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I oppose this amendment because email is not yet a sufficiently reliable method of communication to allow non-consenting lawyers to be served by email.

In my own practice, email is the routine method to communicate between my clients and me. Nevertheless, even between our regular email addresses, it is not infrequent that one or more messages will simply disappear, and go undelivered without any notification whatsoever to either party. In a litigation context, that is unacceptable.

At least by the current rule requiring consent in advance, a party is aware of the potential and can take preventive measures, such as adding the opposing party's email to a "safe senders" list or the like. But at this time, this amendment is premature, and too far ahead of technology.

Respectfully submitted,

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