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Witnesses and victims of crimes should never be forced to have an interview recorded. This State has always made the privacy concerns of its citizens of paramount importance. The average citizen is protected from having his telephone conversations recorded without his knowledge and consent. We owe our crime victims an even greater privacy interest. Witness' and victims' privacy rights must trump attorneys' and investigators' request for recorded interviews, particularly when diligent note-taking adequately addresses all concerns. Proposed rule 4.11 essentially tells our witnesses and victims that their privacy interests are subservient to attorneys' convenience.

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