WSBA Elder Law Section
Legislative Review Protocol

Goal:

- To build on the positive and productive relationships with legislators, their staff and WSBA legislative liaisons.
- To centralize contact with the above persons to keep a consistent voice and to continue the Elder Law section being viewed as an "honest broker."

I. Referred Legislation

1. Initial review as to whether legislation fits criteria of GR 12 i.e. "related to or affect the practice of law or administration of justice."
2. Executive Committee is sole entity authorized to take position on legislation on behalf of Section and requires 75% agreement. Position can be supporting, opposing or remaining neutral.
3. Individual attorneys may participate in legislative process, but may not purport to "represent" the Section.
4. Notices shall be placed on website of bills referred to Section and include positions taken on various bills.
5. Process
   - Initial vetting of proposed legislation (essential to be done carefully and promptly)
   - EC members (and perhaps others) <u>commit</u> to vetting;
     - Vetters work under supervision of Committee chairs
     - Do synopsis of change
     - Legislative committee decides which bill to recommend action in conjunction with Kathryn Leathers;
     - If action, then Vetter does more detailed, substantive review to disseminate among Executive Committee for review and vote.

II. Elder Law Section Proposed Legislation.

1. Initial review as to whether legislation fits criteria of GR 12 i.e. "related to or affect the practice of law or administration of justice."
2. Consultation with Legislative liaison for timing and process.
3. Executive Committee is sole entity authorized to take position on legislation on behalf of Section and requires 75% agreement.
4. If possible, proposed legislation should be circulated to section members for review and comment.
5. Individual attorneys may propose legislation, but may not purport to "represent" the Section.