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Supreme Court Rules Committee
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RE: Comment on Proposed Amendments to RPC 1.5

Honorable Members:

The current RPC 1.5 provides a measure of protection for the consumer of legal services to the extent that funds must be kept in trust until earned. While we understand the financial issues the proposed rule seeks to address, especially for solo practitioners and for certain area of practice, it will weaken the consumer protection provided in the current rule.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment.

Sincerely,

Hon. Gregory J. Tripp, Chair
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