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SECTION LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITY REQUEST FORM

- This form is for committees, divisions and sections to seek approval for section legislative or political activities.
- Requests for legislative and political activity must be made on this form.
- Political activity is defined in SBP 9.11(c) as “activity by The Florida Bar or a bar group including, but not limited to, filing a comment in a federal administrative law case, taking a position on an action by an elected or appointed governmental official, appearing before a government entity, submitting comments to a regulatory entity on a regulatory matter, or any type of public commentary on an issue of significant public interest or debate.”
- Voluntary bar groups must advise TFB of proposed legislative or political activity and must identify all groups the proposal has been submitted to; if comments have been received, they should be attached. 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)* _____

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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 Proposal

3. Reasons For Proposed Advocacy

- a. Is the proposal consistent with *Keller v. State Bar of California*, 496 US 1 (1990), and *The Florida Bar v. Schwarz*, 552 So. 2d 1094 (Fla. 1989)? _____

- 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: _____

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Referrals to Other Committees, Divisions & Sections

The section must provide copies of its proposed legislative or political action to all bar divisions, sections, and committees that may be interested in the issue. SBP 9.50(d). List all divisions, sections, and committees to which the proposal has been provided pursuant to this requirement. Please include with your submission any comments received. **The section may submit its proposal before receiving comments but only after the proposal has been provided to the bar divisions, sections, or committees.** Please feel free to use this [form](#) for circulation among the other sections, divisions and committees.

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 OGC, jhooks@floridabar.org, (850) 561-5662.