

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

**TASK FORCE ON THE MODEL DEFINITION OF THE PRACTICE OF LAW
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIENT PROTECTION**

REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 RESOLVED, that the American Bar Association recommends that every jurisdiction adopt a
2 definition of the practice of law.
- 3 FURTHER RESOLVED, that each jurisdiction's definition should include the basic premise that
4 the practice of law is the application of legal principles and judgment to the circumstances or
5 objectives of another person or entity.
- 6 FURTHER RESOLVED, that each jurisdiction should determine who may provide services that
7 are included within the jurisdiction's definition of the practice of law and under what
8 circumstances, based upon the potential harm and benefit to the public. The determination
9 should include consideration of minimum qualifications, competence and accountability.