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Re: HB 4732 Allow property managers and other nonlawyers to represent businesses in certain eviction proceedings

Dear Representative Sak:

At its July 29, 2005 meeting, the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to actively oppose¹ HB 4732.

For your information, enclosed are the public policy reports submitted to the State Bar from its Standing Committee on Justice Initiatives and Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. Please note that the opinions expressed are that of the Committees and not necessarily that of the State Bar.

If you would like to discuss this position in further detail or have questions, please contact Janet Welch directly at (517) 346-6375, jwelch@mail.michbar.org; or Elizabeth Lyon directly at (517) 346-6325, elyon@mail.michbar.org.

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¹ Definition of active opposition: Pending legislation which the State Bar opposes and which is the subject of active lobbying effort.