

Change to MLAC Definition of Client Eligible Board Members
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Whereas, the MLAC statute requires that board members of recipient programs be composed of both attorneys and consumers of legal services;

Whereas, the present MLAC Board policy limits consumers of legal services recipient board members to persons who are income eligible and requires that at least 25% of the board be composed of income eligible persons and that a majority be composed of attorneys;

Whereas it is desirable to broaden the pool of consumers of legal services to include former clients whose income has increased; and,

Whereas, where possible, consumers of legal services board members should be persons active in their community;

Resolved that:

1. MLAC shall require that:

a. at least 25% of the Board of recipient organizations shall be client representatives. At least 60% of the client representatives at the time of their election to the board shall be income eligible to be a client of the recipient. The other client representatives may be persons who, at the time of their election, have been a client of the recipient within the last eight years; and,

b. a majority of the Board of recipient organizations shall be attorneys

2. MLAC shall strongly encourage recipients to select as client eligible or former client board members persons who have been active in other organizations in their communities.