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Dear Justice McDonald,

There is a vacancy on the Legal Specialization Screening Committee (LSSC) created by the permanent retirement from the Connecticut Bar in 2018 of Salvatore DePiano. Attorney DePiano was the LSSC Chair at the time of his retirement. Under Rule 7.4B (a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, “[t]he chief justice, upon recommendation of the Rules Committee ..., shall appoint a committee of five members of the bar of this state which shall be known as the ‘Legal Specialization Screening Committee.’” Also under Rule 7.4B (a), once the members are appointed, the Rules Committee shall designate one appointee as chair of the LSSC and another as vice chair.

Judge Carroll has requested that this matter be placed on the agenda for an upcoming Rules Committee meeting. Unless you think otherwise, I will place this matter on the agenda for the Rules Committee meeting scheduled for September 16, 2019. Thank you.

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Rule 7.4B. Legal Specialization Screening Committee

(a) The chief justice, upon recommendation of the Rules Committee of the Superior Court, shall appoint a committee of five members of the bar of this state which shall be known as the "Legal Specialization Screening Committee." The Rules Committee of the Superior Court shall designate one appointee as chair of the Legal Specialization Screening Committee and another as vice chair to act in the absence or disability of the chair.

(b) When the committee is first selected, two of its members shall be appointed for a term of one year, two members for a term of two years, and one member for a term of three years, and thereafter all regular terms shall be three years. Terms shall commence on July 1. In the event that a vacancy arises in this position before the end of a term, the chief justice, upon recommendation of the Rules Committee of the Superior Court, shall appoint a member of the bar of this state to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term. The Legal Specialization Screening Committee shall act only with a concurrence of a majority of its members, provided, however, that three members shall constitute a quorum.

(c) The Legal Specialization Screening Committee shall have the power and duty to:

(1) Receive applications from boards or other entities for authority to certify lawyers practicing in this state as being specialists in a certain area or areas of law.

(2) Investigate each applicant to determine whether it meets the criteria set forth in Rule 7.4A (a).

(3) Submit to the Rules Committee of the Superior Court a written recommendation, with reasons therefor, for approval or disapproval of each application, or for the termination of any prior approval granted by the Rules Committee.

(4) Adopt regulations and develop forms necessary to carry out its duties under this section. The regulations and forms shall not become effective until first approved by the Rules Committee of the Superior Court.

(5) Consult with such persons deemed by the committee to be knowledgeable in the fields of law to assist it in carrying out its duties.

(P.B. 1978-1997, Rule 7.4B.)