



The State Bar *of California*

Proposed Amendments to State Bar Rules and Proposed New State Bar Rule Regarding Legal Services Trust Fund Commission: Request to Circulate for Public Comment

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Legal Services Trust Fund Commission Authority

- Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (LSTFC) provides oversight to administration of grants to support civil legal aid throughout California
- Stakeholder working group in 2019 led to recommendation to update Rules of the State Bar
- LSTFC has power to recommend rule changes under Bus. & Prof. Code §6210.5
 - BOT to approve unless statutory/fiduciary/legal conflict



LSTFC Codification Process

- New subcommittee (Rules Committee)
- Issue-specific working groups of LSTFC members and State Bar staff
- Feedback from Legal Aid Association of California and legal aid community generally
- Rules Committee review and recommendation
- Discussion and approval of proposed amendments/new rules by LSTFC
- Request for public comment



Topics Addressed

1. Primary Purpose, Rule 3.671
2. Definition of Civil Legal Services, Rule 3.672
3. Late Submissions, Rule 3.680 and Appendix A
4. Audits and In-Kind Donations, Rule 3.680 and Appendix A
5. Complaints from the Public Against State Bar-Funded Grantees, Rules 3.690 and 3.692
6. Income and Indigent Persons, Rule 3.674 (new proposed rule)



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Should the Board of Trustees concur in the proposed action, passage of the following resolution is recommended:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, authorizes staff to make available the proposed revisions to State Bar Rules relating to the Legal Services Trust Fund Program in the forms attached as Attachments G and H, for a public comment period of 60 days; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this authorization for release for public comment is not, and shall not be, construed as a recommendation of approval by the Board of Trustees of the proposal.

