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Re: Richard Sander, Joe Hicks and the California First Amendment Coalition vs. State Bar of California

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The Iranian American Lawyers Association (IALA) wishes to reaffirm our opposition to the release of private Bar data to the above-noted parties. We strongly feel that our membership's privacy rights are paramount to the petitioners' research objectives and that wholesale disclosure would also violate our membership's due process rights.

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We continue to support the Committee of Bar Examiners' position on this issue and concur with its analysis that the State Bar holds this information in trust for its membership.

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We also join with the Black Women Lawyers, Langston Bar Association, California Women Lawyers, Mexican American Bar Association, Latina American Lawyer Association and the Multicultural Bar Alliance in opposing the efforts of the petitioners to obtain private information surrounding members of the Bar.

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We urge you to maintain the integrity of the private nature of the information the State Bar has on each of us and plead that you, therefore, deny the request of the petitioners.

Sincerely,

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