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LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITY REQUEST FORM

- Requests for legislative and political activity should be made on this form. SBP 9.20(d) & 9.50(d).
- Political activity is defined in SBP 9.11(c).
- Action by the Board (applies to legislative and political activities of TFB and mandatory bar groups): Requests seeking Board action must provide a copy of the legislation or a detailed presentation of the political issue, including the factors listed in SBP 9.20(b).
 - The Executive Committee may not take action unless it determines by a majority vote that the requested action could not reasonably have been submitted for Board consideration, or there has been a significant, material change in circumstances since the last Board meeting that makes it necessary that the Bar take action. SBP 9.21.
 - The Bar President, in consultation with the Bar President-Elect and the chair of the Legislation Committee, may act if the legislature is in session or an emergency makes it unfeasible for the Executive Committee to act. SBP 9.21.
- Action by voluntary bar groups: These groups must advise the Bar of proposed legislative or political activity and may use this form; they must identify all groups the proposal has been submitted to and including all comments received. SBP 9.50(d).
 - The Legislation Committee and Board will review the proposal unless an expedited decision is required.
 - If expedited review is requested, the Executive Committee may review the proposal.
 - The Bar President, President-Elect, and chair of the Legislation Committee may review the proposal if the legislature is in session or the Executive Committee cannot act because of an emergency.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Submitted by: *(list name of section, division, committee, TFB group, or individual name)*

Address: *(address and phone #)*

Position Level: *(TFB section/division/committee)*

PROPOSED ADVOCACY

Complete Section 1 below if the issue is legislative, 2 if the issue is political. Section 3 must be completed.

1. Proposed Wording of Legislative Position for Official Publication

2. Political Proposals:

3. Reasons For Proposed Advocacy:

a. Is the proposal consistent with *Keller vs. State Bar of California*, 496 US 1 (1990), and *The Florida Bar v. Schwarz*, 552 So. 2d 1094 (Fla. 1981)?

b. Which goal or objective of the Bar's strategic plan is advanced by the proposal?

c. Does the proposal relate to: *(check all that apply)*

- ☐ Regulation and discipline of attorneys
- ☐ Improvement of the functioning of the courts, judicial efficacy, and efficiency
- ☐ Increasing the availability of legal services to the public
- ☐ Regulation of lawyer client trust accounts
- ☐ Education, ethics, competency, integrity and regulation of the legal profession

d. Additional Information:

BOARD ACTION

Provide the following details per SBP 9.20(d).

1. Similar legislation or presentation being considered by the legislature or other body:

(Bill or PCB #)

(Sponsor)

Indicate Position: ☐ Support ☐ Oppose

Details of Position:

2. Known principal proponents and opponents of the legislative or political issue including a brief statement of the reasons for opposition or support by the other interests:

3. Known position on the legislative or political issue taken by any bar division, section, or committee that considered the issue, including the principal reasons for support of or opposition to the issue:

REFERRALS TO OTHER COMMITTEES, DIVISIONS & SECTIONS
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For Board and section proposed legislative or political action, list all divisions, sections, and committees that may be interested in the issue and identify all groups the issue has been submitted to for comment, including any comments received. SBP 9.20(d) & 9.50(d).

CONTACTS

Board & Legislation Committee Appearance *(list name, address and phone #)*

Appearances before Legislators *(list name and phone # of those having direct contact before House/Senate committees)*

Meetings with Legislators/staff *(list name and phone # of those having direct contact with legislators)*

Submit this form and attachments to the Office of General Counsel of The Florida Bar – mailto: jhooks@floridabar.org , (850) 561-5662.
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