

MEMORANDUM

To: Mark I. Harrison, Chair, ABA Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct
From: William B. Dunn, Chair, Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility
Date: September 15, 2005
Re: Comments on the Commission's Proposals to Amend the Model Code

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, I commend the Commission on its continuing endeavors to review the current ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct and to propose changes that will improve its clarity, consistency and effectiveness.

Attached to this memorandum are recommendations and comments prepared by the Ethics Committee through the course of its last several meetings. We hope that the Commission finds them helpful. If you have questions about any of these recommendations and comments, please feel free to contact me, or to present them to our Committee counsel, George Kuhlman.

We look forward to continuing to work with you toward completion of this important project.