

## CBA LPRC POSITION REQUEST FORM

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

1) Proposed legislative or regulatory concept:

HB 6531: The Right to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings

2) Explanation and rationale for advancing this position:

If enacted, this bill provides that indigent tenants shall have the right to legal representation and counsel will be provided to him or her at the commencement of a summary process action.

3) Is draft regulation, legislation or proposed bill included?

Yes.

4) What is the date of any legislative hearing, if known?

Public Hearing, March 4, 2021.

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?

No.

8) Strength of section position (including process and results of section vote taken on issue):

14 members voted in favor, 2 members opposed.

9) Fiscal impact (on the state):

Section 1, paragraph (d) (1) provides that the Judicial Dept. shall provide designated organizations assigned to represent a covered individual with fair and just compensation.

10) Are you seeking "fast-track" approval?<sup>1</sup>

**YES**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.