

**District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
December 9, 2025**

**Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)**

President Sadina Montani called the meeting to order.

The following members of the Board of Governors (“Board”) attended the meeting: President-Elect Diane A. Seltzer, Treasurer Joshua L. Mogil, Treasurer-Elect Amanda C. Molina, Immediate Past President Shaun M. Snyder, Lukman S. Azeez (remote), Leila S. Bham, Gaffar Chowdhury, Karen A. Newton Cole, Anthony J. Coppolino, Shirley Diaz (remote), Francis Dong, Patrick C. English (remote), Natalie M. Koss, Andrea Mangones, Ramya Ravindran, DeAndra Roache (remote), Secretary Bennett Rushkoff, Stephen A. Saltzburg, Mark A. Salzberg (remote), Belinda Edwards Taylor (remote), and Courtney L. Weiner (remote).

Board member Louis Lopez did not attend the meeting.

The meeting was also attended by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Robert J. Spagnoletti, Pro Bono Center Executive Director Kelli Neptune, Chief Operating Officer Matthew Butler, Chief Financial Officer Margarita Lorenzetti, General Counsel Erum Mirza, Chief Programs Officer Darrin Sobin, and Hope Todd, Director, Legal Ethics (remote). Additional D.C. Bar/Pro Bono Center staff attended but did not speak during the meeting.

Hilary P. Gerzhoy, Chair of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee, attended remotely, and Austin A.B. Ownbey, Chair of the Communities Committee, attended in person.

**President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)**

President Montani reported on the voluntary bar reception (held November 19, 2025), upcoming events, the Payton Leadership Academy, the work of the Nominations Committee, and recent Bar engagement with the international legal community.

**Consent Agenda – Draft Minutes
(Agenda Item 3)**

President Montani presented to the Board the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Secretary's draft minutes of the Board's meeting on October 28, 2025.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tab 3.

**Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 4)**

Treasurer Mogil presented the Treasurer's Report, summarizing the Bar's financial results for the first quarter of FY 2026 (ending September 30, 2025).

See Tab 4.

**CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)**

CEO Spagnoletti presented the CEO Report, highlighting the Bar's Tax Conference scheduled for January 7-8, 2026, the annual survey being conducted by the Judicial Evaluation Committee, the Bar staff's holiday party, the 2025 Fall New Member Reception, and the leasing of space in the Bar's headquarters building. At CEO Spagnoletti's request, Chief Programs Officer Sobin reported on the 2025 CLE Abroad trip to Ireland and the 2026 CLE Abroad trip to Morocco.

See Tab 5.

**Annual Report of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee
(Agenda Item 6)**

Committee Chair Gerzhoy, with Hope Todd, Director, Legal Ethics, presented the Annual Report of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee, highlighting (i) the status of proposed rule amendments that the Committee forwarded to the D.C. Court of Appeals, (ii) the rule (and comment) amendments that were approved by the Court of Appeals and went into effect in May and September 2025, (iii) a proposed rule amendment that was not approved by the Court of Appeals, and (iv) recommended rule amendments that the Committee plans to forward to the Board.

See Tab 6.

**Annual Report of the Communities Committee
(Agenda Item 7)**

Committee Chair Ownbey presented the Community Committee's Annual Report regarding the programs and events that the Bar's Communities Office supported during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. He highlighted the Annual Youth Law Fair, the D.C. Cup Moot Court Competition, the Tax Conference, the new Lawyer Well-Being Community, outreach to law students, support for federal attorneys, recruitment of new members, and upcoming events.

See Tab 7.

**Nominations to the D.C. Access to Justice Commission
(Agenda Item 8)**

President Montani presented a draft letter, to be sent on the Bar's behalf by CEO Spagnoletti to the D.C. Court of Appeals, recommending four candidates for the Bar's two seats on the D.C. Access to Justice Commission (AJC) and expressing a preference for two of the recommended candidates.

The Board approved President Montani's recommendations, which included Kelli Neptune, Gwendolyn Washington, Paul Lee, and Kelly Voss for the Bar's two seats on the AJC, with Ms. Neptune and Mr. Lee as the preferred appointees.

See Tab 8.

**Report of the Screening Committee
(Agenda Item 9)**

Committee Chair Coppolino presented the Screening Committee's recommendations for (i) four appointments to the Neighborhood Legal Services Program Board of Directors, (ii) an appointment to the D.C. Judicial Nominations Commission, and (iii) an appointment to the D.C. Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure.

See Tab 9.

**Executive Session
(Agenda Item 10)**

The Board moved into Executive Session.

Report of the Screening Committee (resumed)

The Board approved the appointments of Maryann Hatcher, Roderick Thompson, Paula Scott, and Cheryl Ziegler to the Neighborhood Legal Services Program Board of Directors.

The Board approved the reappointment of Vincent Cohen to the D.C. Judicial Nominations Commission.

The Board approved the appointment of Lloyd Liu to the D.C. Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure.

**Adjournment
(Agenda Item 11)**

There being no further business, President Montani adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bennett Rushkoff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Bennett Rushkoff
Secretary