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ABA Ethics Committee
Center for Professional Responsibility
American Bar Association
321 North Clark Street, 17th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60654
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Re: Comments on Proposed Rule 8.4(g) and Comment (3)

Dear Committee Members:

The Great Lakes Justice Center is a division of Salt and Light Global, Inc., a non-profit, legal educational organization focused on Constitutional and good governance issues. Great Lakes is writing this letter to support the previous comments filed by Constitutional Law Professors John Kane and William Wagner, UCLA Law Professor Eugene Volokh, the Christian Legal Society, and the 52 ABA Member Attorneys.

The clear interference in the right of an attorney to make a decision to accept or decline a client or to operate his or her law practice based upon the religious conscience rights of the attorney will only cause division within the bar. The disregard for the religious conscience and free speech rights of individual attorneys is also clear. The anticipated use of such an amended rule to attempt to discipline attorneys who hold to traditional views on marriage and sexuality, or to deprive attorneys of their license to practice law, is untenable.

For all the reasons as stated above and in the other referenced comments, Great Lakes opposes the proposed amended rule and urges that it not be adopted as written.

Respectfully submitted,

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