

## **BASF Asks Assembly Judiciary Committee to Modify SB 163**

**June 27, 2011 –San Francisco** -- The Bar Association of San Francisco, on behalf of its 7,500 members, has asked the Assembly Judiciary Committee to modify SB 163 to include State Bar of California board member qualification guidelines and conflict of interest measures. In a letter to Assemblyman Mike Feuer, chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, BASF notes that public protection qualifications and backgrounds of board members are crucial, but the current bill does not outline appointment criteria for public members.

Furthermore, the bill as proposed, “does not propose amendments to the current conflict of interest provisions in the Business and Professions Code Section 6036.” BASF urges the the committee to incorporate into SB 163 “meaningful board member qualifications guidelines and conflict of interest measures.”

BASF provided specific recommendations in response to a survey in 2010 by the Governance in Public Interest Task Force.

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The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) is a nonprofit voluntary membership organization of over 8,000 attorneys, law students and legal professionals in the Bay Area. Founded in 1872, BASF is one of the largest and most dynamic metropolitan bar associations in the U.S., with a long and distinguished record of community action, public service and service to the legal profession.