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Mr. Louis T. M. Conti, Chair
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Re: Proposed Amendments to Rule 6-26.3(b)
Rules Regulating the Florida Bar
Intellectual Property Certification Standards

Dear Mr. Conti,

The Intellectual Property Certification Committee proposes to amend the intellectual property certification standards under Rule 6-26.3(b), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar and invites comment from the Business Law Section. A copy of the standards with the amendments in legislative format is enclosed for your reference.

BLSE Policy 2.02(c) governs this process; a copy is enclosed. Your review and input, if any, is required before the Board of Governors' Program Evaluation Committee will consider any amendments to certification standards. Should your committee wish to make any comments or suggestions, please provide same to Julie Coiro, Intellectual Property Law Certification Committee Liaison, within 45 days' receipt of this letter. If your committee has no comments on the proposed amendments, please send written notification to Ms. Coiro at your earliest convenience.

The Intellectual Property Certification Committee is committed to continual review and improvement of our standards to ensure they represent the level of knowledge, skills and proficiency, as well as the character, ethics and professionalism, expected of a Board Certified Intellectual Property law practitioner. Your committee's input is invaluable as we strive to further enhance Intellectual Property Board Certification for the benefit of The Bar and the public. On behalf of the Intellectual Property Certification Committee and the BLSE, thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305-358-5001 or by email at jgale@feldmangale.com, or Julie Coiro at 850-561-3143 or by email at jcoiro@flabar.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Kain, Jr, Chair
Intellectual Property Certification Committee

RCK/jc
Enclosures

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BLSE Policy 2.02(c)

(c) Amendments to Area Standards. Each certification committee, in accordance with the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, has the responsibility to recommend to the BLSE criteria for certification including, but not limited to, amendments to area standards. Prior to referral to the BLSE, any amendment(s) to area standards shall first be provided to the relevant bar section, division, and substantive law committee with an invitation to comment. A 45 day response time shall be suggested; however, reasonable accommodations to extend such period shall be permitted to ensure a substantive review. Bar section, division, and substantive law committee input shall not be construed as a means to veto proposed changes, but merely to allow all those who have expertise in a given field to offer substantive comment to ensure the continued maintenance of reasonable and uniform standards concerning education, experience, proficiency, and professionalism.