I am writing to oppose proposed Rule 8.4(g).

I agree with the reasons stated in the Christian Legal Society's March 10, 2016 letter here. In addition, I'll add a few on my own.

I am a Michigan attorney and am an assistant attorney general for the Michigan Department of Attorney General. The following views are my own and not that of the Department.

I pride myself on promoting justice and the rule of law and in doing my best to treat every human being with dignity. I am also a Roman Catholic and a father. Each day, I try to sacrifice myself and serve my wife and children. With my wife, we also are trying to raise our five children to be virtuous sons and daughters of God and educated and moral citizens. As such, it is vital that, as both a professional and as a husband and father, that I be able to act in accord with the good and seek the flourishing of every human being.

I am not interested in controlling other's behavior. It saddens me when I see people embrace vice rather than virtue because it is contrary to their true good and ultimately will not and cannot result in authentic happiness and joy. But in a free society, I must be able to act in accord with the good. This means having the freedom to distinguish between right actions and wrong actions and to seek--and recognize and proclaim--truth, including the following fundamental truths: man was created male and female; men and women are equal in dignity, but not the same. Men and women are complementary. This complementary is particularly manifest in the one flesh sexual union that allows the man and woman to unite in marriage and--God-willing--create a new human person that is biologically a union of his or her parents. Sadly, our society and culture is forgetting these truths and I fear that the breakdown and collapse of a society not rooted in the truth of the family is inevitable. Nevertheless, it would be a travesty for the ABA to embrace this proposed rule in an attempt to limit its members from recognizing the truths of the human person and the family.

Please reject Proposed Rule 8.4(g) and heed the excellent comments contained in the Christian Legal Society's March 10, 2016 letter.

Sincerely,

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