

1 **Rule 14-106. Authority to engage in legislative activities.**

2 Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 4 of the Utah Constitution, the Supreme Court hereby  
3 authorizes and directs the Board to engage in legislative activities.

4 (a) The Board is authorized and directed to study and provide assistance on public  
5 policy issues and to adopt positions on behalf of the Board on public policy issues. The  
6 Board is authorized to review and analyze pending legislation, to provide technical  
7 assistance to the Utah Legislature, the Governor of Utah, the Utah Judicial Council and  
8 other public bodies upon request, and to adopt a position in support of or in opposition  
9 to a policy initiative, to adopt no position on a policy initiative, or to remain silent on a  
10 policy initiative. The position of the Board shall not be construed as the position of the  
11 Court or binding on the Court in any way.

12 (a)(1) The Board's consideration of public policy issues shall be limited to those issues  
13 concerning the courts of Utah, procedure and evidence in the courts, the administration  
14 of justice, the practice of law, and matters of substantive law on which the collective  
15 expertise of lawyers has special relevance and/or which may affect an individual's ability  
16 to access legal services or the legal system.

17 (a)(2) Public policy issues may be submitted to the Board for consideration in  
18 accordance with written procedures established by the Board.

19 (a)(3) The adoption of a Board position shall be in accordance with written procedures  
20 established by the Board.

21 (a)(4) The Board shall prepare and maintain a written record of the Board's positions on  
22 public policy issues and shall ensure reasonable notice and distribution to the members  
23 of the Bar and to Licensed Paralegal Practitioners.

24 (b) Governmental Relations Committee. The Board may establish a Governmental  
25 Relations Committee to assist in carrying out its responsibilities as set forth above. The  
26 committee's membership and procedures shall encourage broad participation and input  
27 and compliance with this policy.

28 | (c) Legislative budget, rebates. ~~The Board shall establish, as part of its annual budget, a~~  
29 | ~~legislative budget which shall include all reasonable administrative expenses~~  
30 | ~~attributable to the Bar's legislative activities. At the end of the Utah general legislative~~  
31 | ~~session each year, The the Board shall calculate all reasonable administrative~~  
32 | ~~expenses attributable to the Bar's legislative activities for the preceding 12 month~~  
33 | ~~period, identify each member's and Licensed Paralegal Practitioner's -pro rata portion of~~  
34 | ~~the amount of license fees for the preceding 12 month period budgeted spent for~~  
35 | legislative activities and establish a fair and equitable rebate procedure of that amount  
36 | for Bar members or Licensed Paralegal Practitioners who object to any legislative  
37 | position taken by the Board.

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