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To: Rules Committee
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Subject: Proposal to Amend Section 2-27(d) Regarding Attorney Home Addresses
Attachments: Proposed Amendment to Section 2-27(d) (Attorney Home Addresses) (1-21) (002).pdf

Dear Attorney Del Ciampo,

At a meeting held on January 21, 2021, the Statewide Grievance Committee unanimously approved the attached proposal to amend Practice Book Section 2-27(d). The Rules Committee recently approved several other changes to Section 2-27(d), so the template we used shows both the approved and additional proposals. The proposal is double-underlined at lines 38-41, with a proposed commentary at lines 88-106.

As you know, Section 2-27(d) requires attorneys to register the office address where they practice law. Attorneys are also required to list their home addresses on the registration form. Registered office addresses are public information; home addresses are confidential.

Despite the clear requirement of Section 2-27(d), many attorneys engaged in the practice of law do not register office addresses. Accordingly, Judicial mailings to those attorneys default to the registered home address. As the proposed commentary notes, this can cause the attorney's home address to be available to the public should the attorney be grieved or use the attorney's personal juris number to appear in a court matter. While the Statewide Grievance Committee would not purposely disclose the home address to a member of the public, that address would be in the grievance complaint record, always available to the complainant, and if probable cause were found on the complaint, then publicly available to anyone who wished to view the complaint record. The proposed amendment notes that the home address is confidential unless it is part of the public record of a grievance complaint as defined by Section 2-50 of the Practice Book, or if the attorney uses the attorney's personal juris number to appear in a Judicial proceeding.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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