



## Supreme Court of California

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### **SENT VIA USPS AND EMAIL**

Leah Wilson, Executive Director  
State Bar of California  
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### **RE: Selection of State Bar Court Judges and Board of Trustees**

Dear Ms. Wilson:

At present, California Rules of Court, rules 9.11 and 9.90, establish independent committees that review the qualifications of candidates and present recommendations to the court regarding its appointments to the State Bar Court and State Bar Board of Trustees. To better achieve the goal of selecting independent and unbiased candidates, the court directs the State Bar to consider and draft amendments to rules 9.11 and 9.90 that would require the committees established by those rules to identify and assess each candidate's actual and potential conflicts of interest. At a minimum, these amendments should: (1) require candidates to disclose financial and nonfinancial interests that might affect, or might be affected by, the candidate's service in the State Bar office in question; (2) require candidates to provide a list of attorneys whom the candidate would identify as creating a conflict in any future service with the State Bar; and (3) require the committees to review this information and evaluate whether it might disqualify a candidate or reduce a candidate's rating.

The court further requests that these new amendments be put forth on an expedited basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Navarrete", written over a blue horizontal line.

JORGE E. NAVARRETE  
Clerk and  
Executive Officer of the Supreme Court

cc: Ruben Duran, Chair, State Bar Board of Trustees  
Brandon Stallings, Vice-Chair State Bar Board of Trustees