

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

**TASK FORCE ON THE MODEL DEFINITION OF THE PRACTICE OF LAW
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIENT PROTECTION
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

RECOMMENDATION

1 RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association recommends that every state and territory
2 adopt a definition of the practice of law.

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That each state's and territory's definition should include the basic
4 premise that the practice of law is the application of legal principles and judgment to the
5 circumstances or objectives of another person or entity.

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That each state and territory should determine who may provide
7 services that are included within the state's or territory's definition of the practice of law and
8 under what circumstances, based upon the potential harm and benefit to the public. The
9 determination should include consideration of minimum qualifications, competence and
10 accountability.