NOTE: This list includes issues that may be presented for consideration at the 2019 Midyear Meeting or a future meeting of the House of Delegates. Please remember that, with the exception of state and local bar associations, the filing deadline for submission of Resolutions with Reports by Association entities and affiliated organizations is Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

FAMILY LAW

1. Model Act Governing Assisted Reproductive Technology
   Proposes the Model Act Governing Assisted Reproductive Technology [2019] to replace the Model Act Governing Assisted Reproductive Technology [2008] previously approved by the House of Delegates. Social, legal, and medical advancements in the area of assisted reproductive technologies (“ART”) require modernization of the Model Act [2008]. The Model Act updates the language throughout the Act to be neutral as to gender and sexual-orientation to insure equal treatment of those children born through assisted reproduction to same-sex couples, significantly updates surrogacy and surrogacy parentage provisions to track with current practice and best practices guidelines, and updates provisions addressing the rights of donor conceived children to access information about their gamete (sperm or egg) donor. Section of Family Law. Contacts: Anita Ventrelli, Esq., Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck, LLP, 200 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60601-1098, Phone: 312/609-5506, E-mail: aventrelli@sdflaw.com; Scott Friedman, Esq., Friedman & Mirman Co., L.P.A., 1320 Dublin Rd., Columbus, OH 43215, Phone: 614/221-0090, E-mail: SFriedman@friedmanmirman.com; Richard Vaughn, Esq., International Fertility Law Group, 5757 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 645, Los Angeles, CA 90036-3651, Phone: 323/331-9343, E-mail: Rich@IFLG.net; Cynthia Swan*, Phone: 312/988.5619, E-mail: cynthia.swan@americanbar.org.

GUN VIOLENCE

2. Guns in Classrooms
   Urges opposition to laws that would authorize teachers, principals, or other school personnel to possess a firearm in, or in the vicinity of, a public, parochial, or private school, and to oppose use of federal funds to provide firearms training or to purchase firearms for teachers, principals, or other school personnel. Standing Committee on Gun Violence. Contacts: Joshu Harris, 1239 Crease St., Philadelphia, PA 19125-3901, Phone: 646/621-4164, E-mail: jh@harrislegal.info; Sharon L. Terrill**, Phone: 202/662-1970, E-mail: sharon.terrill@americanbar.org.

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3. **Guns in the Courtroom**
Urges state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to enact statutes, rules, or regulations and judges promulgate policies to limit the possession of firearms in court houses and judicial centers, including common areas within the buildings as well as grounds immediately adjacent to the justice complex, to those charged with courtroom and judicial center security or active law enforcement officers, unless they are a party to the action pending before the court. All persons permitted to carry firearms in the courtroom, courthouse or judicial center, should be required annually complete a minimum number of hours for training in firearm safety. **Standing Committee on Gun Violence.** Contacts: Joshu Harris, 1239 Crease St., Philadelphia, PA 19125-3901, Phone: 646/621-4164, E-mail: jh@harrislegal.info; Sharon L. Terrill**, Phone: 202/662-1970, E-mail: sharon.terrill@americanbar.org.

4. **NICS Self-Reporting**
To reduce the risk of suicides and other deadly incidents, this resolution urges that individuals be allowed to: 1) voluntarily submit their names into databases used for gun background checks, and 2) remove themselves from those systems. **Standing Committee on Gun Violence.** Contacts: Joshu Harris, 1239 Crease St., Philadelphia, PA 19125-3901, Phone: 646/621-4164, E-mail: jh@harrislegal.info; Sharon L. Terrill**, Phone: 202/662-1970, E-mail: sharon.terrill@americanbar.org.

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**JUDICIAL DIVISION**

5. **Guidelines for the Use of Special Masters**
Urges an acceptable part of judicial administration in complex litigation and in other cases that create particular needs that a special master might satisfy, for courts and the parties to consider using a special master and to consider using special masters not only after particular issues have developed, but at the outset of litigation and urges that courts weigh the benefits against potential costs; outline and support increased awareness of the wide-range of functions special masters can perform; emphasize selection in a manner that promotes confidence in the process and the choice of special master; discuss the elements the referral order should and can include; recommend the development of local rules for selecting, training and evaluating special masters, including rules designed to facilitate the selection of special masters from a diverse pool of potential candidates; urge the creation of educational programs on the use of special masters; and recommend the consideration of modifications of laws, rules or practices necessary to achieve these ends, including amending Bankruptcy Rule 9031 to permit courts responsible for cases under the Bankruptcy Code to use special masters in the same way as they are used in other federal cases. **Judicial Division.** Contacts: Merril Hirsh, FCIArb, HirshADR PLLC, Law Office of Merril Hirsh PLLC, 2837 Northampton St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20015, Phone: 202/448-9020, E-mail: merril@merrilhirsh.com; Rick Bien, Partner, Lathrop Gage LLP, 2345 Grand Blvd., Suite 2200, Kansas City, MO 64108-2618, Phone:
6. Parental Leave

Urges federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal courts to promote full and equal opportunity and participation in the legal profession and the justice system, to facilitate efficient litigation proceedings, and to protect a litigant’s right to be represented by counsel of its choosing, by adopting a Parental Leave Rule in substantially. Young Lawyers Division. Contacts: Anthony Palermo, Holland & Knight, LLP, 100 North Tampa Street, Suite 4100, Tampa, Florida 33602, Phone: 812/227-6320, E-mail: Anthony.palermo@hklaw.com; Logan Murphy, Hill Ward Henderson, 3700 Bank of America Plaza, 101 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33602, Phone: 813/222-8701, Fax: 813/221-2900, E-mail: logan.murphy@hwhlaw.com; Dana Hrelic, Horton, Dowd, Bartschi & Levesque, P.C., 90 Gillett Street, Hartford, CT 06105, Phone: 860/522-8338, Fax: 860-728-0401, E-mail: dhrelic@hdblfirm.com.