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RE: South Carolina Bar Real Estate Practices Section/ Response to Preliminary Report
of the Task Force on Closing Responsibilities

Dear Dave:

Please accept this letter as the preliminary response of the South Carolina Bar's Real Estate Practices Section (the "Real Estate Section") to the preliminary report (the "Report") of the Task Force on Closing Responsibilities (the "Task Force"). The Real Estate Section is unclear as to what problems the Report is designed to address and what the Task Force intends to accomplish via the Report. Hence, the Real Estate Section opposes the adoption of the Report, or any portion of it, as any type of official rule, guideline, or statement of accepted practices. Any non-judicial effort to establish rules, guidelines, or statements of accepted practices related to the legal aspects of real estate transactions in South Carolina should include representatives of the Real Estate Section.

As the Task Force continues to work, we look forward to responding with more specificity, and working with the Task Force to achieve its goals.

Sincerely,

Real Estate Practices Section Council of the
South Carolina Bar.