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**Subject:** RE: Rules Committee referral re: MCLE administrative suspension

Attorney Del Ciampo,

I am writing in my role as President of the Fairfield County Bar Association. Thank you for seeking the FCBA's input on this proposed new rule. After careful consideration and much discussion at our Board meeting this morning, the FCBA Board members in attendance at today's meeting are unanimously OPPOSED to adoption of new Section 2-27B and the corresponding revisions to the existing rules. In short, the FCBA Board believes that the proposed penalty for non-compliance with the MCLE requirements – i.e., administrative suspension of an attorney's law license – is far too harsh, particularly for a first offense. In addition, the FCBA Board has serious due process concerns regarding imposition of such a severe penalty upon nothing more than the mere issuance of a notice from the statewide grievance committee inviting the attorney to submit proof of compliance within 60 days.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide our comments on this important issue.

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Thank you. As soon as you are able to send comments is appreciated.

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Attorney Del Ciampo,

I am the President of the Fairfield County Bar Association. I recently discussed this proposal with our Executive Board, and we would like to speak further with our full Board before potentially weighing in. Our next full Board meeting is not until November 13. I know you asked for comments by November 11, but being that your next meeting is not until November 18, I am hoping that if we provide our comments by no later than noon on November 15, that will be sufficient time for you to consider those comments at your meeting on November 18.

Please let me know.

Thanks.

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Good morning,

I am writing to you as Counsel to the Rules Committee of the Superior Court. The Rules Committee has received a proposal from the Statewide Grievance Committee and the Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education to amend Sections 2-27, 2-27A, and 2-65 and to adopt new Section 2-27B regarding administrative suspension of attorneys who fail to register or comply with Connecticut's Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements.

This proposal was taken up for discussion by the Rules Committee at its meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019. At that meeting, the Rules Committee decided to seek comments from the Connecticut Bar Association, other local bar associations, and organizations that were part of the MCLE Task Force. As such, a copy of the materials related to this proposal are attached to this e-mail for your review.

The Rules Committee may continue its discussion of this proposal at its next meeting, which is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 18, 2019. **Please provide your comments on this proposal no later than Monday, November 11, 2019** so that any comments may be distributed to and reviewed by the members of the committee in advance of this meeting.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

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