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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

**CONNECTICUT STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
GENERAL PRACTICE, SOLO AND SMALL FIRM DIVISION**

REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association opposes the provisions in the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act, P.L. 109-8, that impose restrictions upon the bankruptcy-related legal advice lawyers can provide to individual clients and that require lawyers who provide such advice to identify and advertise themselves as “debt relief agencies,” as well as other similar future federal legislative or regulatory proposals, on the grounds that such provisions violate core First Amendment principles, undermine the confidential attorney-client relationship, and interfere and conflict with traditional state judicial regulation of the legal profession.