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**From:** Bowler, Michael  
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**To:** Del Ciampo, Joseph  
**Subject:** RE: Referral from the Rules Committee

Attorney Del Ciampo,

At its November 15, 2018 monthly meeting, the Statewide Grievance Committee considered the proposal by the ACLU as described in your October 31, 2018 email. The Committee also reviewed comments about the proposal submitted by Connecticut Legal Services on November 7, 2018. The Committee unanimously agreed to a hybrid proposal from both ACLU and CLS submissions. The Committee does not believe that Rule 1.0 needs to be amended. The Committee agreed with the suggestion of CLS that Massachusetts version of Model Rule 5.4(a)(4) of the Rules of Professional Conduct be adopted, with consent language as suggested by the ACLU. The Committee suggests that Connecticut adopt a new Rule 5.4(a)(4) of the Rules of Professional Conduct that reads:

A lawyer may share legal fees from a court award or settlement with a nonprofit organization that employed, retained, or recommended employment of the lawyer in the matter, if the client consents after being informed that a division of fees will be made, to the sharing of the fees, and the total fee is reasonable.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Good Evening,

At its meeting on October 15, 2018, the Rules Committee of the Superior Court considered the attached proposal from the ACLU of Connecticut to amend Rules 1.0 and 5.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, regarding the sharing of fees in connection with a referral by a qualified legal assistance organization. After discussion, the Committee tabled the matter to obtain comments from the Connecticut Bar Association, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, the

Statewide Grievance Committee, and Connecticut Legal Services. Please forward your comments to me on behalf of the Rules Committee. Thank you.

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