

CBA LPRC POSITION REQUEST FORM

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

- 1) Proposed legislative or regulatory concept: SB 456: An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Program to Provide Indigent Individuals with Access to Legal Services When Seeking a Restraining Order Under Section 46b-15 of the General Statutes. Establishes a grant program to provide access to legal counsel for indigent individuals applying for a restraining order. The organization administering the grant program will award grants to nonprofit corporations whose principal purpose is providing legal services to indigent individuals.
- 2) Explanation and rationale for advancing this position: The Pro Bono Committee support this bill, as most of the nonprofit corporations providing legal services to indigent individuals solicit help from pro bono attorneys.
- 3) Is draft regulation, legislation or proposed bill included? Yes.
- 4) What is the date of any legislative hearing, if known? Public was scheduled for March 18th.
- 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 anticipated.
- 8) Strength of section position (including process and results of section vote taken on issue): Unanimous support.
- 9) Fiscal impact (on the state): For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, and June 30, 2022, the Attorney General shall remit one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the tax-exempt organization administering the program established pursuant to section 1 of this act, from moneys received by the office of the Attorney General in connection with the settlement of any lawsuit to which the state is a party.
- 10) Are you seeking “fast-track” approval?¹ No.

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.