

Report on Public Policy Position

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Consumer Law Section

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Regarding:

ABA Model Court Rule on Provision of Legal Services Following Determination of a Major Disaster:

The Model Court Rule provides that, after the highest court in an affected jurisdiction, or in another jurisdiction to which displaced persons temporarily relocate, determines that an emergency exists and that it affects the state's justice system and the provision of legal services in the state, the court may allow:

1. Out-of-state lawyers to provide pro bono legal services to the citizens of the affected state within certain constraints described in the model rule, and;
2. Displaced lawyers from an affected state can provide legal services in an unaffected state on a temporary basis if these services are reasonably related to the lawyer's practice in the affected jurisdiction.

Date position was adopted:

December 15, 2007

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after an electronic discussion and vote.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

15

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

5 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

10 Abstained from vote

0 Did not vote

Position:

The Consumer Law Section takes no position.

The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.