

# BBO Seeks Volunteer Hearing Officers

The Board of Bar Overseers invites interested lawyers across the Commonwealth to apply for appointment to a three-year term (2021-2023) as a volunteer hearing committee member. Hearing committees sit in panels of three as fact-finding tribunals in disciplinary proceedings brought against individual attorneys by the Office of Bar Counsel. The committees hear testimony, take evidence, make adjudicatory rulings and, with the assistance of a Board attorney, prepare a written report and recommendation for the Board of Bar Overseers. The BBO is conducting remote (virtual) hearings at this time and into the foreseeable future. Applicants must have a computer equipped with a camera and microphone as well as reliable internet, and be comfortable with the use of remote technology.

Committee members receive no monetary compensation and devote their time as a public service in the vital interest of preserving the integrity of the legal profession. The Board will provide comprehensive training, including in the use of the relevant remote technology.

Active members of the bar with at least ten years of professional experience should forward a statement of interest specifying their major field(s) of practice, together with a résumé. Hearing committee members are considered special state employees subject to the state conflict of interest law, G.L. c. 268A.

Please contact Sandra Mahabir, by mail at: Board of Bar Overseers, 99 High Street, Boston, MA 02110, or e-mail at: [HCR@massbbo.org](mailto:HCR@massbbo.org) on or before October 31<sup>st</sup>.