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VOLUNTARY FLORIDA BAR GROUP LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITY WORKSHEET

- This worksheet is for voluntary Florida bar groups (VFBGs) to gather and share information before submitting an [official request](#) online for legislative or political activity, whether new or rollover.
- SBP 9.11 definitions:
 - Political activity is “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.”
 - A VFBG is “a group within The Florida Bar funded by voluntary member dues in the current and immediate prior bar fiscal years.”
- Under SBP 9.50(d), VFBGs must advise TFB of proposed legislative or political activity and circulate the proposal to all groups that might be interested. See Page 3. If comments have been received, they must be included; if comments have not been received, the proposal may still be submitted to the Legislation Committee.
 - Before the Legislation Committee meets, VFBGs should check with these groups to see if there are comments or issues.
 - If the VFBGs wish to attend the Legislation Committee meeting at which this proposal will be considered, they may contact Joni Hooks, jhooks@floridabar.org, 850-561-5662, for the meeting date, location, and Zoom information.
- The Legislation Committee and board will review the proposal unless an expedited decision is requested.
 - 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: (name individual and title) _____

Address: (address and phone #) _____

VFBG Name: _____

Proposed Advocacy

Complete #1 below if the issue is legislative or #2 if the issue is political; #3 must be completed.

1. Proposed Wording of Legislative Position for Official Publication

2. Political Proposal

3. List any existing related biennial legislative positions of your VFBG:

4. Reasons For Proposed Advocacy

a. Per SBP 9.50(a), does the proposal meet all three of the following requirements?
(select one) _____ Yes _____ No

- It is within the group's subject matter jurisdiction as described in the VFBG's bylaws;
- It is beyond the scope of the bar's permissible legislative or political activity, or within the bar's permissible scope of legislative or political activity and consistent with an official bar position on that issue; and
- It does not have the potential for deep philosophical or emotional division among a substantial segment of the bar's membership.

b. Additional Information: _____

Referrals to Other Voluntary Florida Bar Groups

Pursuant to SBP 9.50(d), list all bar divisions, sections and committees that this proposal has been shared with and provide all comments received from such groups as part of your submission. The online form may be submitted before receiving comments but only after the proposal has been provided to other bar divisions, sections, or committees.

Contacts

Complete 1-3 below if your VFBG has contacts that would make appearances or have meetings as noted.

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

2. Appearances before Legislators *(list name and phone # of those who would appear before House/Senate committees)*

3. Meetings with Legislators/staff *(list name and phone # of those who would have direct contact with legislators or their staff)*
