



# PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR PROVIDING TESTIMONY TO THE LEGISLATURE

## Approval Process

1. Every invitation to testify is circulated by the staff of the Virgin Islands Bar Association ("Bar") to the Membership
2. Membership is invited to submit written comments to the Chair of the Legislation and Law Reform Committee ("Committee")
3. The Committee Chair submits the Committee's recommendation/position to the Board through its Liaison.
4. The Board of Governors ("Board") considers and adopts or rejects the recommendation/position of the Committee.
5. The Liaison reports the results of the Board's consideration back to the Committee.

## Testimony Process if Adopted

1. If the recommendation/position of the Committee is adopted, the testimony is drafted by the Committee in accordance with the recommendation/position.
2. If the Board elects to amend the recommendation/position of the Committee, the testimony shall be revised by the Committee in accordance with such amendments.
3. In appropriate circumstances and with time permitting, the testimony may be reported back to the Board, through the liaison, for approval.
4. Traditionally, the President authorizes the Committee chairperson to either testify or designate a representative from the committee to testify.
  - (a) If the Committee Chairperson and members of the Committee are unavailable to testify, then the Chairperson shall notify the Board through the liaison, and the Board shall designate a Board Member or other member of the Bar to present the Board-approved testimony.

## Testimony Process if Rejected

1. If the recommendation/position of the Committee is rejected, the Board shall either decline the invitation to testify, or the Board will draft testimony in accordance with the majority position of the Board.
2. In appropriate circumstances and with time permitting, the President will report the testimony back to the Board for Board approval.
3. The President shall present the testimony or designate another Board member to present the testimony.

Adopted by the Board of Governors on June 28, 2012