PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Many bars across the country, including the Federal Bar Association, have implemented programs that allows lawyers to help other lawyers in their time of need. This task force is created with the goal of evaluating methods to develop a method to reach out in meaningful and compassionate ways to assist those in the legal community who have experienced significant potentially life-changing events in their lives.

The goals of this task force shall be as follows:

(1) To evaluate similar programs across the country, many of which are known as SOLACE programs, and determine how those were created, funded, and implemented;
(2) To evaluate methods and manners to fundraise to generate income for the program;
(3) To implement those fundraising programs as needed;
(4) To recommend whether a permanent committee be created to manage the program;
(5) To coordinate efforts with the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Program if such coordination is determined to be needed; and,
(6) To examine and recommend other avenues of engagement with our members in need.

The task force may divide itself into such working groups as may be necessary to effectively carry out its functions. The chairperson shall appoint a chair for any working group. The task force shall elect from its membership a secretary who shall be responsible for a written record of its actions. The secretary, or a designee, shall keep minutes of all meetings of the task force, and of all working groups thereof. The original of the minutes shall be filed with the Alabama State Bar within 14 days after each meeting to be made a part of the task force's file.

This task force shall meet regularly and shall provide timely written interim reports to the Alabama State Bar President and the ASB Executive Committee, as the work of the task force develops.

The Alabama State Bar, through its designated staff liaison, will assist the task force in carrying out its purpose.

Done as of July 23, 2019

Christy Crow

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