While perhaps well-intentioned, this proposal would have extremely undesirable unintended consequences. In short, it could lead to requiring an attorney to represent someone he or she does not believe they could, in good conscience, represent zealously. It almost makes representation mandatory—even if the attorney believes he or she would not be the best counsel for a client. It would practically require one to commit malpractice to avoid non-compliance with the rule, if enacted as proposed.

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