

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ATTORNEY REGULATION

The National Organization of Bar Counsel has just completed celebrating its 50th year as the organization representing those who regulate the practice of law. While there has been a steady flow of change in the profession during this time, nothing has resulted in more transformation than the advent of technological advances and the impact of international treaties and agreements. Rules restricting the practice of law to one jurisdiction are evolving and borders are either disappearing becoming blurred.

As a result, lawyers have become more mobile, both actually and virtually. As detailed in the other portions of this report, this necessitates major change in the way we regulate the profession. Regulators cannot do adequate jobs relying on the tools of the 20th Century. They can also not do it alone; cooperation among the jurisdictions where lawyers practice is essential to protecting the public.

It is the recommendation of the NOBC Subcommittee on International Cooperation in Attorney Regulation that all National Organization of Bar Counsel Members and Affiliate Members cooperate with each other and with non-member entities to the extent allowed by their respective rules in all matters involving the regulation of the legal profession. This includes matters of discipline as well as admissions.

The subcommittee also recommends that wherever possible members seek changes to their rules to allow for cooperation where that possibility does not exist.