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Subject: [NOBCmembers] [NOBC members] From California: Request for Information from Each State

NOBC Members,

California requests assistance in obtaining information from each state concerning:

1) Issue of nonlawyer limited practice:

- a. Whether a state presently has a form of a limited license legal technician program (a.k.a., LLLT program).
- b. If a state does not, then whether the state is studying or planning to implement such a program in the future.

2) Issue of nonlawyer ownership:

- a. Whether a state presently permits any form of nonlawyer ownership of a law practice (including nonlawyer ownership in an “alternative business structure;” or a “multi-disciplinary practice” context).
- b. If a state does not, then whether the state is studying or planning to implement changes in the law to allow such nonlawyer ownership in the future.

A simple “Yes” or “No” to each issue would be a helpful reply but, if the reply is “Yes,” then links with additional information would be especially useful.

Ideally, it would be helpful to obtain responses by Tuesday (9/17), but we would be very appreciative of all input provided, even after that date.

We would also be willing to share the data collected with any interested states.

All information received is appreciated.

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Adoption of ABS in U.S. and Foreign Jurisdictions

States	Adopted	Considering/Studying	Considered but Not Adopted	Have Not Studied and Not Adopted
TOTALS	2	0	0	48
Alabama				X
Alaska				X
Arizona				X
Arkansas				X
Colorado**		X		
Connecticut				X
Delaware				X
District of Columbia	X			
Florida				X
Georgia				X
Hawaii				X
Idaho				X
Illinois				X
Indiana				X
Iowa				X
Kansas				X
Kentucky				X
Louisiana				X
Maine				X
Maryland				X
Massachusetts				X
Michigan				X
Minnesota				X
Mississippi				X
Missouri				X
Montana				X
Nebraska				X
Nevada				X
New Hampshire				X
New Jersey				X
New Mexico				X
New York				X
North Carolina				X
North Dakota				X
Ohio				X
Oklahoma				X
Oregon				X
Pennsylvania				X
Rhode Island				X
South Carolina				X
South Dakota				X
Tennessee				X

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States	Adopted	Considering/Studying	Considered but Not Adopted	Have Not Studied and Not Adopted
Texas				X
Utah				X
Vermont				X
Virginia				X
Washington	X			
West Virginia				X
Wisconsin				X

Foreign Jurisdictions	Adopted	Links to Information about Foreign Jurisdiction Programs Concerning ABS
Totals	9	
Australia	X	http://lsbc.vic.gov.au/?page_id=3077 http://www.olsc.nsw.gov.au/file:///www.legalservicescouncil.org.au/Pages/uniform-framework/uniform-law.aspx https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2018C00031 https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/regulation/2015/246
Canada	X	https://lso.ca/paralegals/practice-supports-and-resources/topics/opening,-operating-or-closing-a-practice/business-structures/multi-discipline-partnerships https://www.lawsociety.bc.ca/complaints-lawyer-discipline-and-public-hearings/complaints-en/ https://www.barreau.qc.ca/en/filing-complaint-against-lawyer/ https://www.barreau.qc.ca/pdf/publications/avocat-2021-en.pdf https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2018C00031 https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/ http://www.olsc.nsw.gov.au/ http://lsbc.vic.gov.au/?page_id=3077 https://lso.ca/paralegals/practice-supports-and-resources/topics/opening,-operating-or-closing-a-practice/business-structures/multi-discipline-partnerships
Germany	X	https://www.brak.de/fuer-anwaelte/berufsrecht https://www.brak.de/w/files/02_fuer_anwaelte/berufsrecht/bora-stand-01.11.2018_en.pdf https://www.brak.de/w/files/02_fuer_anwaelte/berufsrecht/brao_stand_1.6.2011_englisch.pdf
Italy	X	https://www.ordineavvocatiroma.it/ https://www.ordineavvocatimilano.it/ https://www.ccbe.eu/fileadmin/speciality_distribution/public/documents/National_Regulations/DEON_National_CoC/EN_Italy_Code_of_Conduct_for_Italian_Lawyers.pdf

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Adoption of Nonlawyer Ownership in U.S. and Foreign Jurisdictions

Foreign Jurisdictions	Adopted	Links to Information about Foreign Jurisdiction Programs Concerning ABS
New Zealand	X	
Scotland	X	https://www.gov.scot/about/contact-information/make-a-complaint/ http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2010/16/2010-11-10 https://www.lawscot.org.uk/members/rules-and-guidance/rules-and-guidance/ https://www.lawscot.org.uk/members/membership-and-fees/licensed-legal-service-providers/
Singapore	X	
Spain	X	https://www.hg.org/bar-associations-spain.asp https://www.ccbe.eu/fileadmin/speciality_distribution/public/documents/National_Regulations/DEON_National_CoC/EN_Spain_Code_of_conduct_of_the_Spanish_Bar.pdf
United Kingdom	X	https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/what-sra-about.page https://www.clc-uk.org/about/what-we-do/ https://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can_we_help/approved_regulators/index.htm https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/policy/future/resources.page

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