Grant of Authority from CBA Board of Governors to CBA Legislative Policy Committee

Overview:

The Committee is the principal entity by which the CBA determines whether it or its sections or committees shall take positions with respect to legislation, although the Committee's determinations to take such positions are subject to approval as provided herein.

The Committee shall work with the CBA Director of Legislative Relations to advance the CBA's legislative aims in a manner that will, as much as possible, contribute to a harmonious relationship between the CBA and the members of the Colorado General Assembly

The Committee shall promote the passage of legislation recommended by the CBA or its various committees and sections. The Committee shall also scrutinize other proposed legislation which is of a particular interest to the legal profession, and it may, in the CBA's name, urge the adoption or rejection of particular legislation.

Approval-of Actions:

When Legislature Is Not In Session:

During the time when the legislature is not in session the Committee must seek the approval of its actions by:

(1) the Executive Council or Board of Governors; or

(2) any two of the President, the President-elect, and the Immediate Past President when there is inadequate time for the Executive Council or Board of Governors to act.

When Legislature Is In Session:

During the legislative session, action to be taken by the Committee need not be subject to prior approval unless any two of the President, President-elect and Immediate Past President vote to seek approval of the Executive Council. When action that would otherwise be considered or taken by the Committee under the preceding provisions must be taken more immediately than can be accomplished by the Committee, that action may be taken by any two of the President, the President-elect, and the Immediate Past President without Committee participation.

Reporting to Executive Council and Board of Governors:

The President shall provide a report to the Executive Council and the Board of Governors, at or before its next meeting, of all such Committee action taken.

Consultation with Section/Committee Legislative Representatives:

The Committee should, to the extent practicable, consult with legislative representatives from the various CBA sections and committees on matters affecting their areas of interest. The Committee may coordinate the promotion or opposition of legislation with those sections and committees. and may utilize their services in such promotion or opposition. It is generally desirable that the sections and committees of the CBA designate a formal liaison with the Committee.