

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Thursday, December 14, 2011
State Bar Building/Atlanta, GA**

Members Present:

Kenneth L. Shigley, President; Robin Frazer Clark, President-elect; Charles L. Ruffin, Treasurer; Patrise Perkins-Hooker, Secretary; S. Lester Tate, III, Immediate Past President; Stephanie J. Kirijan, YLD President; Jonathan B. Pannell, YLD President-elect; Michael G. Geoffroy, YLD Immediate Past President; Phyllis J. Holmen; Robert J. Kauffman; David S. Lipscomb; Brian D. Rogers; and Rita A. Sheffey, and N. Harvey Weitz (by phone).

Staff Participating:

Cliff Brashier, Executive Director; Sharon L. Bryant, Chief Operating Officer; Paula Frederick, General Counsel; and Bob McCormack, Deputy General Counsel.

Consent Agenda

President Shigley presented the Consent Agenda.

- 1) Previous Executive Committee Minutes of November 17, 2011
- 2) Future Meetings Schedule (Current Version)

The Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the above items on the Consent Agenda.

State Bar Bylaws - Article 1, Section 4. Failure to Register

Following a report by Bob McCormack on proposed amendments to Article 1, Section 4. Failure to Register, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, tabled the issue until the next Executive Committee meeting.

Health Law Section Bylaws

Following a report by Bob McCormack, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved recommending to the Board of Governors the proposed amendments (Exhibit A) to the Health Law Section's Bylaws.

Family Law Section Bylaws

Following a report by Bob McCormack, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved recommending to the Board of Governors the proposed amendments (Exhibit B) to the Family Law Section's Bylaws.

Member's Bar Numbers for Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP)

Following a request by Phyllis Holmen to obtain the Bar numbers of the GLSP's donors so that the GLSP can more easily update its donor list with address changes, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved the request.

President's Report

President Shigley reviewed the Midyear Meeting Board of Governors agenda.

Committee Updates

President Shigley and the Executive Committee Liaisons provided various committee reports. President Shigley announced that he has asked Treasurer Buck Ruffin and Secretary Patrise Perkins-Hooker to be the Executive Committee liaisons on the Multimodal Passenger Terminal project, which is to be located in the “gulch” area behind the State Bar Building between Forsyth Street and Centennial Olympic Park Drive.

YLD Report

YLD President Stephanie Kirijan provided an update on the activities of the YLD. She reported that the YLD has successfully raised the money to secure the YLD Presidents Boardroom and is continuing its fundraising efforts for the YLD Presidents picture wall. The Appellate Admissions Committee conducted the mass-swearing-in ceremony on November 2, 2011. The Juvenile Law Committee is conducting a toy drive to outfit the play rooms in the juvenile courts. The Women in the Profession Committee co-sponsored a speed networking breakfast with The Atlanta Bar Association, and hosted an annual holiday tea featuring guest speaker Chief Judge Julie E. Carnes, U.S. District Court for the Northern District. The Law-Related Education Committee is working on a Constitution Day project for 5th graders. She announced that the participants have been selected for the 2012 Leadership Academy, and that the Public Interest Committee is working on raising funds for next summer’s PIIP program. She invited the Executive Committee to join the YLD for the Signature Fundraiser on January 7, 2012.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Ruffin provided a report on the State Bar’s finances and investments, and the Executive Committee received the Income Statement by Department for the four months ended October 31, 2011. The Executive Committee also received a copy of the 2012-13 Budget Timetable and Budget Request memos.

Georgia Legal Services Program

The Executive Committee received a copy of a *Daily Report* article concerning a possible major funding cut to the Legal Services Corporation’s 2012 funding that will adversely affect both the GLSP and the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Phyllis Holmen reported on recent poverty statistics around Georgia.

Military Legal Assistance Program

The Executive Committee received a copy of the Military Legal Assistance Program’s status report to the Board of Governors of December 7, 2011.

Office of General Counsel

The Executive Committee received a written report of the Report on Matters Handled Administratively by the Office of General Counsel for the month of November 2011, and a Year to Date Report on Lawyer Regulation for the months of May through November 2011.

Advisory Committee on Legislation

The Executive Committee received a copy of the minutes of the November 29, 2011, meeting of the Advisory Committee on Legislation.

Old Business

YLD Immediate Past President Michael Geoffroy provided a report on the Professional Liability Section’s proposed statute of limitations for attorneys/CPA malpractice that failed to get enough votes for approval at the Advisory Committee on Legislation’s meeting on November 29, 2011.

New Business

There was no new business.

Executive Session

The Executive Committee met in Executive Session.

Moving out of Executive Session, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved retaining the services of Jim Collins, as a legislative lobbyist for the 2012 General Session, for a fee of \$40,000 to be paid from the Legislative and Public Advocacy Fund.

Adjournment

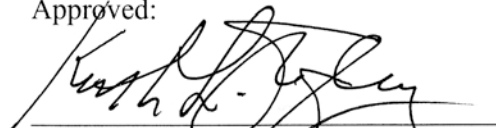
There being no further business, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned.

Court of Appeals Luncheon

The Executive Committee met with the Court of Appeals at a joint luncheon.


Patrie M. Perkins-Hooker, Secretary

Approved:


Kenneth L. Shigley, President