ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Action Item/No Funding Required
Advisory Committee Report (Vance)
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It is our privilege to serve as the Section of Litigation Advisory Committee on Nominations for 2017-18. When the Council adopted our prior report at its January 2018 meeting in Honolulu, HI, it nominated James A. Reeder, Jr., to serve as Vice-Chair of the Section beginning at the close of the 2018 ABA Annual Meeting. Assuming Mr. Reeder’s election to that position at the 2018 Section Annual Business Meeting, a vacancy would result in the position of Budget Officer for the remainder of the term to which Mr. Reeder was elected at the 2017 Section Annual Business Meeting. At its meeting on January 18, 2018, the Section Executive Committee exercised its discretion pursuant to Section 7.11(b) of the Bylaws to delegate the recommendation of a nominee for this vacancy to the 2017-18 Advisory Committee on Nominations.

The Advisory Committee proceeded with a process substantially similar to that conducted for the regular recommendation of nominees. Notice was given to the Section membership of the anticipated vacancy, and interested candidates were requested to submit applications in the standard format no later than February 28, 2018. As expected, the candidates seeking this office are outstanding, and each is well-qualified to serve in the role they sought. The Advisory Committee conducted a thorough examination of each candidate and visited with many members of the Section and with lawyers and judges from across the country who willingly served as references for the applicants. The rigor of the process ensures that we continue to have the best leaders—those individuals who are innovative and determined to lead the Section forward. The Committee greatly appreciates the time and effort of both the candidates and those who provided input that informed our work.
Pursuant to Section 7.7(b) of the Section’s Bylaws, the Advisory Committee submits this report to the Council and sets forth our recommended nominee for Budget Officer. Under the procedures contained in Section 7.10 of the Section’s Bylaws, at the 2018 Spring Leadership Meeting, the Council is to vote to nominate one person for this unexpired term, with the nomination then being published to the Section’s members (pursuant to Section 7.11(a) of the Bylaws) and ultimately presented to the general Section membership for vote at the Section’s Annual Business Meeting at the 2018 ABA Annual Meeting (pursuant to Section 7.13 of the Bylaws). The Council vote at the 2018 Spring Leadership Meeting shall be held in Executive Session if requested by any member of the Council or Advisory Committee pursuant to Section 7.10(a)(1) of the Bylaws.

The recommendations of the Advisory Committee are as follows:

**BUDGET OFFICER**

**Recommended Nominee:** D. Larry Kristinik

**Other Candidates:** Ruth A. Bahe-Jachna

David A. Soley

The Advisory Committee recommends D. Larry Kristinik to serve as Budget Officer. Larry has been a dedicated and hard-working leader in the Section for more than 10 years since his work as a Program Co-Chair for the annual Corporate Counsel Seminar. His first position at the leadership level was to serve as Co-Chair of the 2009 Section Annual Conference in Atlanta. Following that role, he served as a Co-Chair of the Content Management Committee. In 2012-13, he served as Managing Director for the Section and then served a 3 year term as a member of Council. Importantly, he was an integral part of the Section’s Strategic Planning Process and performed exceptional work as the Chair of the Revenue and Finance Working Group within the Strategic Planning Committee. He currently serves as a Co-Chair of the Membership & Marketing Committee.

Larry also has a distinguished record as a practicing attorney. He is a partner in the Columbia, SC office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, where he serves as Chair of the Insurance Industry Practice Group. His practice focuses on business litigation, including complex insurance disputes and defense of insurance bad faith claims, as well as securities litigation. He has represented his clients in litigation and arbitration matters in multiple states and has handled multiple MDL matters. He has been recognized by Best Lawyers for more than 10 years in commercial litigation and lists more than 30 speaking engagements in his practice areas. Larry is a 1992 *cum laude* graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of South Carolina. Significantly for the position of Budget Officer, his undergraduate degree is in accounting, and he worked as a certified public accountant between college and law school.
Outside bar activities and the practice of law, Larry is very active in his community, having served as a state champion mock trial coach and as a coach of various youth league athletic teams.

The Committee’s evaluation of Larry demonstrated that he cares deeply about the work of the Section and is exceptionally well-qualified to serve as the Section’s Budget Officer. We believe he will do an outstanding job.

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It has been our pleasure to serve as members of the Advisory Committee and to undertake this additional process to recommend a nominee for Budget Officer. The Section is very fortunate that these outstanding candidates put their names forward for consideration. We are particularly appreciative of those deserving candidates who sought positions but were not selected. Completion of the application is a time-consuming effort and is not undertaken lightly. A willingness to compete shows great dedication to the Section and its work.

The Advisory Committee will deliver its oral report to the Council at the Spring Council Meeting in Coronado, where its members will be available to answer any questions the Council may have subject to the confidentiality of the process.