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RE. HYBRID REPRESENTATION

Dear Attorney DelCiampo:

The Litigation Section Executive Committee voted 11-0 with one abstention to oppose the implementation of the proposed Practice Book section 25-6A in the civil context, and in favor of the proposal to provide in section 4-2(a) that a pleading or paper filed on behalf of a party who is represented by an attorney must be signed by the attorney or it will be deemed rejected.

The basis for the position opposing 25-6A in the civil context was that non attorneys are not as cognizant as are attorneys of sanctions and costs, and it would cause ethical concerns for attorneys. Members favored taking a wait and see approach to see if 25-6A is implemented and seeing how it worked in the family context before deciding whether to do so in the civil context. All members felt that amending 4-2 to provide that papers not in compliance would be deemed rejected simply makes explicit what is already implicit in the rule.

Andrew Nevas
CBA Litigation section Chair