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Dear Jamie and Michael:

The Federal Bar Association has reviewed your November 19, 2009, letter requesting review and comments on the preliminary issues outline for the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20.

The Federal Bar Association comments are as follows:

1. On page 7, the second bulleted point under Section IIB, regarding standards applicable to providing advice on law that is uniform nationwide should be a separate study item under Section I. Although this issue may arise in the context of advances in technology (the topic covered by Section IIB.), this issue relates more generally to the practice of law across State and international borders. The regulation of the practice of Federal law is a vital issue to the FBA.

2. While it appears that the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20 is only reviewing ethics rules for attorneys, similar issues may be relevant to the Model Code of Judicial Ethics. Expansion of this study or another study covering judicial ethics may be appropriate.

Thank you for the work that you do on legal ethics. We look forward to reviewing the results of this study.

Sincerely,

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