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SLAPP-HAPPY: THE BROAD REACH OF TCPA APPEALS

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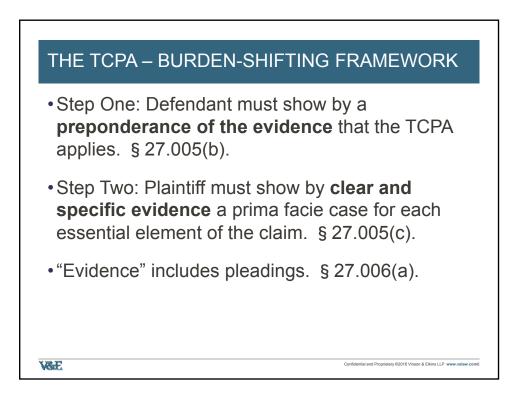
ANTI-SLAPP STATUTES

- "SLAPP": strategic lawsuit against public participation
- Anti-SLAPP statutes
- More than half of states have specific anti-SLAPP laws.
- Texas Citizens Participation Act, Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 27.001 *et seq.*

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THE TCPA – PURPOSE
"The purpose of [the TCPA] is to encourage and safeguard the constitutional rights of persons to petition, speak freely, associate freely, and otherwise participate in government to the maximum extent permitted by law and, at the same time, protect the rights of a person to file meritorious lawsuits for demonstrable injury."
Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §27.002.
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