



State Bar of Arizona 2020 Lobbying Report

The State Bar of Arizona's lobbying efforts are restricted by both the US Supreme Court decision, *Keller v. State Bar of California*, and Arizona Supreme Court rule. It may only take positions on issues related to "... regulating the legal profession and improving the quality of legal services ..."

ABA Day in Washington D.C.

Not applicable in 2020

Expenses related to lobbying in 2020

Contract Lobbyist	SB 1114	\$8,400
		Total \$8,400

Cost to Members

Lobbying costs for each member (based on 24,977 members as of December 2020):

Issue	Cost per member
SB 1114	.34 cents

In 2020, the State Bar sought to influence legislative action on one proactive bill on behalf of the Bar—SB 1114, the LLC clarification and corrections act. These activities included communicating with a potential bill sponsor; drafters at the Legislative Council regarding the bill language; representatives of the Business Law Section regarding the bill language and seeking the Board of Governors' approval of backing the legislation. We actively engaged with staff and the bill sponsor to ensure the bill was assigned to committee and placed on proper agendas to keep moving through the process, in addition to keeping committee members up to speed with all activities.

However, the legislative session was suspended, and ultimately curtailed, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought about a reduction in direct lobbying opportunities. Ultimately, the legislature shut down abruptly without finishing action on the majority of the bills, including SB 1114. In the fall, albeit still remotely, the State Bar of Arizona's contract lobbyist began communications with the bill sponsor, legislative council, and Section representatives regarding preparing to re-introduce the bill in the 2021 session, along with a couple of small technical additions.

Questions regarding the State Bar of Arizona's lobbying practices?

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