March 11, 2016

Via email
Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility
American Bar Association
Email: modelruleamend@americanbar.org

Re: Proposed Amendments to Model Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 and comments

Dear Committee Members:

The Thomas More Society is a national public interest law firm that serves to restore respect in the law for life, family, and religious liberty. As part of that mission, its attorneys advocate for and educate on strong positions regarding cultural controversies, especially in the contexts of abortion, marriage, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

We write to strongly object to the proposed amendments to Model Rule 8.4 and the associated comments, and to endorse the detailed analyses presented in both the Joint Comment of 52 Member Attorneys and the comment submitted by the Christian Legal Society.

We believe that their arguments fully convey our position on why these proposed amendments would pose a serious threat to the individual liberties of all attorneys, especially those of devout religious faith, and would ultimately serve not to promote, but rather to undermine the ultimate goal of a just and efficient judicial system.

Very truly yours,

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