

State Bar of Texas
Workgroup on Texas Lawyer Needs Arising From the 2020 Pandemic and 2021 Winter Storm
Fiscal Impact Analysis
April 2021

MISSION

In light of the hardships of the last year, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2021 winter storm, this workgroup will work to identify areas where the State Bar of Texas can continue or expand its efforts to assist its members consistent with the State Bar of Texas Purpose Clause Tex.Govt. Section 81.012:

Sec. 81.012. PURPOSES. In order that the public responsibilities of the legal profession may be more effectively discharged, the state bar has the following purposes:

- (1) to aid the courts in carrying on and improving the administration of justice;
- (2) to advance the quality of legal services to the public and to foster the role of the legal profession in serving the public;
- (3) to foster and maintain on the part of those engaged in the practice of law high ideals and integrity, learning, competence in public service, and high standards of conduct;
- (4) to provide proper professional services to the members of the state bar;
- (5) to encourage the formation of and activities of local bar associations;
- (6) to provide forums for the discussion of subjects pertaining to the practice of law, the science of jurisprudence and law reform, and the relationship of the state bar to the public; and
- (7) to publish information relating to the subjects listed in Subdivision (6).

MEMBERS

- See attached roster

CONSIDERATIONS

1. The workgroup is planned to consist of 10 members.
2. The members will be from across the state.
3. All meetings of the work group will be conducted by Zoom or similar video conferencing.
4. There will be no in-person meetings eliminating the cost for travel, meals, and lodging.
5. The task force will be effective immediately upon board approval and will expire at the conclusion of Annual Meeting 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT FY2020-21

Upon consultation with Tracy Jarratt, Finance Division Director, the fiscal impact of this task force is estimated to be \$2,500.00. The creation of this workgroup is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implications to the State Bar's FY 2020-21 general fund budget.