

## CBA LPRC POSITION REQUEST FORM

The CBA Pro Bono Committee Law **position request** is as follows:

- 1) Proposed legislative or regulatory concept:

RB 169: An Act Concerning a Study of the Effects of Affordable Housing Policies in the State. This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Housing to conduct a study of the affordable housing policies in G.S. 8-30g, and the effects of such policies in the state, to identify any recommended amendment to said section to improve affordable housing opportunities for residents in the state.

- 2) A plain language explanation and rationale for advancing this position:

Poor tenants living in affordable housing are one of the largest groups of clients for pro bono and low bono attorneys. Lack of affordable housing in this state adversely affects poor tenants. Exploring ways to improve access to affordable housing would allow pro bono and low bono lawyers to better serve these vulnerable clients.

It is recommended that prior to completing and submitting the report to the housing committee, the Commissioner be required to share her report with and solicit comments from: (1) advocates for the indigent and for communities underserved by the existing housing stock; and (2) the leading Connecticut professional organizations of planners, realtors, builders and property owners. The Commissioner shall provide those organizations 30 days to provide written comments and then shall include any comments in the report.

- 3) Is draft regulation, legislation or proposed bill included? Yes
- 4) What is the date of any legislative hearing, if known? March 3, 2022
- 5) Was this position previously approved by the CBA? If so, when does/did it expire? No
- 6) Is the CBA section or committee seeking to join a previously approved CBA section or committee position? No.
- 7) Potential or actual CBA opposition from another CBA section or committee?  
None known
- 8) Strength of section position (including process and results of section vote taken on issue):  
Unanimous.
- 9) Fiscal impact (on the state):  
Unknown