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My name is Gregory Koshkin. I am a former immigrant myself, a naturalized US citizen residing in Washington State and the first licensed attorney in my family.

I am writing to urge the Court to reject the adoption of the proposed amendment to RPC 4.4 for the following reasons:

- 1) Firstly, the adoption of the proposed rule would constitute an abrogation of an attorney's duties to uphold both state and federal law. (See the
- 2) Secondly, the blanket/generally applicable adoption of this rule would impede the ability of many attorneys to effectively counsel their clients. (see hypothetical in the next paragraph below)

Suppose for purely hypothetical purposes that I am a family attorney, and my client is a battered victim of a relentlessly abusive spouse who happens to be in the country illegally. If, after repeated criminal citations the said spouse continues to batter and physically abuse my client, why should I (hypothetical) be sanctioned and reprimanded by the bar for zealously advocating for my client's best interests by contacting ICE to permanently remedy the situation?

3) If an attorney is hired to serve as a prosecutor in felony matters and has a duty to serve the people of his/her district, and a criminal defendant (who is undocumented) with a long conviction history in the area has been arrested on multiple occasions on allegations of committing violent and heinous acts, on what basis should it be considered a dereliction of a felony prosecutor's duty to flatly refuse to cooperate with ICE in any and all instances?

The proposed amendment is poorly worded at best, and directly inimical to the pursuit of justice and law at worst.

Respectfully.

Gregory Koshkin.