PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this task force is to study the impact of the disciplinary process on minorities and/or solo and rural practitioners. This task force will be tasked with making recommendations on how the Alabama State Bar can improve its disciplinary process, including providing input on proposed rules changes which affect the judicial systems and/or the Alabama State Bar and its members.

The task force will make recommendations for changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, Rules of Imposing Lawyer Discipline or any such other rules as the task force deems related to its purpose. Any recommendations would be submitted to the General Counsel and state bar president.

The task force will also make recommendations for a procedure to assist the state bar president to populate other task forces in a directed effort to implement a commitment to advance the principles of racial, ethnic, gender, age and geographic diversity in member participation with the Alabama State Bar.

The task force may divide itself into subcommittees as may be necessary to effectively carry out its work. The chairperson shall appoint sub-chairs for any subcommittee.

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

Done this 16th day of October, 2020.

Robert G. Methvin, Jr., President

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