Florida Supreme Court appoints three to Board overseeing Bar admissions

The Florida Supreme Court has appointed three new members to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, which implements the court’s constitutional authority to oversee and regulate admissions of new attorneys to The Florida Bar.

The new members come from the Miami and the Hollywood areas. They are:

- Stanley Wakshlag, a shareholder at Kenny Nachwalter in Miami, Florida, has been appointed by the Supreme Court of Florida to membership on the Florida Board of Bar Examiners to succeed retiring Member Peter L. Wechsler of Pinecrest, Florida. His term of office will extend through October 31, 2024.

  Mr. Wakshlag received his BA degree from Brandeis University, and received his Juris Doctor degree from New York School of Law. He was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1978 and is a member of the following: U.S. Supreme Court, Fifth and Eleventh Circuit United States Courts of Appeal; S.D. and M.D., Fla and Dade County Bar Association.

  Mr. Wakshlag resides in Miami, Florida.

- Paul J. Schwiep, of Coffey Burlington, P.L. in Miami, Florida, has been reappointed to membership on the Florida Board of Bar Examiners by the Supreme Court of Florida to succeed retiring Member Scott L. Baena of Miami, Florida. His term of office will extend through October 31, 2024. Mr. Schwiep served previously on the board from November 2000 to October 2005, serving as Chair of the board in 2005. He has also
frequently served as an exam reader for the board.

Mr. Schwiep received his BS degree from Abilene Christian University and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oregon School of Law. He was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1989 and maintains a commercial litigation and environmental law practice in Miami, Florida.

Mr. Schwiep resides in Miami, Florida.

- Neal A. Hochberg, of Hollywood, Florida, has been appointed to membership on the Florida Board of Bar Examiners by the Supreme Court of Florida to succeed retiring Member Robert D. Shaw Jr., of Orlando, Florida. His term of office will extend through October 31, 2022.

Mr. Hochberg attended the University of Florida, where he received his BSBA degree in accounting. Mr. Hochberg presently is a Senior Advisor to the leadership of the FTI Consulting Forensic & Litigation Consulting segment, with more than 42 years of professional experience. Previously, for 9 years he was the Global Segment Leader of that group and a member of the global business advisory firm’s Executive Committee. He also was a Financial Advisory partner at both PwC and KPMG. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Florida and a Certified Fraud Examiner.

The Florida Board of Bar Examiners is an administrative agency of the Supreme Court charged with the responsibility of enforcing the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to The Bar. This involves the supervision of character background investigations as well as the administration and grading of the Florida Bar Examination.

The Board's website, located at www.floridabarexam.org, has the Board's computerized Bar Application forms available to applicants free of charge. The website also features the full text of the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to the Bar, Frequently Asked Questions and links to other agencies, including The Florida Bar and the Supreme Court.

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