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SECTION, DIVISION, OR COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITY REQUEST WORKSHEET

- This worksheet is designed for committees, divisions and sections to use to gather and share information before submitting an [official request](#) for approval of legislative or political activity.
- 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.”
- The requesting Bar entity 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). Please feel free to use this [form](#) for circulation among the other sections, divisions and committees. **The section may submit its proposal before receiving comments but only after the proposal has been provided to the bar divisions, sections, or committees.**

General Information

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

Contact information: *(address, phone, email)*

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

Referrals to Other Committees, Divisions & Sections

Use this worksheet to identify and list all Bar entities to which the proposal will be circulated.

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)*