

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM: January 2016 – O-103

DATE: January 21, 2016

TO: Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Gayle Murphy, Senior Director, Admissions

SUBJECT: **Posthumous Recognition of Deceased Applicant's Bar Admission Accomplishments**

BACKGROUND

Attorney Philip Shapiro has written on behalf of a deceased applicant's family asking whether the Committee of Bar Examiners (Committee) might be able to provide a certificate attesting to the applicant's passage of the bar examination.

DISCUSSION

According to Mr. Levy, the applicant died shortly after the bar examination was administered and prior to finding out that he had passed the bar examination. The applicant not only passed the bar examination, but met all other requirements for admission and his name was placed on a motion to the Supreme Court certifying that he had met all requirements for admission to practice law in California.

While it has been some time since a request for posthumous recognition (as compared to admission) has been received, the Committee has considered similar requests in the past and granted them.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee acknowledge the achievements of this applicant who passed away before taking the attorney's oath of office and direct that a certificate be prepared and forwarded to the attorney who had written on the family's behalf.

PROPOSED MOTION:

If the Committee agrees with this recommendation, the following motion is suggested:

Move that the request from Philip A Shapiro, attorney, who had written on behalf of a deceased applicant's family, be received and filed; that the request for posthumous recognition of the applicant's passage of the California Bar Examination be granted; and that a certificate attesting to

the applicant's accomplishments relative to meeting the requirements for admission to practice law in California, which were confirmed by inclusion of his name on a motion to the Supreme Court of California, be prepared and forwarded to Mr. Shapiro.