

**Discipline System Oversight Committee**

State Bar of Arizona  
4201 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

August 13, 2024  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Location: State Bar of  
Arizona

**Public Session  
Minutes**

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

P = present in person; T = present telephonically; A = absent; Z = present Zoom

Justice Montgomery (Chair)	P
Mr. Dave Byers	P
Mr. Joel F. England	P
Mr. Ted Schmidt	Z
Mr. Cortez Smith	Z
Ms. Robyn Austin	Z
Mr. Benjamin Taylor	P

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

**Guests:**

**State Bar Staff:** Maret Vessella, Amy Rehm, Lori Palmer

**Minutes taken by:** Lori Palmer

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Welcome: 1:03 p.m.
2. Call to the Public: No public joined.
3. Minutes approved from 5.31.24.
4. Update on Independent Bar Counsel cases.  
There are 4 or 5 cases left with 2 to 3 pending litigation in their home state. A hearing has been set for September in the home state. The remaining cases are all *pro hac vice*

attorneys. There was a brief discussion and how a complaint goes to the Independent Bar Counsel and whether a complaint signed off by one of the Board of Governors has to go to the Independent Bar Counsel. The Board of Governors has no role in the discipline process and the standing rule is that if the Board of Governors signs a complaint it goes to the Independent Bar Counsel. The Independent Bar Counsel has 6 or 7 conflict cases at this time.

5. Executive Session: Review final report on perception survey and discuss how information should be shared with the membership and recommendations for action items.
6. Agenda for the next meeting:
  - a. Review draft article for December's Arizona Attorney and discuss related release on SBA website.
  - b. Review Board of Governors recommendations from perception survey.
  - c. Address discipline for out of state attorneys.

End 2:40 p.m.