- 6. Sunridge Law Group, LLC – Licensure Period December 2024 to December 2026

.....Daisy Cambron-Perez

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

First: Hon. Anni Hill Foster

Second: Hon. Michael Catlett

Recused: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass

6-0-0-1-2

- 7. Copper Wren Law, LLC – Licensure Period January 2025 to January 2027

.....Daisy Cambron-Perez

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

First: John Hay

Second: Patrick Barnes

Recused: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass

6-0-0-1-2

Break: 10:23 AM to 10:33 AM

5-B: Reinstatement of Licensure

- 1. Motion Law, LLC – Request to reinstate licensure

.....Marquita Brazil

Motion to accept the Division's recommendation for licensure reinstatement:

First: Taylor Bell

Second: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass

7-0-0-0-2

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. Manifest Legal Services, LLC – Adding authorized person entities First Round Capital IX, LP and Quiet Venture III, LP & adding DBA, “Manifest Law”.

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

Motion to accept the Division's recommendation to approve all updates:

First: Taylor Bell

Second: Patrick Barnes

Recused: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass

6-0-0-1-2

2. Corporate Immigration Attorneys, LLC – Request to voluntarily surrender license.

.....**Ryan Lincoln**

Motion to accept the Division's recommendation to accept the request to surrender license.

First: Patrick Barnes

Second: Lynda Shely

Pass/Fail: Pass

7-0-0-0-2

3. LegalSifter Law, LLC – Operating without a Compliance Lawyer.

.....**Marquita Brazil**

Deferred to upcoming meeting to allow Committee to speak with representative. No motion necessary

7) Administrative Items.....Division Staff

7-A: Update on Alternative Business Structures Program

Discussion: The Committee requested that Division staff begin including monthly program statistics, along with renewal and licensee update data, in future meeting materials. The Committee also asked that a

Salesforce video walkthrough be added to the Committee’s resources. In addition, the Committee recommended temporarily removing the updated application from the Program Page until the approved edits have been implemented in Salesforce- making the online portal the option to submit new initial applications.

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

7-D: Legal advice regarding California legislation banning sharing fees with ABSs and affect, if any, on Arizona ABS program.

8) Division Updates.....Division Staff

8-A: Division Updates

Discussion:

1. Proposed ACJA changes have been posted for public comment. Public comment will close November 30, 2025.

2. *The Division reminded applicants to regularly consult the program webpage for the most current information and updates. The Division will no longer accept paper applications. The Division also reported that technical issues with the prior online portal contributed to a backlog of initial applications, resulting in an updated average processing time of approximately 7–9 months. Additionally, the program’s resource page has been updated to include the Compliance Resource Guide.*

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

Motion to adjourn meeting:	First:	John Hay
	Second:	Lynda Shely
Pass/Fail: Pass	7-0-0-0-2	

Meeting adjourned 11:10 AM

Next ABS Committee Meeting Scheduled for December 9, 2025