IN RE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO ABA MODEL RULE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT 8.4

The proposed changes to Model Rule 8.4 and the accompanying Committee Memorandum are troubling for those who value freedom of expression as guaranteed by the First Amendment. Professional integrity is best served not by imposing “a cultural shift in understanding” upon lawyers through vague and overbroad restrictions on their words or conduct, but by maintaining true viewpoint neutrality in professional standards. For these reasons, as well as those stated in the Joint Comment Regarding Proposed Changes To ABA Model Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4, I urge that the proposed changes be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

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