

## **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

In response to the growing legal needs of Alabamians arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19), this task force is formed of lawyers and judges from across the State. The task force will identify the legal needs arising from the pandemic, make recommendations to address those needs, and help mobilize volunteer lawyers and legal professionals to assist people who need help.

The task force should evaluate the impact this has on health law, insurance, legal needs of families to protect basic human needs such as food, shelter, medical and employment benefits, criminal justice, domestic violence, civil rights and social justice.

The Alabama State Bar has developed a website to provide information regarding COVID-19. The task force shall continue to gather resources, accumulate information and formulate an action plan to address the following issues/topics as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- 1) Expanding Wills for Heroes Program to include Healthcare Providers;
- 2) Access to justice and pro bono mobilization;
- 3) Court access, operations and rule changes;
- 4) Mental health and well-being;
- 5) Practice management and remote legal practice;
- 6) Consumer legal issues;
- 7) Criminal legal issues; and
- 8) Business and employment issues.

This task force shall also help identify potential speakers and topics of interest for the Alabama State Bar's ongoing webinar series that address issues related to COVID-19. The task force shall take advantage of all resources available to it through the Alabama State Bar, including its sections, and the American Bar Association and other similar groups and coordinate efforts.

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.

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

The task force and its working groups shall meet at the call of the chairperson or the working group chair, in person or by conference call as the chairperson and the working group chairs shall determine.

Done this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

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