



THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL
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Subject: State Bar of California Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (COPRAC)
Appointment Vacancies for the 2014-2015 Committee Year

Dear Bar Leader:

We need your help in our outreach effort to fill upcoming vacancies for the State Bar Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct ("COPRAC"). Please help by encouraging qualified applicants involved with your group to apply to COPRAC. A broad diversity in COPRAC's membership is vital to its effectiveness.

COPRAC is the committee responsible for drafting the State Bar's formal ethics opinions as well as advising the State Bar Board of Trustees on issues affecting attorney professional responsibility, including the consideration of amendments to the California Rules of Professional Conduct.

COPRAC consists of a chair, vice chair, thirteen voting members (including two non-lawyer members) and a non-voting special advisor who is the immediate past chair. While prior experience in legal ethics issues is highly valued by the committee, such background is not essential. Some COPRAC members have come to the committee with little experience in the field of legal ethics and have developed a knowledge of the subject through their COPRAC work. The members who have prior experience typically have an in-depth understanding of the Rules of Professional Conduct and familiarity with ethics issues that include criminal and civil conflicts of interest, lawyer advocacy and speech, lawyer marketing and solicitation, lawyer fees, trust accounts, confidentiality and competency just to name a few areas. In contrast, the non-lawyer public member positions on COPRAC provide an opportunity to have a client perspective represented on the Committee.

COPRAC meets approximately 9-10 days each year, typically on a Friday, including 1 or 2 two-day meetings held on a Friday and Saturday, usually at a State Bar office location, alternating between Los Angeles and San Francisco. In addition, meeting preparation is likely to require a total of 5-10 days each year allocated amongst the various one or two-day meetings. Despite the hard work involved, most members find the work of COPRAC very interesting and satisfying.

Please solicit applicants from your area. A copy of the 2014-2015 State Bar appointment application can be found by double-clicking on the attachment "2014-15 State Bar Appointment Application-Word Fill-in" located in the attachments panel and is also available on-line from the Bar's website at <http://cc.calbar.ca.gov>. The form is a fillable Microsoft Word document.

The deadline for submission of applications is February 3, 2014. If you have questions about COPRAC or the appointment application process, please feel free to call me at (415) 538-2172 or Lauren McCurdy at (415) 538-2107.

Thank you for assisting us with this outreach effort.

Very truly yours,

Andrew Tuft, Staff Counsel
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cc: Wendy Chang, Chair