

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The task force shall conduct research into the origins and history of the Alabama State Bar health insurance plan and the Madison County Bar health insurance plan (the “plans”). The research shall include identification of individuals involved in oral and written representations and discussions concerning the two plans and all documents that the task force deems important to its research. The research shall also include analysis of the legal relationship between the plans and the State Bar, and to ensure that no conflict issues arise in the involvement of State Bar staff and resources with the State Bar health insurance plan.

The task force’s research shall also include analysis to ensure that the plans are and remain in compliance with the Ethics laws, the Open Meetings Act and any other applicable Alabama statutes and regulations.

All State Bar staff and State Bar leaders shall cooperate fully with the task force in its research activities.

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 chair shall designate a person 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 provide staff support for 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 or Zoom session as the chairperson or the working group chairs shall determine.

The purpose of this task force is to ensure the continued viability of both health insurance plans because of the important services they provide to our members. The task force report may include constructive recommendations to further this purpose.

The task force shall terminate immediately after the end of the last day of the State Bar’s 2022 Annual Meeting, unless it is renewed by the new State Bar president.

Done this 30th day of July, 2021



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