

ADOPTED

SPONSORS: Llewelyn G. Pritchard, Paula J. Frederick, Jeffrey J. Snell, Christel E. Marquardt, and Mitchell A. Orpett, Members of the Committee on Scope and Correlation of Work; Governors Rosemary E. Giuliano and Roderick B. Mathews, *ex officios* to Scope; and Deborah Enix-Ross, Chair, Section Officers Conference.

PROPOSAL: Amends §31.7 of the Bylaws to discontinue the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Title Guaranty Funds.

Amends §31.7 of the Bylaws to delete the paragraph headed Lawyers' Title Guaranty Funds.

§31.7 Designation, Jurisdiction, and Special Tenures of Standing Committees. The designation, jurisdiction, and special tenures of standing committees are as follows:

~~**Lawyers' Title Guaranty Funds.** The Standing Committee on Lawyers' Title Guaranty Funds shall study title insurance and title guaranty funds, cooperate with state and local bar associations indicating an interest in lawyers' title guaranty funds, and stimulate efforts among lawyers and others to recognize the essential role of the lawyer in real estate transactions.~~

REPORT

The Committee on Scope and Correlation of Work (Scope) is a committee elected by the House of Delegates, as set forth in the Bylaws of the ABA. Scope's jurisdiction is as follows: "Scope shall study the structure, functions and work of the Sections, Committees, and other agencies of the Association. It shall make such recommendations to the House or the Board of Governors as it considers appropriate to correlating the work of the Association as a whole and providing better use of the Association's resources. The Committee is responsible to the House and it has no powers or duties other than those prescribed by this paragraph."

Therefore Scope's responsibility is to recommend how the Association's limited resources can be used wisely and as productively as possible. To fulfill this mandate, Scope proactively serves as the House watchdog over Association entities in all matters relating to the correlation of Association activities.

For that reason, Scope recommends that the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Title Guaranty Funds (Standing Committee) be discontinued at the conclusion of the 2008 Annual Meeting; and should the Standing Committee and General Practice and Solo and Small Firm Division (Division) reach an agreement, Scope also recommends that the work of the Standing Committee be subsumed into the Division.

The ABA Board of Governors, Executive Director Henry F. White, Jr., and the senior management group agree with Scope's recommendation for sunset.