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Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson  
Supreme Court of Texas  
201 West 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Chief Justice Jefferson:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 23, 2009 requesting the State Bar Board of Directors' input on whether the attorneys of Texas should be required to disclose the existence or non-existence of professional liability insurance. You are correct that the State Bar Board did not approve a final decision on this issue.

We are happy to review this issue and make a final recommendation to the Court before February 2010. Our plan is to insure that the Board's directors review the report of the task force and go to their constituencies to hear the thoughts of the attorneys in their districts. Additionally, we are planning a process, much like the process that was employed when the State Bar held hearings on new referral fee rules in 2004. Our goal is to give as much notice as possible to both attorneys and members of the public throughout the state so that they may give input at the hearings or through written comments.

We further plan to have the State Bar Board of Directors adopt a final recommendation on this issue at its January 2010 meeting. Thank you for your request and for allowing the State Bar to further consider this important issue for attorneys and the public.

Sincerely,

  
Roland Johnson