CBA LPRC POSITION REQUEST FORM

The CBA Family Law Section Law position request is as follows:

- 1) Proposed legislative or regulatory concept: The Section supports legislation that permits the use of arbitration to resolve issues related to child custody, visitation and child support that arise in the context of a dissolution of marriage, a legal separation or in post-judgment motions.
- 2) Explanation and rationale for advancing this position: This allows families to arbitrate child related issues by agreement. This position will help minimize conflict by expediting potential resolutions outside of court and will help reduce court backlogs.
- 3) Is draft regulation, legislation or proposed bill included? The proposed bill is SB-157. We have attached proposed language.
- 4) What is the date of any legislative hearing, if known? Unknown.
- 5) Was this position previously approved by the CBA? If so, when does/did it expire? No prior position was advanced to the CBA.

6) Is the CBA section or committee seeking to join a previously approved CBA section or committee position? **No.**

- 6) Potential or actual CBA opposition from another CBA section or committee? None anticipated.
- 7) Strength of section position (including process and results of section vote taken on issue): The Section position was approved by unanimous vote by the Executive Committee.
- 8) Fiscal impact (on the state): None anticipated.
- 10) Are you seeking "fast-track" approval?¹ Yes.

¹ A "fast track" recommendation will be submitted to the House of Delegates (HOD) or Board of Governors (BOG) at its next scheduled meeting (or, if between meetings of the HOD or BOG and during the legislative session, to the Executive Committee), and is warranted only when the Legislative Policy & Review Committee concludes that further analysis and study is unnecessary and where there is legitimate time pressure to address pending legislation.