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TO: Board of Governors

FROM: Hilarie Bass
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RE: Request to Create Working Group to Advance Well-Being
in the Legal Profession

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The Board of Governors is requested to approve the creation of a Working Group to Advance Well-Being in the Legal Profession to examine and make recommendations regarding the high rate of depression, suicide and addiction among lawyers.

The Working Group will have up to 10 members, including a chair, and may include non-lawyer experts. Members will include representatives from state COLAPs, law firms and malpractice insurance carriers. It will develop policy resolutions for consideration by the House of Delegates during the 2018 Midyear Meeting, and may convene a conference of stakeholders in spring 2018 to assist in the implementation of recommendations considered by the House. No general revenue is requested or required.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.