

The Task Force has prepared the attached draft Bylaws as **Exhibit 1**.

A list of South Carolina Bar members who expressed interest in participating in a civil rights group is attached as well as **Exhibit 2**.

SECTION MISSION: The purpose of this Section shall be to promote and further to support South Carolina practitioners who work in the area of constitutional and civil rights practice and policy, to educate other South Carolina Bar members about these practice areas, to promote these practice areas, and to work with the community at large to identify and address civil rights issues affecting historically-marginalized populations. Constitutional and civil rights practice and policy includes but is not limited to the following areas: (1) criminal justice issues like police misconduct, excessive force, prisoner rights, and similar litigation under 42 U.S.C. § 1983; (2) disabilities and special needs law under the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 42 U.S.C. 70l-97b) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213); (3) education law under Title IX (10 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688); (4) election law; (5) employment law under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e to 2000e-1) which includes protection for race, nationality, color, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity; (6) free speech, freedom of the press, and First Amendment law; (7) the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. §§ 2671-2680); (8) healthcare; (9) housing and public accommodations; (10) LGBTQ rights; (11) Native American and tribal rights; (12) privacy law; (13) racial injustice; (14) religious freedoms; (15) poverty; (16) homelessness; (17) treatment of the elderly, and (18) voting rights.

- Organizing CLEs: We already have three CLEs planned for the next 12 months. They include:
 - August 19, 2021 - **Justice Deferred:** Half day CLE built around the new book authored by South Carolina Bar member, Armand Derfner, and Clemson Professor Orville Vernon Burton on race and the U.S. Supreme Court. The book comprehensively charts the Court's race jurisprudence in 200 cases.
 - Fall 2021 - **The Legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg:** Full day CLE on her jurisprudence, her work in South Carolina, and her role as a cultural icon. The CLE will feature Judge Nancy Gertner, a retired federal judge who clerked for Justice Ginsburg and whose book on her drops this Fall. Judge Gertner is on the Harvard faculty.
 - January 2022 - **Section 1983 demystified:** A half day CLE at the SC Bar Convention on the nuts and bolts of how to bring a lawsuit under 42 U.S.C. section 1983.
- Hosting a Listserv for members.
- Publishing a newsletter.
- Establishing a landing page for this practice area on the Bar's website.
- Creating a speaker's bureau.
- Promoting the development of sound laws and policies in the civil rights field.
- Maintaining high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct in the practice of civil rights law.
- Recommending submission of amicus briefs on civil rights issues to the Board of Governors as warranted.