

I'm the Exec. Secretary of the NH Judicial Conduct Commission, and although we've had no formal vote I think it's fair to say that my group would oppose any tampering or tinkering with the "appearance of impropriety" language in the Code. I think it is an important standard and judges seem to know, in general, what is expected of them in terms of that prohibition.

More important, I think the public sees that as an important part of the Code. There can be as much if not more public criticism for conduct that "looks bad" as for something that is an absolute flat-out violation of a specific provision. Removing the language would subject us all to public criticism that we don't need at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

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