



The National Organization of Bar Counsel

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CALIFORNIA BAR'S HAWLEY WINNER OF PRESTIGIOUS PEER AWARD

The National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC) today announced that Robert A. Hawley has been awarded the President's Award for his many noteworthy contributions to the legal profession and for a lifetime of achievement in legal ethics, professional responsibility, and disciplinary enforcement. The NOBC is an organization of legal professionals whose members regulate the professional conduct of lawyers licensed to practice law in the United States, Canada and Australia.

Mr. Hawley is the Deputy Executive Director of the State Bar of California, an organization that has an annual budget of more than \$100 million and employs 600 people, most of whom regulate the legal profession in that state. With more than 240,000 members, the State Bar of California is the largest state bar in the country.

Mr. Hawley has oversight responsibility for the State Bar's operational activities, which include the many regulatory functions of the State Bar. He is also the employee relations officer

and oversees human resources, media relations, board administration, legal services and access and fairness programs. The State Bar has its primary offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The NOBC's President's Award is annually presented to a lawyer-regulator who has achieved received national recognition for significant contributions to the legal profession.

Lawrence K. Bloom, the President of the NOBC, stated that:

Bob's stellar contributions to educational programming in the field of attorney discipline has had far reaching effects on disciplinary agencies around the country. Through his Fran Bassios Management Program, Bob has served as a leader in introducing a practical approach to management issues for prosecutors whose expertise is in litigation rather than management. Most recently, Bob has been instrumental in organizing and facilitating international regulators' meetings in both London and San Francisco. With up to 35 countries in attendance, through Bob's efforts, regulators have begun in earnest to discuss better cooperation of disciplinary counsel across international boundaries. I can think of no more deserving recipient of the 2014 NOBC President's Award than Bob Hawley and it is with great pleasure that we celebrate Bob's achievements.

Joseph Dunn, CEO/Executive Director of the State Bar of California, said of the award:

Few if any can rival Bob's longterm dedication to the evolution of the law designed to protect clients from unethical attorneys. No one is more deserving of this award than Bob Hawley.

Jayne Kim, Chief Trial Counsel for the State Bar of California, described Mr. Hawley as follows:

To say that Bob Hawley is deserving of the NOBC's President's Award is an understatement. With decades of exemplary service in the area of lawyer regulation, Bob Hawley has long been considered a leader in the profession and his steadfast engagement in local, national and international issues has made him a remarkable representative of both the State Bar of California and NOBC.

Mr. Hawley began his legal career as a disciplinary prosecutor for the State Bar. He then entered private practice for over ten years representing management in labor and employment matters before state and federal courts and administrative agencies. He served as a member of the State Bar's Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (COPRAC) as

well as its Chair and Special Advisor. Prior to rejoining the State Bar's staff, he served as Risk Management Chair and Deputy Managing Partner for a major Bay Area law firm.

Mr. Hawley attended California Western University where he graduated *summa cum laude*. He obtained his law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, and later earned a Masters of Law degree in labor law from the New York University School of Law.

Mr. Hawley has long taught legal ethics and labor law at a number of different schools including the John F. Kennedy University School of Law and the Golden Gate University School of Law. He currently teaches at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, where he is an adjunct faculty member. He is a frequent presenter of continuing legal education classes and has served as an expert witness in legal ethics and labor and employment issues.

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