FAMILY LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0981

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The Family Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Family Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Family Law Section is 2,865.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 21. The number who voted in favor to this position was 19. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0. The number who abstained from voting was 0.

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Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:
Family Law Section

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Bill Number:
SB 0981 (Jones) Family law; marriage and divorce; contacting a party to a divorce action; prohibit for a certain time period. Amends 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.101 - 600.9947) by adding sec. 914.

Date position was adopted:
September 18, 2014

Process used to take the ideological position:
Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting.

Number of members in the decision-making body:
21

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:
19 Voted for position
0 Voted against position
0 Abstained from vote
2 Did not vote

Position:
Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:
SB 981 is part of a package of bills designed to combat domestic violence. This bill protects victims of domestic violence by preventing direct solicitations of legal services until 30 days after proof of service is filed in a divorce complaint. This allows the victim an opportunity to serve protective orders along with the complaint for divorce. The Family Law Section believes that the victim must be allowed a reasonable time to achieve service. The Family Law Section supports this bill.

The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.
http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2014-SB-0981