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Subject: Withdrawal of Proposal to The Rules Committee of the Superior Court
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Good Afternoon –

Attached please find my signed letter officially withdrawing my proposal to adopt ABA Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 (g) and in support of this Committee's consideration of the new proposal of the Connecticut Bar Association to adopt Connecticut Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 (7).

Sincerely,
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Re: Meeting of Rules Committee of the Superior Court on September 14, 2020; *Agenda Item # 14* – Proposal to Adopt the ABA Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 (g)

Dear Chairperson Justice McDonald and respected members of the Rules Committee of the Superior Court –

I write in advance of this Committee's meeting on September 14, 2020, to officially withdraw my proposal to adopt the ABA Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 (g). I previously proposed this rule change at this Committee's meeting on June 5, 2020.

Following the June 5, 2020 meeting and on the advice of this Committee, I reached out to leadership within the Connecticut Bar Association to obtain support for a change to the Rules of Professional Conduct to help protect against discrimination, harassment, and sexual harassment, all of which are problematic within this state's Bar. The CBA was gracious enough to put together a working group to study ABA Rule 8.4 (g). Over the past several months, I have had the immense privilege of working alongside my fellow esteemed members of the working group to draft proposed Connecticut Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 (7). On September 10, 2020, the CBA House of Delegates voted in favor of this proposed Rule, and accordingly, has taken an official position in support.

I strongly believe that the proposed Rule drafted deliberately by this working group addresses potential concerns expressed about ABA Rule 8.4 (g).

Although listed on the agenda as Item 14 to be considered by this Committee on Monday, September 14, 2020, in light of the withdrawal of my original proposal, I respectfully request that this Committee, instead, consider proposed Connecticut Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 (7), sent to this Committee by Attorney Cecil Thomas, President-elect of the CBA.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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