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Rules of Professional Conduct – RPC 4.4 COMMENTARY AMENDMENT

My name is Vanessa Arno Martinez, and, on behalf of the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, I support the passage of this rule which will protect the rights of immigrants in our state. This matters to us because:

- **No one should fear that their immigration status will prevent them from seeking justice**, whether as a crime victim or otherwise. All individuals have free and open access to Washington courts, regardless of their immigration status.
- **Community trust is a cornerstone of our judicial system.** Immigration arrests are causing people to miss court; lawyers should not be facilitating these arrests. Doing so undermines trust in the judicial system.
- **Lawyers facilitating courthouse arrests is antithetical to a fair system of justice that must protect all of us.** Lawyers must be trusted to keep one's immigration status confidential. Immigration status or perceived immigration status should not be leveraged against anyone.

Vanessa Arno Martinez, LBAW President

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached comments on Court Rule 38 & RPC 4.4.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Best,
Vanessa**

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