

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Alabama Supreme Court passed rules regarding Specialization in 1994. Since that time, these rules have not been used widely by the members of the Alabama State Bar.

The Specialization and Certification Task Force shall:

- (1) Evaluate the current specialization rules;
- (2) Make recommendations regarding how the Alabama State Bar can best support the current specialization rules;
- (3) Evaluate whether the current specialization rules should be updated in any way and make recommendations regarding any updates;
- (4) Evaluate how other states regulate and promote specialization of attorneys;
- (5) Make recommendations regarding ways the Alabama State Bar can communicate the availability of specialization certification to its members of the Alabama State Bar;
- (6) Make recommendations on if the Alabama State Bar should promote attorneys that are certified through an authorized specialization program and, if so, make recommendations on how that would be accomplished.

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.

Done this 3rd day of September, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tazewell T. Shepard, III".

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