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The Chief Justice issued the following directive earlier today:

“In exercise of my inherent authority as administrative head of the judicial system, and pursuant to the Efficient Function and General Duties Act, I direct that—

“§1. There shall be an entity within the judicial branch known as the Legal Practice Board (the Board). It shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the Chief Justice with the advice and consent of the Supreme Court, and up to six other members appointed by the Chairman. In appointing the remaining members, the Chairman should ensure representation of various aspects of the legal community (judges, former judges, and legal professionals).

“§2. The Board shall have the authority to:

- (1) determine whether a Bar certification requirement to practice law should be necessary, and, if so, to impose and enforce one;
- (2) determine the form and structure of certification processes;
- (3) issue, revoke, or suspend Bar certifications; and
- (4) establish reasonable rules of professional conduct.

“§3. Each non-Chairman member of the Board shall serve for a term of two months after appointment, but may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Board.”