



TO: TADC MEMBERSHIP

FROM: CLAYTON DEVIN, PRESIDENT

RE: ABA COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF LEGAL SERVICES REPORT

The TADC would like to share with its members the ABA's Commission on the Future of Legal Services report on alternate business structures for law firms, which if adopted by the ABA, would permit non-lawyer ownership of law firms. The adoption of such business structures would have a critical impact on the future of the profession and the manner in which we practice law.

We feel it is important for our members to express their opinions on the viability of such structures and the manner in which they will affect our collective future. The Commission is calling for comments on their report; the deadline, however, is extremely tight with all commentary due by Monday, May 2. We have just learned of this report and its deadline.

Please review the entire document [ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services Report](#) to become familiar with its contents.

The TADC Board of Directors met today in conjunction with its Spring Meeting in Nashville and discussed this report at length. It is the sense of your Board of Directors that the proposal to allow non-lawyer ownership of law firms is not in the best interest of the legal profession as it has the potential to encroach on the independence of our profession.

While adoption of this by the ABA is not binding on the states, it will be used by proponents to advance this agenda in Texas. Please act now. We ask that you give us your feedback **no later than Friday, April 29**. Please direct your comments/suggestions to tadc@tadc.org

We also ask that you contact the Commission and express your individual views on the report. Your participation is needed to ensure this concept is fully vetted. Commentary on the report from the ABA's Commission on the Future of Legal Services should be sent to the following address:

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We again apologize for the short notice but hope that you will review the report and express your views to participate in this very important process.

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