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Ms. Susan Whaley Fox  
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Re: Proposed Amendments to Rule 6-13.4(b) and (g)  
Rules Regulating the Florida Bar  
Appellate Practice Certification Standards

Dear Susan:

The Appellate Practice Certification Committee proposes to amend the Appellate Practice certification standards under Rule 6-13.4, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar and invites comment from the Appellate Practice Section. A copy of the standards with the amendments in legislative format is enclosed for your reference.

Proposed BLSE Policy 2.02(c) governs this process; a copy is enclosed. Although the policy language has not yet received final approval, the Board of Governors' Program Evaluation Committee has requested implementation and expects your review and input, if any, before it will consider any amendments to certification standards. Should your section wish to make any comments or suggestions, please provide same to Carol Vaught, Appellate Practice Certification Committee Liaison, immediately following the annual meeting of your Section on June 28, 2007 in Orlando. If your section has no comments on the proposed amendments, please send written notification to Ms. Vaught at your earliest convenience.

The Appellate Practice Certification Committee is committed to continual review and improvement of our standards to ensure they represent the level of knowledge, skills and proficiency, as well as the character, ethics and professionalism, expected of a board certified appellate practice practitioner. Your section's input is invaluable as we strive to further enhance Appellate Practice board certification for the benefit of the bar and the public. On behalf of the Appellate Practice Certification Committee and the BLSE, thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (954)764-6660, or by email at [john.pelzer@ruden.com](mailto:john.pelzer@ruden.com), or Ms. Vaught at (850) 561-5738, or by email at [cvaught@flabar.org](mailto:cvaught@flabar.org).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John H. Pelzer

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Enclosures

cc: Christopher S. Knopik, Chair, BLSE  
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Austin Newberry, Program Administrator  
Carol Vaught, Certification Specialist

## **Proposed BLSE Policy 2.02(c)**

**(c) Amendments to Area Standards.** Each certification committee, in accordance with the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, has the responsibility to recommend to the BLSE criteria for certification including, but not limited to, amendments to area standards. Prior to referral to the BLSE, any amendment(s) to area standards shall first be provided to the relevant bar section, division, and substantive law committee with an invitation to comment. A 45 day response time shall be suggested; however, reasonable accommodations to extend such period shall be permitted to ensure a substantive review. Bar section, division, and substantive law committee input shall not be construed as a means to veto proposed changes, but merely to allow all those who have expertise in a given field to offer substantive comment to ensure the continued maintenance of reasonable and uniform standards concerning education, experience, proficiency, and professionalism.

BLSE Approved: 11/3/06

BOG Program Evaluation Cmte Approved: 1/25/07

BOG Rules Cmte Approved:

BOG 1st Reading:

BOG 2nd Reading & Approval: