



Business Law Section of the Florida Bar

Boot Camp

Engaging in Legislative Activity

August 18, 2023

BLS Legislation Committee

Who We Are

The Legislation Committee is charged with overseeing the Section's legislative activities, including working with the Section's substantive committees to propose legislation supported by the Section and monitoring the legislative filings during the Session to provide input on any bills that effect the substantive areas of law relevant to the Section's attorneys.

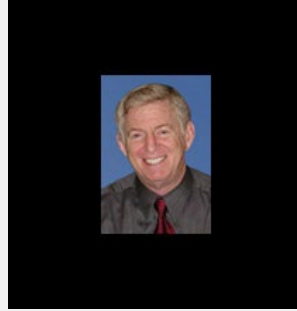
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Legislation Committee Meetings

In person meetings during Annual Convention, Labor Day Retreat and The Florida Bar Winter Meeting.

Conference Calls during Legislative Committee weeks and the Legislative Session.

Other meetings as needed.

Legislative Resources

The BLS Legislation Committee website has links to:

- ✓ **Legislation Committee Policies & Procedures.**
- ✓ **Current BLS Approved Legislative Positions.**
- ✓ **Legislation of Interest.**
- ✓ **Key Legislative Dates.**
- ✓ **Legislative Drafting Form.**
- ✓ **Sample White Papers.**
- ✓ **Explanation of a Triple Motion.**

<https://flabizlaw.org/committees-task-forces/standing-committees/legislation-committee/>



The Florida Bar Regulations

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The Rules Regulating The Florida Bar authorize the Board of Governors to establish, maintain and supervise “a program for providing information and advice to the court and all other branches of government concerning current law and proposed or contemplated changes in the law.”

R. Regulating Fla. Bar 2-3.2(d)(4)

Standing Board Policy (SBP) 900 governs Legislative policies and procedures.

SBP 900 governs the limits and procedures regarding legislative or political involvement by bar groups funded by voluntary dues such as the BLS.

What is Legislative Activity?

Under SBP 9.11, legislative activity includes:

- 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; and
- Any type of public commentary on an issue of significant public interest or debate.

**How does a
Committee or Task
Force idea become
Law?**

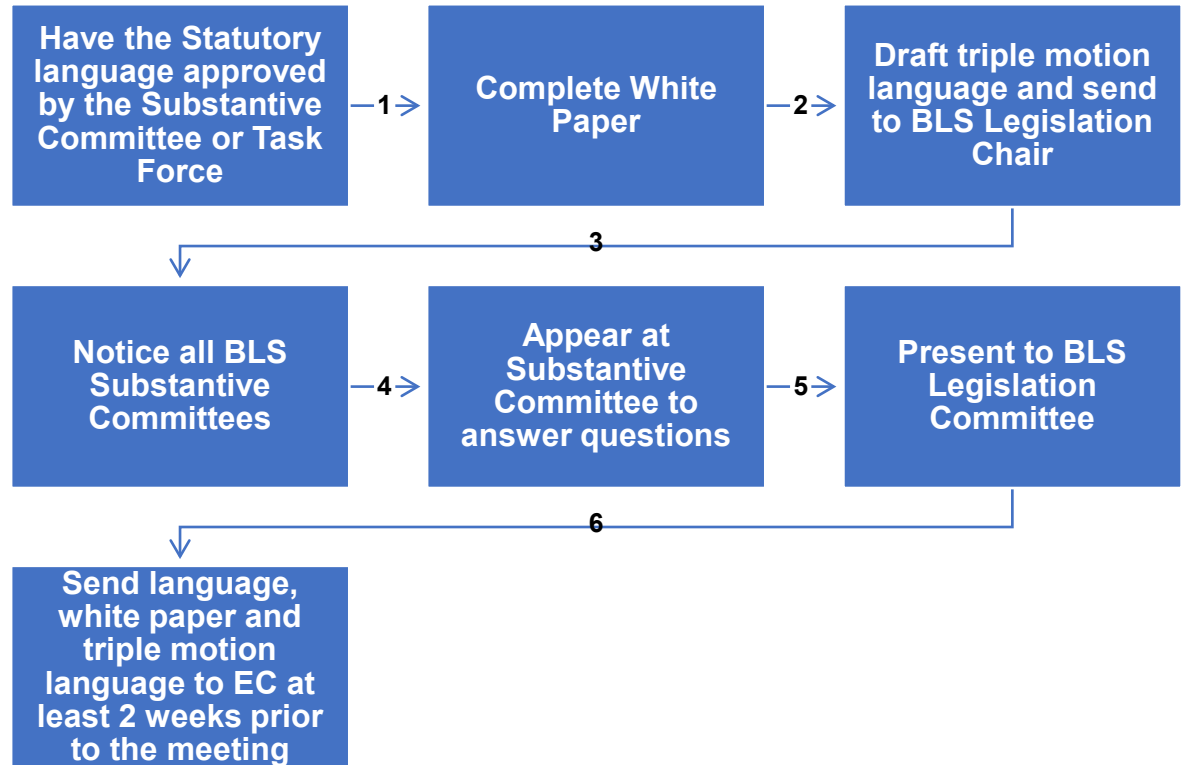


Step #1



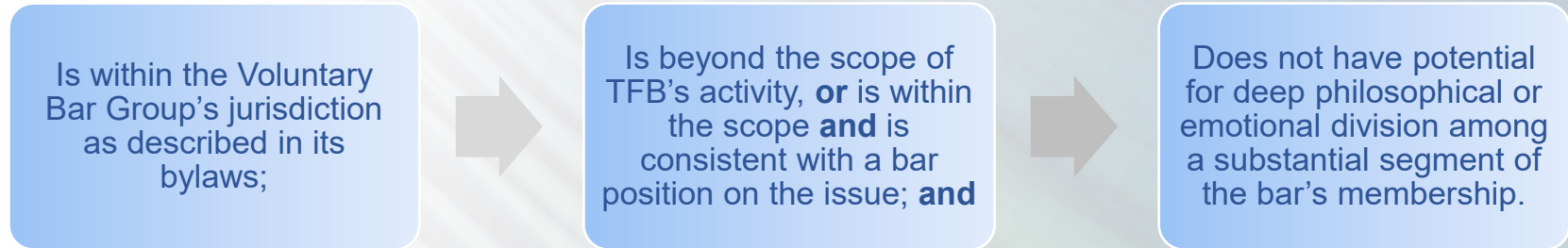
**Business Law Section
Executive Council Approval**

How do I get a Legislative Position approved by the BLS Executive Council?

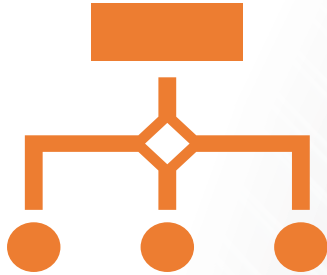


Triple Motion —

SBP 9.50 articulates that voluntary bar group section requests will not be prohibited by the Legislation Committee or board, if the requested position meets all three of the following requirements:

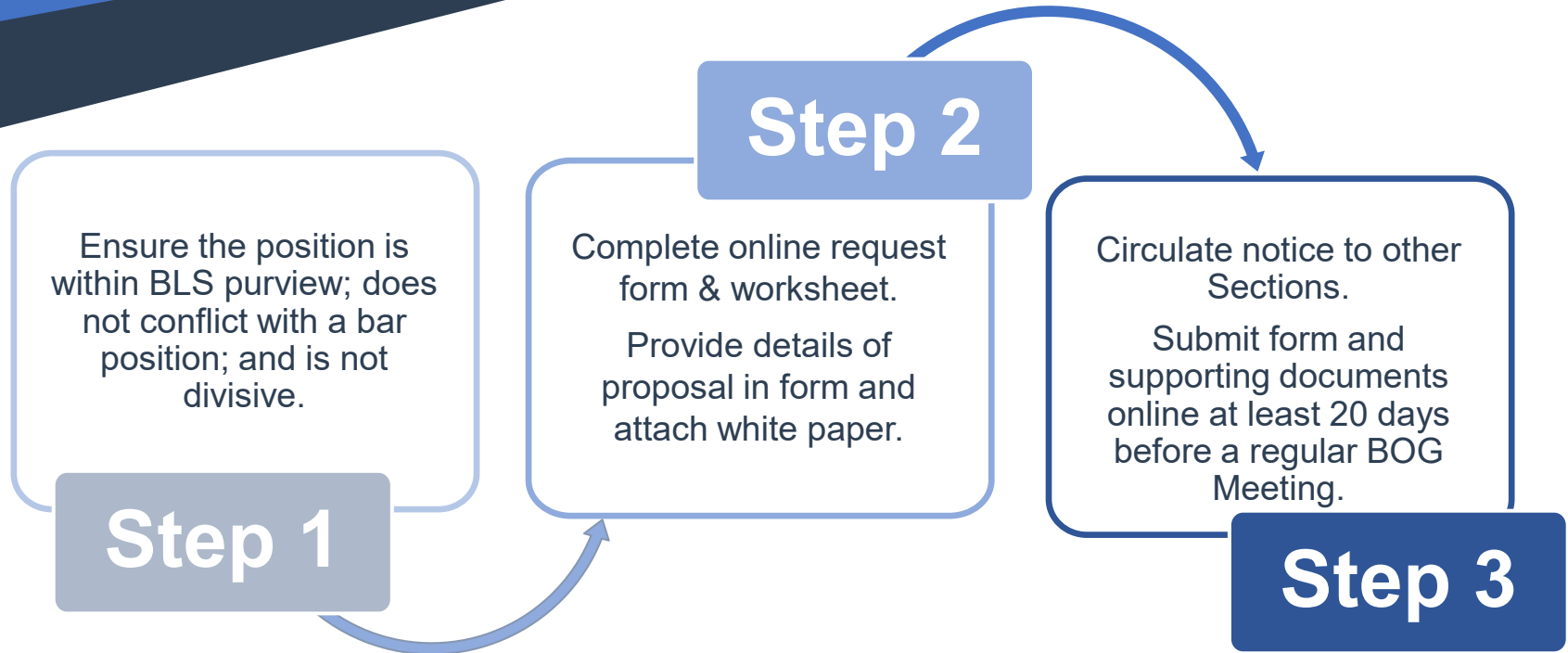


Step #2



Florida Bar Approval

Seeking Big Bar Approval



Step #3



**Work with the BLS Legislation
Committee to get Legislation
passed.**

KEY LEGISLATIVE DATES

New Fiscal Year:

• July 1, 2023

Agency/Court Legislative Budget Requests Due:

• September 15, 2023

Interim Committee Weeks:

• September 18-22, 2023
• October 9-13, 2023
• October 16-20, 2023
• November 6-9, 2023
• November 13-17, 2023
• December 4-7, 2023
• December 11-15, 2023

First Day of 2024 Legislative Session:

• January 9, 2024

Last Day of 2024 Legislative Session:

• March 8, 2024

Governor's Bill Actions:

• March – July 2024

New Fiscal Year:

• July 1, 2024

First Day of 2025 Legislative Session:

• March 4, 2025



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