

WSBA Sections Legislative Comment Process

Section Comments, Positions, Support, Opposition, or Input



Satisfy BOG Policies 1501, 1504, and 1503



Section Executive Committee Vetting



Facilitator: Legislative Affairs Manager



Decision Maker



Section Comments Approved

AREA	COMMENTS	APPLICABLE POLICY	FACILITATOR	DECISION MAKER
	State Court Rules¹ on behalf of the Section	1501-Legislation and Court Rule Comment Policy (section 4)	Sanjay Walvekar, <i>Legislative Affairs Manager</i>	Legislative Affairs Manager OR BOG Legislative Committee Chair
	State Court Rules¹ on behalf of the Bar or BOG		Sanjay Walvekar	BOG
	State Legislation¹	1504-Sections Legislative Comment Policy (section 4(c))	Sanjay Walvekar	Legislative Affairs Manager OR BOG Legislative Committee Chair
	State Administrative Rulemaking¹		Sanjay Walvekar	
<p>¹ May not publicly comment unless:</p> <p>(a) at least 75% of the total membership of the Section's Executive Committee has first determined that the matter under consideration meets GR 12; and</p> <p>(b) after determining that the matter meets GR 12, that the comments are the opinion of at least 75% of the total membership of the Executive Committee;</p> <p>Cannot be in conflict with or in opposition to decisions or policies of the Board of Governors or Board Legislative Committee, including GR12 analyses (<i>BOG Policy 1501 section 4(a) (b)</i>).</p>				
	Federal Court Rules²	1504-Sections Legislative Comment Policy (section 4(g))	Sanjay Walvekar	BOG
	Federal Legislation²		Sanjay Walvekar	BOG
	Federal Administrative Rulemaking²		Sanjay Walvekar	BOG
	Municipal matters²	1504-Sections Legislative Comment Policy (section 4(g))	Sanjay Walvekar	BOG
	Legislation² that includes new user fees	1503-BOG Policy regarding user fees	Sanjay Walvekar	BOG
	Any public communications² <i>on behalf of the Bar or BOG (e.g., ABA matters, executive orders, etc.)</i>	WSBA Bylaws Art. IX.B.3.c; Art. IV (E)	Sanjay Walvekar	BOG
<p>² May not comment without BOG authorization (<i>BOG Policy 1504 section 4(g)</i>).</p>				

COMMITTEE AND POSITION DESCRIPTIONS:

Board of Governors (BOG)

The BOG is the governing body of WSBA comprised of a President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, Chair, and elected congressional and at-large members that determines general policies and approves the WSBA's budget.

Board Legislative Committee (BLC)

The BLC is comprised of 11 BOG members that consider legislation of interest to the WSBA and are authorized to take a position on legislation on behalf of WSBA.

WSBA Legislative Review Committee (LRC)

The LRC ensures that WSBA-request legislation meets GR12 and is vetted both internally and externally.

WSBA Legislative Affairs Manager (LAM)

The LAM is responsible for coordinating, developing, and lobbying for WSBA's legislative agenda.