

The following are each individual comments for proposed changes to **RPC 4.4 (“Respect for Rights of Third Persons”)**, available online at [http://www.courts.wa.gov/court\\_rules/?fa=court\\_rules.proposedRuleDisplay&ruleId=281](http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/?fa=court_rules.proposedRuleDisplay&ruleId=281).

**Comment #1**

The rules fail to recite anything in a **positively** worded statement. People are able to follow positively worded statements more easily than negatively worded statements. Therefore, it is recommended to include at least one conservative, positively worded statement of when immigration status inquiry is permissible.

An example of a negatively-worded statement:

*“In a civil proceeding, a lawyer should not inquire as to immigration status, unless the facts upon which the civil proceeding are based require this information.”*

Please consider including instead:

*“In a civil proceeding, a lawyer may inquire as to immigration status where the facts upon which the civil proceeding are based require this information.”*