

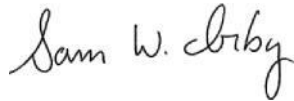
PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this task force is to consider how the Alabama State Bar provides liaison services to our State government, including the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, and then to make recommendations on how the Bar can improve its liaison services, including providing input to the Alabama Legislature on proposed laws which affect the judicial systems and/or the Alabama State Bar and its members.

After a review of the existing system and approach, and a review of systems and approaches taken by other mandatory bars, the task force will make recommendations related to a systematic approach for notifying its members of potential and pending legislation in the Alabama Legislature and the United States Congress that may be significant to the members' practice of law or the administration of justice. The task force will also make recommendations with respect to how the Alabama State Bar may, in appropriate instances, recommend, support, oppose, or remain neutral on proposed legislation or proposed governmental action. The recommendations will consider restrictions related to such matters, including the decision, *Keller v. The State Bar of California*, 496 U.S. 1 (1990). The task force's recommendations will include a process for presentation to the Office of General Counsel and Board of Bar Commissioners concerning various pieces of proposed legislation and other proposed enactments, for a determination of the position the Alabama State Bar should take, if any.

The scope of the task force also includes assisting the Alabama State Bar with the implementation of a systematic approach, as described above, which would ultimately be approved by the Board of Bar Commissioners. The task force's recommendations will include and will not conflict with the role of the Office of General Counsel.

Done as of August 21, 2018



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