

**Minutes of the Meeting
Legal Specialization Screening Committee
December 12, 2013**

On Thursday, December 12, 2013, the Legal Specialization Screening Committee met in the Judicial Branch, Legal Services Conference Room at 100 Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut, from approximately 2:00 p.m. to approximately 2:35 p.m.

Members in attendance were:
Attorney Jeffrey N. Low, Vice-Chair
Attorney Francis J. Brady
Attorney Rosemarie Paine
Attorney Robert F. Dwyer, Jr.

Also in attendance was Attorney Denise K. Poncini, Counsel, Legal Services, Judicial Branch.

Members not present were:
Attorney Salvatore C. DePiano, Chair

1. The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2013, and unanimously approved those minutes. The Committee inquired as to whether the minutes of the meeting held on October 4, 2011 were ever approved. Counsel for the Committee will investigate this.
2. The Committee considered the application of the National Board of Legal Specialty Certification for renewal of its authority to certify lawyers as specialists in the field of civil trial practice law. After consideration, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the National Board of Legal Specialty Certification (NBLSC) be approved for recertification as a certifier in the specialty area of Civil Trial Practice, pursuant to its application dated October 15, 2013, because in the opinion of the Committee, it meets all of the criteria in the rules and as developed by the Committee to evaluate whether entities should be approved as certifiers, subject to the condition that, if approved, the applicant shall be required to notify promptly the Legal Specialization Screening Committee of any material changes in its methodology for certifying lawyers as specialists during the term of its approval.
3. The Committee considered the application of the National Board of Legal Specialty Certification for renewal of its authority to certify lawyers as specialists in the field of criminal law. After consideration, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the National Board of Legal Specialty Certification (NBLSC) be approved for recertification as a certifier in the specialty area of criminal law, pursuant to its application dated October 15, 2013, because in the opinion of the Committee, it meets all of the criteria in the rules and as developed by the Committee to evaluate whether

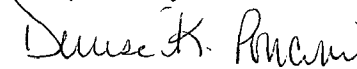
entities should be approved as certifiers, subject to the condition that, if approved, the applicant shall be required to notify promptly the Legal Specialization Screening Committee of any material changes in its methodology for certifying lawyers as specialists during the term of its approval.

4. The Committee considered the application of the National Board of Legal Specialty Certification for authority to certify lawyers as specialists in the field of family and matrimonial law. After consideration, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the National Board of Legal Specialty Certification (NBLSC) be approved for certification as a certifier in the specialty area of family and matrimonial law, pursuant to its application dated October 15, 2013, because in the opinion of the Committee, it meets all of the criteria in the rules and as developed by the Committee to evaluate whether entities should be approved as certifiers, subject to the condition that, if approved, the applicant shall be required to notify promptly the Legal Specialization Screening Committee of any material changes in its methodology for certifying lawyers as specialists during the term of its approval.

5. The Committee discussed whether to permit the electronic submission of applications. The Committee asked Counsel to draft proposed changes for the consideration of the Committee to Practice Book Rules and to the Regulations and other materials of the LSSC to permit the electronic submission of applications.

6. The Committee asked Counsel to draft an additional application question for new applications and recertification applications which seeks to determine whether the applicant has had an application rejected in another state or had a certification revoked or suspended in another state, and the reason for this. Also, the Committee wishes to elicit a list of states where the applicant is approved. Counsel will draft proposed additional application questions for the consideration of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise K. Poncini
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