



# Proposed Annual Meeting Resolutions

The resolutions presented here will be considered for adoption by the State Bar Resolutions Committee at the annual meeting in San Antonio. Resolutions adopted by the committee will be considered by those attending the general session. If adopted by that body, the resolution expresses only the majority opinion of those attending the general session, not the State Bar membership.

**At the time the *Bar Journal* went to press, the resolutions printed here were still undergoing the review process.**

## Proposed Resolution of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification Issues Section

WHEREAS, the current health insurance plans offered by the State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust do not allow (1) a member of the State Bar of Texas to purchase health insurance for an adult, other than a spouse or child, who resides in the same household as a member of the Bar or (2) an eligible law firm to purchase health insurance for its employees that allows a firm employee to obtain health insurance for an adult, other than a spouse or child, who resides in the same household as the employee; and

WHEREAS, many members of the Bar and employees of eligible law firms have domestic partners or take care of elderly parents, grandparents, or other relatives who need health insurance; and

WHEREAS, group health insurance plans exist that allow a plan participant to cover as dependants adults who reside in the same household with the plan participant; and

WHEREAS, access to affordable health insurance is of the utmost important to members of the State Bar of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the membership of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification Issues Section of the State Bar of Texas (1) that the Board of Trustees of the State Bar of

Texas Insurance Trust is strongly urged to expand the class of eligible dependents for health insurance to include any adult who resides in the same household with a member of the State Bar of Texas or an employee of an eligible law firm and (2) that copies of this resolution be delivered to the members of the Supreme Court of Texas, the officers and directors of the State Bar of Texas, and the section chairs of the State Bar of Texas. In making this resolution, the section takes no position on whether the State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust should require proof of insurability for the expanded class of eligible insureds.

**Rick Thompson, Chair**



## Proposed Resolution of the International Law Section

WHEREAS, in August 2002, the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association (ABA) adopted the Report of the Commission on Multi-Jurisdictional Practice (MJP Report) which included proposed amendments to the ABA's Model Rules of Professional Conduct (the Model Rules);

WHEREAS, the aim of the MJP Report was to modernize state regulation of international cross-border legal services and provide coherent guidelines for the states to align their existing rules with the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS);

WHEREAS, with respect to international practice, the MJP Report urges states to adopt two international rules pertaining to (a) the ability of foreign lawyers to serve as foreign legal consultants in the United States and (b) the status of foreign lawyers who advise clients on non-US law matters