STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 2, 2015
Conference Call

Members Participating
Robert J. Kauffman, President-elect; Rita A. Sheffey, Treasurer; Charles L. Ruffin, Immediate Past President; Darrell L. Sutton, YLD Immediate Past President; Elizabeth Louise Fite; Kenneth B. Hodges, III; Phyllis Holmen; David S. Lipscomb; Brian D. Rogers and Nicki Vaughn.

Members Absent:
Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, President; Patrick T. O’Connor, Secretary; V. Sharon Edenfield, YLD President; and John R.B. Long, YLD President-elect.

Guest Participating:
Rusty Sewell.

Staff Participating
Sharon Bryant, Chief Operating Officer; Jeff Davis, Executive Director; Paula Frederick, General Counsel; and Thomas Worthy, Director of Governmental Affairs.

Proposed Legislation
The Executive Committee took the following action on proposed legislation after obtaining the required 2/3rd vote of the members by email approving the specially called Executive Committee meeting since the Board of Governors will not be meeting until March 28, 2015:

1. By unanimous voice vote, found the subject matters of HB 361 and HB 328 to be within the legitimate purposes of the Bar; and

2. By unanimous voice vote supported HB 361 (juvenile justice reform reviser bill); and

3. By unanimous voice vote opposed the following amendments in substitute HB 328 (changes to the Public Defenders Standards Council):

   1) The elimination of O.C.G.A. 17-12-23(b) (requiring a public defender's office to provide services to a criminal defendant within 3 business days of the person being jailed); and

   2) The elimination of O.C.G.A. 17-12-23(c) (requiring each Circuit Public Defender (CPD) to establish a juvenile division to specialize in the defense of juveniles); and

   3) The elimination of O.C.G.A. 17-12-5(c) (2) (permitting the GPDSC director the ability to "enforce" or "require compliance with" rules, procedures, minimum standards, etc.); and

   4) The elimination O.C.G.A. 17-12-24(c) (requiring CPDs to keep certain caseload records and stats); and

   5) The elimination of the current statutory requirement that a governing authority shall tell the PD "within one business day of [a criminal defendant's] application for [indigent defense] services" O.C.G.A. 17-12-80(c).
Adjournment
There being no further business the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

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Patrise M. Perkins-Hooker, President

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Patrick T. O’Connor, Secretary