



# The Florida Bar

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## REAL PROPERTY, PROBATE AND TRUST LAW SECTION LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITY REQUEST FORM

- This form is for Section Committees to seek approval for Section legislative or political activities.
- Legislative or political activity is defined in the Standing Board Policies of The Florida Bar (SBP 9.11) as “activity by The Florida Bar or a bar group including, but not limited to, filing a comment in a federal administrative law case, taking a position on an action by an elected or appointed governmental official, appearing before a government entity, submitting comments to a regulatory entity on a regulatory matter, or any type of public commentary on an issue of significant public interest or debate.”
- Requests for legislative and political activity must be made on this form and submitted to the RPPTL Legislation Committee, with your Committee’s white paper.
- Pursuant to SBP 9.50(d), the Section must advise The Florida Bar of proposed legislative or political activity AND circulate the proposal to all Bar divisions, sections and committees that might be interested in the issue.
  - Committees must check with other interested Bar divisions, sections and committees to see if there are comments or issues.
  - If comments have been received from another interested group, the comments must be included.
  - If comments have not yet been received, the proposal may still be submitted to the Legislation Committee, with a list of the interested groups that have been notified and the dates and methods of notification.
  - If a decision needs to be expedited, the proposal must explain the need for an expedited decision and request a specific deadline for a decision by the Bar.
- The Legislation Committee will review the proposal.
  - The proposal will then need to be presented at the Division Round Table.
  - Then, published as an Information Item to the Executive Council.
  - Then, published as an Action Item to the Executive Council.

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## General Information

**Submitted by:** *(name of Section Committee)* Real Property Problems Study

**Contact:** *(Name of Committee Chair(s), address and phone number)* Susan Spurgeon  
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*(Name of Sub-committee Chair, if any, address and phone number, if any)* \_\_\_\_\_

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## Proposed Advocacy

Complete #1 below if the issue is legislative OR #2 if the issue is political; AND #3 must be completed.

### 1. Proposed Wording of Legislative Position for Official Publication

Abolishing common law doctrines that have been argued to prevent easements,  
covenants, servitudes, restrictions and similar land planning and development tools from  
coming into existence when all of the benefitted, burdened and affected lands are in  
common ownership.

### 2. Political Proposal

Preserving easements, use rights, and deed and community restrictions created for  
condominiums, homeowners associations, deed restricted communities, and adjacent  
properties.

### 3. Reasons For Proposed Advocacy

a. Per SBP 9.50(a), does the proposal meet all three of the following requirements?  
*(select one)*    ☒ Yes    ☐ No

- It is within the group's subject matter jurisdiction as described in the Section's Bylaws;
- It is beyond the scope of the Section/Bar's permissible legislative or political activity, or within the Section/Bar's permissible scope of legislative or political activity and consistent with an official Section/Bar position on that issue; and
- It does not have the potential for deep philosophical or emotional division among a substantial segment of the Bar's membership.

b. Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Referrals to Other Committees, Divisions & Sections/Voluntary Bar Groups

Pursuant to SBP 9.50(d), the Section must provide copies of its proposed legislative or political actions to all Bar committees, divisions, sections and voluntary bar groups that may be interested in the issue. **List** all Bar committees, divisions, sections and voluntary bar **groups that this proposal has been shared with** pursuant to this requirement, **the date the proposal was shared**, and **provide all comments** received from such groups as part of your submission. The Section may submit its proposal before receiving comments, but only after the proposal has been provided to other bar divisions, sections or committees. A form for sharing proposals is available for this purpose.

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Florida Home Builders

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Florida Land Title Association

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City, County & Local Government Law Section

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Environmental & Land Use Law Section

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## Contacts

### Legislation Committee Appearance *(list name, address and phone #)*

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Colleen Sachs, Attorneys' Title Fund Services, LLC, 6545 Corporate Centre Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32822, 800-432-9594 [EXT. 7711],

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Sancha K. Brennan, Legislation Committee Co-Chair, 545 Delaney Avenue, Hovey Court, Bldg. 1, Orlando, FL 32801, Telephone: 407-893-7888

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Steven H. Mezer, Legislation Committee Co-Chair, 1511 Westshore Boulevard, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33607, Telephone 813-527-3900

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### Appearances before Legislators *(list name and phone # of those having direct contact before House/Senate committees)*

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c/o Dean, Mead & Dunbar, PA, 215 South Monroe Street, Ste. 815, Tallahassee, FL 32301, Telephone 850-999-4100

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### Meetings with Legislators/staff *(list name and phone # of those having direct contact with legislators)*

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