

## **Informational Hearing**

**Assembly Committee on Business and Professions- Chair, Evan Low**

***Examining the Plan for Medical and Non-Medical Cannabis Regulation***

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 9:00am**

**State Capitol, Room 4202**

### **Speaker Biographies**

#### **Shawn Martin, *Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO)***

As Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Mr. Martin focuses on environmental protection, water quality, and agriculture. Prior to joining the LAO, he served as a Budget Analyst at the California Department of Finance. He has also held various other government and private sector positions, including as a market research project manager, and a Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras. Mr. Martin holds a Master in International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

#### **Helen Kerstein, *Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO)***

As Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Ms. Kerstein focuses on occupational and business licensing, infrastructure, state debt, and emergency services. Prior to joining the LAO, Ms. Kerstein served as a Management Analyst with the City of Culver City. She has also held various other government and private sector positions, including serving as a California Assembly Fellow, an auditor with the California State Auditor, and a consultant with Navigant Consulting. Ms. Kerstein holds a Master in Public Policy from the University of California at Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Pomona College.

#### **Diane Boyer-Vine, *Legislative Counsel of California, Office of Legislative Counsel***

Ms. Boyer-Vine joined the office in 1988. During her tenure with the office, she has worked on issues involving the state budget and sat with the budget conference committee for one year. She was also involved in representing the California Legislature in various litigation actions, including *Steinberg v. Chiang*. She also assisted in preparing the amicus curiae brief before the United States Supreme Court in *Keller v. The State Bar of California*.

In the early 1990's, Ms. Boyer-Vine worked with the Department of Education's task force on recodifying the Education Code. During her tenure as a chief deputy of the office, she also assisted the Senate Committee on Insurance and the Assembly Committee on Insurance during the investigation of the settlement practices of the Department of Insurance under former Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush.

Ms. Boyer-Vine has represented the office and lectured in Russia in 2012 as part of the Professional Fellows Program administered by the nonprofit American Councils for International Education organization, which is funded by the U.S. Department of State.

Prior to joining the office, Ms. Boyer-Vine was an associate at the law firm of Martorana and Stockman. She also was a judicial extern in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.

Ms. Boyer-Vine received her J.D. from the University of California, Davis, King Hall School of Law. She received her undergraduate degree in business administration from California State University, Sacramento. Ms. Boyer-Vine is a member of the California State Bar. She serves as a member of the California Law Revision Commission. She serves as a member of the California Commission on Uniform State Laws. As a uniform law commissioner, Ms. Boyer-Vine is a member of the Style Committee and the drafting and enactment committees for the Uniform Employee and Student

Online Privacy Protection Act. Ms. Boyer-Vine is a member of Leadership California's Executive Advisory Council. She is also an adjunct professor at McGeorge School of Law

**Jason Kinney, *Principal, California Strategies***

Jason Kinney is a principal at California Strategies LLC, a leading Sacramento-based public affairs firm. He was the Communication Director for the successful Proposition 64 campaign and is currently a consultant to the c(3) non-profit Californians to Protect Proposition 64. In his more than two decades of politics and policy, Kinney has helped to win more than 50 political and issue-management campaigns. Before joining California Strategies, Kinney was Director of the Sacramento office of global public relations company Burson-Marsteller. For more than five years, Kinney served as Senior Communications Advisor and Chief Speechwriter to Governor Gray Davis. Before entering the Davis Administration, Kinney worked for California State Senator Don Perata (D-Oakland) and State Assemblywoman Elaine Alquist (D-Silicon Valley).

A native of Indiana, Kinney is an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Indiana. He attended Princeton University and Indiana University School of Law. He lives in Sacramento with his wife, Mary Gonsalves Kinney, daughters Stella and Violet, and son Dashiell.

**Richard Miadich, *Managing Partner, Olson Hagel & Fishburn LLP***

Richard C. Miadich is the managing partner of Olson Hagel & Fishburn LLP and leads the firm's litigation practice group. He also frequently assists clients in drafting state/local laws and ballot measures. Mr. Miadich has litigated matters at the trial and appellate levels in California, including the California Supreme Court, and has represented clients before state administrative agencies. He has also participated in matters before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Ninth Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central and Eastern Districts of California. Representing appellant pro bono, Mr. Miadich successfully briefed and argued *Lee v. Keith* (7th. Cir. 2006) 463 F.3d 763, which resulted in several Illinois ballot access laws being declared unconstitutional. Mr. Miadich currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Law Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves as the charitable arm of the Sacramento County Bar Association.

Mr. Miadich earned his law degree from the University of California at Davis in 2002. While there, he served as a member of the U.C. Davis Law Review, externed with the California State Assembly Judiciary Committee, and participated in the school's trial practice program. He received bachelor's degrees in political science and history from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1998. His professional memberships include: the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Sacramento County Bar Association and the California Political Attorneys Association.

**Lori Ajax, *Chief, Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation***

In February 2016, Governor Brown appointed Chief Ajax as the first Chief of the newly formed Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation. Prior to her appointment, Chief Ajax served as Chief Deputy Director at the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control where she spent 22 years working her way up the ranks. Preceding her ABC appointments, Chief Ajax spent ten years in the private industry.

**Dean R. Grafilo, *Director, Department of Consumer Affairs***

Mr. Grafilo was appointed Director at the California Department of Consumer Affairs on February 22, 2017. Prior to his appointment, Grafilo was Chief of Staff in the Office of California State Assemblymember Rob Bonta since 2012. He was Associate Director of Government Relations at the California Medical Association from 2009 to 2012, Chief of Staff in the Office of California State Assemblymember Warren T. Furutani from 2008 to 2009 and a Senior Legislative Assistant in the Office of California State Assemblymember Alberto Torrico from 2004 to 2008.

**Brendan Murphy, Assistant Program Budget Manager, California Department of Finance.** Brendan is responsible for the preparation of the Governor's Budget, budget and appropriations testimony, and review and approval of 300 DOF bill analyses a year. The departmental budgets in this unit include such diverse areas as; the Judicial Council, the Department of Justice, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the Department of Consumer Affairs, and California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Prior to his role at Finance, Mr. Murphy was a Deputy Director with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services where he was focused on Administration, Grants Management and Special Projects. Prior to this role, Brendan was the Acting Undersecretary at the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) in 2011. Prior to Acting Undersecretary, Brendan was appointed as the Director of Grants Management at Cal EMA in January 2009. Prior to his positions with Cal EMA, Brendan was the Deputy Director of Grant Management and Administrative Services at the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS).

Murphy graduated from California State University, Sacramento in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. He currently resides in Folsom with his wife, Theresa, and their 2 children, Aislin and Brian.