



The State Bar of California

Task Force on Access Through Innovation of Legal Services – Subcommittee on Rules and Ethics Opinions

Comments to Subcommittee Reports for the January 18 Meeting

To: Rules and Ethics Opinions Subcommittee
From: Dan Rice
Date: January 15, 2019

1) What are the existing categories of innovative legal and law related services that are believed to be constrained by the Rules of Professional Conduct or other lawyer conduct laws?

Compensation policies can discourage the use of technology that will allow lawyers to complete their work faster and at a higher quality level. This includes automation of repetitive tasks as well as document drafting and research tools.

2) What is the public protection purpose of each of these rules and laws?

I will defer to others on this question.