



The State Bar *of California*

ACTION SUMMARY

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

May 13, 2019

11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

May 14, 2019

9:00 am -12:00 pm

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Members Present:

May 13, 2019 - Tara Burd (Chair), Kevin Mohr (Vice-Chair), Johann Drolshagen, Lori Gonzalez, Andrew Kucera, and Allen Rodriguez.

May 14, 2019 - Tara Burd (Chair), Kevin Mohr (Vice-Chair), Johann Drolshagen, Andrew Kucera, Daniel Rice, and Allen Rodriguez.

Others Present:

May 13, 2019 - Justice Lee Edmon, Greg Fortescue, Leah Wilson, Randall Difuntorum, Mia Ellis

May 14, 2019 – Mia Ellis, Mimi Lee, Randall Difuntorum

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A. Chair's Report

1. Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order and asked staff to take a roll call of the task force members.

2. Call for Public Comment

There was no one present to provide public comment.

3. Subcommittee Discussion

- a. Rule 5.4 – Should we lift restrictions on fee sharing? Will this increase access to justice and protect the public?
- b. Discussion of May 9, 2019, Letter from Court Buddy Legal to ATILS

4. Staff Report

No formal staff report.

5. Approval of Action Summary from the April 8, 2019 Meeting

Approval of Action Summary

B. Action / Report and Recommendation

- 1. Approval of Proposed Changes to Rule 5.4 by (i) adding paragraph 5.4 (a) (6), (ii) substituting in place of current paragraph 5.4 (b) new paragraphs 5.4 (b) (1-6), Allowing Non-Lawyer Ownership, But Not Passive Investment in Law Firms to Deliver Legal Services, and (iii) modifying paragraph 5.4 (d) to conform it to the proposed changes to paragraph 5.4 (b).
- 2. Approval of Adding Concepts of Proposed Rules 5.4 (a) (6), 5.4 (b) (1-6) - Allowing Non-Lawyer Ownership, But Not Passive Investment, in Law Firms to Deliver Legal Services, - and 5.4 (d) to the Menu of Options to Send Out for Public Comment.

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